Curriculum Vitae
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Employment

Since 2023 Assistant Professor, Department of Macro, International and Labour Economics (MILE), School of Business and Economics, Maastricht University

2022–2024 New Map of Life Fellow, Stanford Center on Longevity, Stanford University, USA

2021–2023 Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Economics, London Business School, UK

Other appointments and affiliations

Since 2025 Assistant RPN Leader, CEPR Research Policy Network on the Economics of Ageing and Longevity

Since 2025 Research Fellow, Netspar (Network for Studies on Pensions, Aging and Retirement), Netherlands

Since 2024 Research Fellow, Ellison Institute of Technology, Oxford, UK

2021–2025 Academic Consultant, Development Research Group, World Bank, Washington DC

Education

2017–2022 DPhil in Economics, Nuffield College, University of Oxford
Supervisors: M. Ellison (Oxford) and S. Hansen (Imperial College London)

2015–2017 MPhil in Economics (Distinction), Nuffield College, University of Oxford

2012–2015 BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (First Class), Hertford College, University of Oxford

Publications

2026 **Ashwin, J.**, Bloom, D., Lee, N., Piot, P., and Scott, A. *Reframing the Epidemiological Transition as Increasing Returns to Tackling Aging-Related Diseases. Nature Aging.* doi:10.1038/s43587-026-01210-2

Ashwin, J., Rao, V., Biradavolu, M., Chhabra, A., Haque, A., Khan, A., and Krishnan, N. *Qualitative Analysis with Large-N: A New Method with an Application to Aspirations in Bangladesh. The Economic Journal.* doi:10.1093/ej/ueag005

Ashwin, J., Canning, D., and Wallenius, J. *Introduction to the Special Issue: The Economics of Ageing and Longevity. Journal of the Economics of Ageing.* doi:10.1016/j.jeoa.2026.100642

Ashwin, J. and Scott, A. *A Bayesian Model of Later Life Mortality Trends and Implications for Longevity. Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A, 189(2), pp. 834–850.* doi:10.1093/jrsssa/qnaf026

2025 **Ashwin, J.**, Beaudry, P., and Ellison, M. *Neural Network Learning for Nonlinear Economies. Journal of Monetary Economics.* doi:10.1016/j.jmoneco.2024.103723

Ashwin, J., Chhabra, A., and Rao, V. *Using Large Language Models for Qualitative Analysis Can Introduce Serious Bias. Sociological Methods and Research.* doi:10.1177/00491241251338246

2024 **Ashwin, J.**, Kalamara, E., and Saiz, L. *Nowcasting Euro Area GDP with News Sentiment: A Tale of Two Crises. Journal of Applied Econometrics.* doi:10.1002/jae.3057

Ashwin, J. *Financial News Media and Volatility: Is There More to Newspapers than News? Journal of Financial Markets.* doi:10.1016/j.finmar.2024.100896

2023 Scott, A., **Ashwin, J.**, Ellison, M., and Sinclair, D. *International Gains to Achieving Healthy Longevity. Cold Spring Harbor Perspectives in Medicine.* doi:10.1101/cshperspect.a041202

2022 Smug, D., **Ashwin, J.**, Ashwin, P., and Sornette, D. *An Adaptive Dynamical Model of Default Contagion. Quantitative Finance.* doi:10.1080/14697688.2022.2039755

2021 Ahrens, M., **Ashwin, J.**, Calliess, J.-P., and Nguyen, V. *Bayesian Topic Regression for Causal Inference. Proceedings of the 2021 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), pp. 8162–8188.* doi:10.18653/v1/2021.emnlp-main.644

Working Papers

2026 **Ashwin, J.**, Ellison, M., and Scott, A. *The Value of Healthy Longevity and Increasing Returns to Tackling Ageing.*

2022 **Ashwin, J.** *Multi-dimensional Uncertainty and Central Bank Communication: What Do Central Bankers Talk About and Why?* Winner of the Peter Sinclair Prize (1st place), 9th MMF Society PhD Conference.

Policy Publications

2022 **Ashwin, J.**, Trivedi, K., and Crosilla, D. *Central Bank Hawkishness in EM — Tracking and Trading the Shifts. Global Markets Analyst, Goldman Sachs.*

2021 **Ashwin, J.**, Dossche, M., Forster van Aerssen, K., Gomez-Salvador, R., Kalamara, E., and Pierluigi, B. *The ECB's Communication on the Economic Outlook: A Comparative Analysis. ECB Economic Bulletin, Issue 8.*

2014 **Ashwin, J.** *Summary of Proceedings: 2nd Stranded Assets Forum. Smith School for Enterprise and the Environment, University of Oxford.*

Grants & Fellowships

2026–2029 NWO VENI Grant (PI), EUR 320,000

2025–2030 NWO Starter Grant (Stimuleringssubsidie Bedrijfswetenschappen) (PI), EUR 336,000

Since 2025 GSBE Fellowship, Maastricht University, approx. EUR 2,500 p.a.

2023–2025 World Bank Research Support Grant (Co-I), USD 100,000

2021–2023 World Bank Knowledge for Change Grant (Co-I), USD 200,000

2020–2021 David Walton Distinguished Doctoral Scholarship, approx. GBP 40,000

2015–2019 ESRC Scholarship (MPhil + DPhil), approx. GBP 150,000

2013–2015 Hertford College Academic Scholarship, University of Oxford, GBP 1,500

Prizes & Awards

2025 SBE Outstanding Research Award (3rd place), School of Business and Economics, Maastricht University

2022 Peter Sinclair Prize (1st place), 9th MMF Society PhD Conference

Other Employment

2021 Summer Associate, Global Markets, Goldman Sachs, London

2020–2021 PhD Trainee, DG Economics (Business Cycle Analysis), European Central Bank, Frankfurt

2020–2021 Research Assistant (G. Ascari & S. Mavroeidis), University of Oxford

2018 Policy Advisor, Open Innovation Team, Cabinet Office, London

Teaching

Maastricht University (since 2023); average evaluation: 8.4/10 (coordinator), 9.3/10 (tutor)

2025–26 Contending Perspectives in Economics: the Case of Inequality (SSC2010) — coordinator

2023–26 History of Economic Thought (EBC2153) — co-coordinator (with K. Bosmans)

2023–25 ICT, Labour and Inequality (EBC2130) — coordinator

2023–25 Modern Economic Crises: Causes and Solutions (EBC2191) — coordinator

2023–25 International Economic Relations: the Case of Europe (SSC3034) — co-coordinator (with M. Sanders)

2023–24 Economics for Business Engineering (BENC1005) — coordinator

Supervision: 2 PhD students (1st supervisor, 2025–26 onwards); approx. 22 BSc theses (1st reader, 2023–25, 89% submission rate); 4 MaRBLe theses (2024–25, 1 SBE prize winner); 3 MSc theses (2024–25). EIT: research lead on 4 projects (contributor on a 5th), with a team of 3 post-docs, 2 analysts and 4 pre-docs.

2022–23 Teaching Fellow, University College London (Statistical Programming and Statistical Learning)

2022 Lecturer, Heidelberg University (Text Analysis Methods)

2017–21 Tutor, University of Oxford (Macroeconomics; Money and Banking; Mathematics for Economists; Labour Economics)

Selected Presentations

2026 ASSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia; Institute of Development Studies: Using AI for Qualitative Research (invited, online)

2025 Royal Economic Society Annual Conference; CEPR Conferences; European Economic Association Annual Congress; CEPR Conference on the Economics of Ageing and Longevity, London; North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC)

2024 CEPR Economics of Longevity & Ageing Workshop, London; London Longevity Workshop; LBS Economics Alumni Conference (Discussant), London; OECD Economics Department Seminar, Paris; MeasureDev Conference; North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC); ECB AI in Economics Seminar, Frankfurt

2023 LSE Inequalities Institute Seminar, London; Computational and Financial Econometrics (CFE), Nice; Conference on Expectations in Dynamic Macroeconomic Models, Vienna; MWZ Text as Data Workshop

2022 Investor Emotions & Asset Pricing Meeting, Lille; QMUL PhD Conference, London; Economics and Machine Learning Jamboree, Oxford; MMF Society PhD Conference, Edinburgh; Behavioural Macroeconomics Workshop, Bamberg; Makro- und Ökonometrie-Seminar, Heidelberg; CIFAR Boundaries, Membership & Belonging Fall Meeting, Berkeley; KOF Swiss Economic Institute Seminar, Zurich; Computational and Financial Econometrics (CFE), London

2021 Methods and Measurement Conference, Philadelphia; MIMA Seminar, Warwick; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum; Computational Economics and Finance (CEF), Tokyo; EEA-ESEM Annual Congress; RES Symposium of Junior Researchers, Belfast

2020 Econometric Society Winter Meeting, Nottingham; Warwick PhD Conference; ISCEF Conference, Paris; MIMA Seminar, Warwick; Young Economist Symposium, Philadelphia; Warsaw International Economics Meeting

2019 Computational Economics and Finance (CEF), Ottawa; EcoMod Conference, Ponta Delgada; RES Junior Researchers Symposium, Warwick; Computational and Financial Econometrics / Computational Statistics (CFE-CMStatistics), Iasi; Computational and Financial Econometrics (CFE), London

2018 Computational and Financial Econometrics / Computational Statistics (CFE-CMStatistics), Iasi

Academic Service

Editorial

2026 Guest Editor, Journal of the Economics of Ageing — Special Issue on the Economics of Ageing and Longevity (with David Canning and Johanna Wallenius)

Since 2025 Assistant Project Lead, CEPR Research Policy Network on Ageing and Longevity

Conference and seminar organisation

2025 Co-organiser (with D. Canning & J. Wallenius), CEPR Conference on the Economics of Ageing and Longevity, London Business School

Since 2024 Co-organiser (with M. Moatsos), MILE Seminar Series, Maastricht University

2024 Co-organiser (with G. Piccillo), MORSE Conference (track)

2020 Co-founder and co-organiser (with A. Macaulay), NuCamp Virtual PhD Workshop (1st edition), Nuffield College

Refereeing

European Economic Review; Journal of Applied Econometrics; Macroeconomic Dynamics; Journal of Business and Economic Statistics; Journal of the Economics of Ageing; Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics; Behavioral Finance and Asset Prices (Springer); Sociological Methods and Research; Applied Economics; Empirical Economics; Cambridge University Press. Grant review: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

Departmental

Since 2026 PhD Career Coordinator, MILE

2025 UTQ/BKO (University Teaching Qualification), completed

Since 2024 Co-founder, Inequality Dynamics research theme, MILE (with M. Moatsos) — 3 PhD positions and EUR 70,000+ research fund

Outreach & Dissemination

Podcasts: EADi Innovating Methods Podcast (*Using AI to Analyse Qualitative Data*); CEPR VoxTalks (*The Economic Consequences of Living Longer*); SBE Podcast, Maastricht University (*Can we have several careers? — Ageing Special (Episode 26)*); The Finance Bro Podcast (*Multi-dimensional Uncertainty and Central Bank Communication*).

Video & software: Qualitati (blog) (*Is AI Qualitative Coding Biased? What a 2025 Study Found*); Skimle (blog) (*Bias in AI-Assisted Qualitative Analysis: What It Looks Like, and How to Catch It*); Python Package (World Bank GitHub) (*iQual: Scaling Interpretative Qualitative Analysis with NLP/LLMs*); CEPR (YouTube) (*Lessons from the CEPR Conference on the Economics of Ageing and Longevity*); Macro Hive (*Using Newspapers to Monitor Growth in Real Time*).

Blogs: VoxDev; SBE Blog, Maastricht University; World Bank Development Impact Blog; Stanford Center on Longevity.

Skills

Programming: R, Julia (advanced); Matlab, Python (intermediate). **Languages**: English (native), German (advanced), Dutch (intermediate).