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09/2009 – 08/2012	Economics tutor at <b>King's College London (KCL)</b> , Department of Business and Management, teaching the course 'Principles of Economics'
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07/2006 – 10/2006	Research intern at the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA), London
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09/2008 – 12/2013	Postgraduate studies in Political Economy at King's College London (KCL), Department of Political Economy
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#### **MAJOR PUBLICATIONS**

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01/2014	'Pension Privatisation By Choice', book chapter in Reilly, T. (ed.): 'Pensions: Policies, New Reforms and Current Challenges', Nova Publishers
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12/2012	'Redefining the Poverty Debate. Why a war on markets is no substitute for a war on poverty', IEA Monograph
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