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# FOREWORD

## Thank you for your interest in joining the Department of Economics at the University of Southampton.

The Department of Economics is renowned for its world-leading research and educational excellence that tackle both national and global challenges, inform policy making, and have a significant impact on societies. As part of the University strategy, we are advancing our aspiration to be a larger, top-performing hub of academic excellence through a significant expansion that will enhance our thriving culture of research, education, and knowledge exchange. To achieve this goal, we are seeking to recruit up to 10 new colleagues across all academic levels: Lecturer, Associate Professor, and Professor, who will contribute to our growing academic community and further enrich our department's capabilities.

These roles are crucial to advancing our University Strategy. The importance of research-intensive universities like Southampton in tackling some of the world's most pressing challenges has never been greater. At the University of Southampton, our goal is to make a positive global impact. By merging research, creativity, and knowledge, we aim to foster a collaborative and groundbreaking environment.

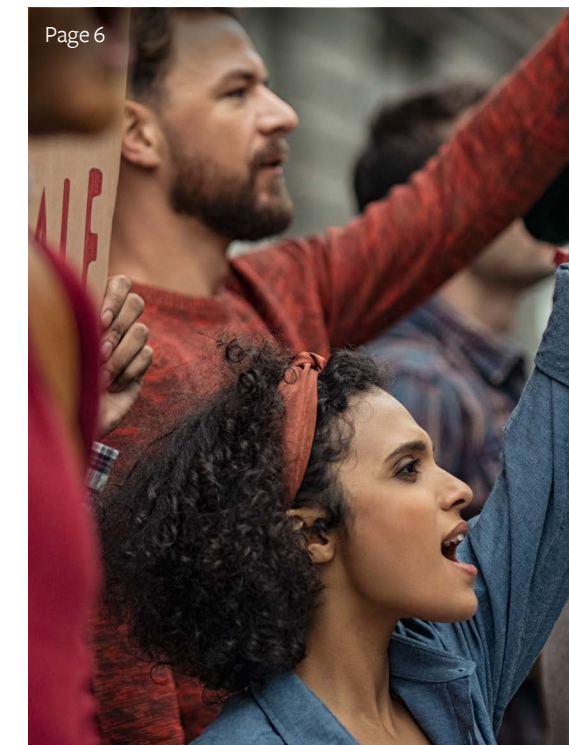
We care about the challenges that humanity is facing and work to support others on both a local and global scale. Joining our department means contributing to meaningful change for future generations. Our strategy, focused on people, emphasizes a Triple Helix of excellence in research, education and knowledge exchange, distinguishing the University of Southampton.

Since launching our Strategy in January 2021, we have made significant progress towards our goals. We have initiated major investment projects to enhance our campuses, increased support for students and staff, and are striving for greater recognition of our community's successes.

Currently ranked 80th globally\*, we have bold ambitions to advance this position and as members of Economics, you will be key to achieving this. We are already known as a founding member of both the UK's prestigious Russell Group of leading research-intensive universities and the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN). With campus operations in Malaysia, as well as major partnerships across the world, we have a global outlook that attracts the most talented staff and students from around the world.

This is an exceptional opportunity to join a collegial, diverse, and rapidly expanding department that prioritizes your professional development. We invite you to be part of our journey and help us achieve our ambitious vision.

\*QS World University Rankings, 2025



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# LECTURESHIP, ASSOCIATE PROFESSORSHIP AND PROFESSORSHIP IN ECONOMICS

## ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

**Economics at the University of Southampton is undergoing a strategic expansion with the aim to cement our world-class reputation for excellence across research and education, that delivers solutions to global, national, and local challenges, supported by a diverse ecosystem of consultancy and enterprise, social impact, and policy engagement.**

The Department of Economics at the University of Southampton is one of the oldest economics departments in the UK with a sustained and proven track record of cutting-edge research, spanning the entire scope of modern Economics.

Our key strategic objectives are to produce **innovative research** that furthers and deepens our understanding of economic behaviour and societal problems, informs, and influences economic and social policy, explores interdisciplinary approaches to big questions, whilst at the same time maintaining global recognition within our own discipline.

Underpinning these objectives is a research environment guided by the principles of academic rigour, relevance and originality, collaboration, inclusiveness, knowledge sharing, and by the overarching goal of delivering societal impact.

Bidding for research income is an essential component of our research strategy. In recent years, the Department has received awards in excess of £2 million from sources such as ESRC, EPSRC, British Academy/Leverhulme, Horizon Europe, Home Office, ONS, Southern Water and others.

The Department offers a stimulating and successful research environment. We engage with several research institutes and centres, including the Sustainability and Resilience Institute, the ESRC Connecting Generations, and the Centre for Behavioural Experimental Action and Research.

**Knowledge exchange and enterprise** is a key part of our strategy, enabling staff and students to gain skills and experience, celebrate our successes, and develop relationships with external partners and stakeholders. Our work is supported by Public Policy Southampton which enables Economics members to embed impact throughout their work. We regularly obtain ESRC Impact Acceleration Funding to maximise the impact potential of our research.

Our world class quality research informs our rigorous undergraduate and postgraduate programmes with a strong emphasis on quantitative skills and applications which are the core of our **education** mission. Within 15 months of graduation, 95.8% of our graduates are either in high-skilled employment, self-employed or engaged in further study. Additionally, 91.2% of employed graduates report being in professional-level positions and according to the most recent National Student Survey, over 80% of our Economics students rate the quality of our teaching highly. Our teaching load is competitive with other Universities, and new early-career members of the department of Economics have a reduced load for the first three years to acquire a Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice and become a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. We teach a range of modules across all subfields of Economics and encourage staff to develop specialist modules in their fields of interest.

## ABOUT THE ROLE

**We are particularly interested in recruiting candidates who complement existing areas of research strength or who will contribute to the building of new clusters of excellence in areas of national and global importance. All candidates will share our aspirations to foster and maintain a collegiate, supportive, and inclusive culture of research and education.**

Candidates will share our commitment to conducting cutting-edge research, actively contributing to our academic community, and upholding our values of fostering a supportive and inclusive research and educational environment.

You will have a growing or established reputation in the field of Economics, demonstrated by publications in leading academic journals and research with significant academic and societal impact. Candidates for the Professor position should demonstrate leadership and a strong reputation in their sub-field.

You will demonstrate evidence of research grant writing and/or the ability to develop a plan for seeking funding. You will engage in knowledge exchange that translates your research into practice via policy, civil society, media, or other forms of external engagement.

Newly appointed colleagues will also contribute to the department's educational mission by designing, delivering and engaging in innovative, research-led teaching.

The School of Economic, Social and Political Sciences is committed to promoting equality, diversity and inclusion and renewed its Athena Swan Bronze award in February 2024, demonstrating this commitment. We strongly encourage applications from candidates from diverse backgrounds (Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic communities, people who identify as LGBTQ+, people with disabilities, and those from less educationally advantaged backgrounds). As part of our commitment to supporting our research community, we are open to flexible working. We consider applicants wishing to work flexibly, including part-time and those who have taken a career break. The University of Southampton is also proud to have recently been awarded the Race Equality Charter Bronze award, commended for our commitment to improving race equality across the University community.

### How to apply

For a conversation in confidence or details of how to apply, please contact

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The closing date for receipt of applications is midnight (GMT) on **Friday 13th September 2024.**

Interviews are currently expected to take place in November.



# IMPACTFUL RESEARCH

**Our research at the Department of Economics plays a crucial role in shaping national and international policies, influencing key decisions that impact societies worldwide.**

Our research has produced a new way to inform international student migration policy and has informed and shaped merger enforcement policies of the European Commission. Some colleagues in Economics are part of the Centre for Population Change (CPC) at the University of Southampton, which was awarded the 2020 ESRC Celebrating Impact Prize for Outstanding Public Policy Impact.

## International Students' Migration Policy

Southampton experts developed a new survey to investigate whether international students would stay in the UK. The evidence prompted changes in official statistics and informed policymaking.

The Office for National Statistics was concerned that it might be overestimating the number of international students overstaying their visas. So, its statisticians approached professors Jackie Wahba, Jane Falkingham and Corrado Giuliotti at the Centre for Population Change, a multi-disciplinary research centre that works to inform policymaking. The team took on the task of conducting a survey of a representative sample of all graduating international students and found that about 9 out of 10 students who had expressed the intention to leave the UK straight after graduating did leave. The team had confidence in the figures as they chimed with evidence from the Home Office's checks on those leaving the country. This 'exit check' data showed that only 4,600 international students overstayed their visa that year. This was a small fraction of the 100,000 figure the Government had previously suggested were overstaying.

The outcome of the research was that the perception that many international students were overstaying was countered with evidence. The Government statisticians committed to improving statistics on student migration, referring to the new survey in a code of practice. The Government requested a review that led to a new 2-year post-study work visa being announced in the run-up to the last General Election.

## Mergers and Innovation in the Pharmaceutical Industry

Professor Carmine Ornaghi led research into the potential detrimental effects of mergers and acquisitions (M&As) on research and development expenditure and innovation output in the pharmaceutical industry. Prof Ornaghi's research challenges the widely held claims that M&As can unlock knowledge synergies in research and development among the research teams of acquirers and targets and calls into question the benefit of such deals for consumers.

This has informed and shaped merger enforcement policies of the European Commission (EC), leading to a closer scrutiny of recent merger deals and the adoption of more stringent EC remedies. Prof Ornaghi's findings were recognised by the European Commission (EC): the Chief Economist of the Directorate-General for Competition described his initial article as "one of the very few (if not the only) papers which were addressing the question of the effects of mergers on innovation".

Based on his research and expertise, Prof Ornaghi was asked by senior officials at the EC Directorate-General for Competition to act as an academic advisor in two European studies related to the impact of mergers and mergers' control enforcement on innovation.

# TOGETHER WE ADVANCE

**Together we can make a real impact on the future.**

Our University community is committed to the highest quality in everything we do. We have a global reputation for our passion and ability to work collaboratively in delivering world-class education, research and innovation that makes a real impact on society's biggest challenges.

To meet those challenges head-on, we must have a team that is reflective of society and our students. We strive for greater inclusivity in our community. Diversity is a strength and makes us more creative, accelerating our impact on society. We celebrate an equal and respectful environment in which people from all walks of life and backgrounds are welcome to join us.

Our people inspire and empower one another to share and apply their knowledge to transform lives. They are key to what we do, and who we are. Working collaboratively and fostering a culture of transformational leadership are two of our five core values. These values form part of our University Strategy and are there to help us achieve our overall purpose and vision: to inspire excellence, to achieve the remarkable, and build an inclusive world. Find out more about our values on page fourteen.

Our people are our University, which is why our Strategy and all of our activities focus on the communities that make up our institution. We are made up of brilliant minds, motivated leaders and passionate changemakers. By working collaboratively, we can achieve incredible things.

Our exceptional students share in the journeys of discovery and become confident thinkers who can realise their full potential. We attract high-quality students from over 130 countries, and educate students through University of Southampton Malaysia and collaborations with prestigious partners globally.

As our students become graduates of the University, they join our wider global community of over 280,000 alumni, with access to a network that can provide further opportunities across the world.

As a forward-thinking institution, we will strengthen our reputation, increasing our national and international rankings to secure a position in the top 20 in the UK and strengthen our position in the top 100 internationally.

Our strong research partnerships, public engagement and achievements in entrepreneurial activities have been recognised in our very strong all-round performance in the first and second Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF) exercises.

**Collaborate with us: together we advance.**

 **Find out more**  
The University Strategy



# EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

## It matters to us in all that we do.

At the University of Southampton, we believe that we can only truly play our part in supporting society if we are reflective of society. We are therefore passionate about creating a working environment in which you are free to bring your whole self to work.

We are focused on creating supportive workplaces for all where discrimination has no place. The way in which you choose to live your life has no bearing on your ability to do your job. Likewise, age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion, social background, ethnicity or any other identifying factor will never be a consideration here. Instead, we are determined to always treat our staff equally, fairly and with respect.

We welcome people from all walks of life, and as such, we champion a uniquely diverse working environment in which every colleague is able to excel, regardless of their background or their life choices. Quite simply, we want to attract like-minded people to our team – people who care about the world, and who share our passion for creating an innovative and forward-thinking learning and research environment.

We also support flexible working and are proud of our open and supportive working environment; with options such as job shares available, we ensure opportunities are equal and focused on the needs of our colleagues. We know that change and improvement is a continual process, and our community is a big part of this, so we always want to hear from our staff about how we can create the best possible working experience.

As part of the School of Economic, Social and Political Sciences, the Department of Economics, integrates equality, diversity, and inclusion into all decisions and activities. Our commitment is further recognised through the School's Bronze Athena Swan award, which was renewed in February 2024.

In our pursuit of championing gender equality, various initiatives have been implemented to support the career development of our staff through mentoring, annual appraisal processes, and promotions workshops. Numerous student outreach events have been organised in schools and on campus to encourage better gender balance, particularly in disciplines traditionally dominated by males.

An information campaign titled "Respect" has been launched for staff and students to raise awareness of our code of ethics, featuring prominently displayed posters across the School and presentations in staff and student induction meetings. Themed workshops addressing significant gender gaps have been conducted, covering promotions, appraisals, and flexible working.

Our recruitment process ensures gender balance in shortlisting and interview panels, with critical engagement from an independent super-recruiter during these phases to foster inclusive recruitment practices and challenge unconscious bias. Pay offers are scrutinised with consideration for existing pay structures and gender pay gaps.

While numerous positive changes have been implemented, challenges lie ahead. The School has established an ambitious Athena Swan agenda focused on key priorities, such as reducing gender disparities in staff career progression and increasing awareness of the gendered challenges faced by our students in admissions, progression, and achievement.

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As the Associate Vice-President, ED&I and Social Justice, I believe this important role is a signal of our University's real commitment to become a more accountable and inclusive community, and to embrace a culture that reflects all students, staff and employees.”

**Pascal Matthias**

Associate Vice-President, ED&I and Social Justice



# OVERVIEW OF EXISTING STAFF

## The below provides an overview of permanent staff members and their areas of research and teaching.

**Dr. Nicolas Apfel** is an econometrician interested in applying and developing machine learning methods to address problems of causal inference in labour and trade economics. His research has been published in the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A and the Journal of Applied Econometrics. He is also one of the main organisers of the Southampton Workshop on Causal Machine Learning in summer 2024.  
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**Dr. Jayeeta Bhattacharya** is an econometrician with research interests in quantile regression theory and its application in auctions. Her recent work focuses on two-step estimation in QR models, and she has received the British Academy Small Research Grant related to specification testing and efficient estimation of quantile regression models with both quantile varying and constant slope coefficients. She has secondary interest in economics of networks.  
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**Dr. Hector Calvo-Pardo** is an economist specialising in the study of behaviour under uncertainty and expectations formation. His research has been published in the Journal of International Economics, Economic Theory, Economics, International Journal of Forecasting, and the Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organisation. He has also contributed to interdisciplinary journals including Neural Networks, Computers and Operations Research, and the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series C. Dr. Calvo-Pardo has successfully secured grants from major funding organizations. His awards include the Faculty of Social Sciences Teaching Award and the SUSU University Award for outstanding academic support.  
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**Daniel Cernin's** primary research interest lies in actuarial science with a focus on cause-specific mortality and competing risks. Daniel is the Manager of the Financial Laboratory (FinLab) - the Faculty's simulated trading room with 20 Bloomberg Terminals and LSEG/Refinitiv Workspace platforms. He is the Programme Lead for BSc Economics and Actuarial Science, and the Liaison for Economics programmes delivered at the University's Malaysia Campus. Daniel was the joint recipient of the 2023 Vice-Chancellor's Awards in the Student Experience category and the 2024 Economics Teaching Award.  
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**Dr. João V. Ferreira's** primary research interests are behavioural & experimental economics, public economics, political economy, social choice theory, business ethics, and economic/political philosophy. He combines theoretical and experimental tools on three main research agendas: (i) People's preferences for redistribution, their attitudes towards taxation, and the behavioural effects of tax policy, (ii) collective decision-making and the behavioural effects of different democratic, voting, and group deliberation processes, and (iii) people's attitudes towards freedom, equality of opportunity, and decision rights. João is co-director of the Centre for Behavioural Experimental Action & Research (C-BEAR) at the University of Southampton.  
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**Dr. Alessandra Foresta** is an applied economist specialising in crime, political economics, and gender economics. Her recent research focuses on the economic aspects of criminal justice systems and policing, with projects spanning the US, UK, Italy, and Greece. Dr. Foresta also serves as the Department's seminar organiser.  
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**Dr. Chiara Forlati** is a macroeconomist with interests at the intersection of open macroeconomics, international trade and environmental economics. Her recent research focuses on topics such as trade agreements and the design of border adjustment mechanisms. Her work has been published in the Journal of International Economics and the International Journal of Central Banking. Dr. Forlati also serves as Employability Lead of the Economics Department.  
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**Dr. Thomas Gall's** primary research interest lies in the organisational economics, including the organisation of investment, markets and production in an economy, identifying potential mis-allocation and dynamic consequences touching issues in applied microeconomics, for instance the sorting of talent in educational markets and implications for social mobility induced by college admission rules. He has published research on occupational choice and assignment markets, when institutional or micro-economic imperfections (for instance limitations to instruments or information available to contracting parties) have adverse effects on the economy wide allocation (e.g. in terms of education investments and mismatch on capital and labour markets). His publications cover applied micro, game theory and macroeconomics of growth, theoretical research as well as empirical studies, both using secondary data and experiments.  
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**Dr. Panagiotis (Panos) Giannarakis** specializes in the economics of education, empirical labour economics, and applied macro- and microeconomics. He reviews submitted manuscripts for the journal "International Review of Economics Education." Dr. Giannarakis has received several awards, including the Vice-Chancellor's Teaching Award and the Economics Teaching Award. Additionally, he has been nominated and shortlisted for various other accolades. He currently holds the position of Undergraduate Year 1 Senior Tutor in Economics.  
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**Professor Corrado Giulietti's** research interests are in labour economics, particularly on topics related to migration, rural-to-urban mobility in China, well-being and mental health, social networks, discrimination and crime. He collaborates within the ESRC Centre for Population Change and is a co-investigator of the ESRC Connecting Generation and serves as Associate Editor of the Journal of Population Economics. He currently serves as the Head of the School of Economic, Social and Political Sciences.  
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**Dr. Tim Hellmann** is a microeconomist whose research focuses on the impact of social networks on various economic sectors including industrial and environmental economics, financial markets, and the evolution of opinions and cultural traits. His work primarily employs theoretical models to understand and predict how networks impact economic behaviour and vice versa. He has extensively studied network formation, particularly the strategic interactions that shape these networks, and has analysed the implications for R&D cooperations, market outcomes, and environmental agreements.  
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**Dr. Michael Hatcher's** main research interests are in macroeconomics, computational methods and finance. Recent work includes optimal pension policy, asset pricing with social interactions, and solution algorithms for models with occasionally-binding constraints.  
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**Professor Grant Hillier's** research primarily focuses on econometric theory, particularly on inference in structural models, theory of hypothesis testing and multivariate models. He received the esteemed Econometric Theory Plura Scriptor Award in 2008 and was Associate Editor of Econometric Theory between 1987-2012.  
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**Dr. Antonella Ianni** is a microeconomic theorist specialising in strategic interaction, learning, bounded rationality, and the evolution of networks and public opinion processes. Over the past decade, she has expanded her research to include cross-disciplinary projects, focusing on social interactions in online communities and their implications for public health. Her recent work delves into partisan politics with salient voters and explores the societal impacts of the growing use of AI, particularly concerning polarisation. She serves as an Associate Editor for Research in Economics. She has held several roles within the Department and the Faculty of Social Sciences.  
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**Dr. Christian Kellner** is a microeconomist who combines insights from economic theory and decision theory to understand the decisions of economics agents in situations of uncertainty. A special focus are the implications of ambiguity in economic contexts such as contract design, auctions or communication, using theoretical and experimental methods. His research has been published in journals such as the Journal of Economic Theory and the Journal of Public Economics. He is the Director of Teaching Programmes in the Department.  
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**Dr. Yongwook Kim** is a macroeconomist whose research interests mainly focus on life-cycle portfolio choice, household finance, search and matching, and intergenerational links. He is especially interested in topics such as human capital, housing markets, and bequest motives.  
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**Dr. Max Kwiek** specializes in microeconomics and political economy, leveraging both theoretical modelling and experimental methods in his research. He co-organizes the Virtual Seminars of Economic Theory (VSET) and POLECONUK Webinars, global online platforms that facilitate cutting-edge research in economic theory and political economy. He served as the Deputy Head of School Education, where he played a pivotal role in shaping educational strategies and policies both within the School of Economic, Social, and Political Sciences and at the University.  
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**Dr. Qian Li's** research interests are in macroeconomics, public finance and computational economics, with topics covering optimal taxation, inequality, human capital and fertility. Her work involves building large-scale quantitative macroeconomic models that incorporate multi-dimensional heterogeneity. Her research has been published in the Journal of Public Economics, the Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, and Economics Letters.  
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**Dr. Emanuela Lotti's** research interests include economics education, macroeconomics, migration, and development. She held various leadership positions such as Deputy Head of School Education in the School of Economic, Social, and Political Sciences and served until summer 2024 as the Head of Department of Economics. She holds various advisory roles within and outside the University. She is a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and collaborates with the Royal Economic Society and the Economics Network on economics education initiatives.  
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**Dr. Mingye Ma** is an experimental and behavioural economist whose research interests encompass information aggregation, motivated beliefs, and overconfidence. His recent work primarily investigates self-evaluation and peer assessment dynamics within his field. Additionally, he is engaged in research on decision-making in the cryptocurrency domain.  
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**Professor Tassos Magdalinos** is an econometrician with expertise in time series and financial econometrics. His research focuses on robust inference in systems of co-integrating and predictive regressions, as well as exploring the boundaries between stationary and non-stationary processes.  
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**Dr. Zacharias Maniadis** specialises in applied microeconomic theory and behavioural economics, with a focus on political economy and the impact of special interests in elections. His research also delves into the application of microeconomic theory to understand researchers' incentives. He advocates for interdisciplinary collaboration, organising research teams across disciplines to integrate economic methods into meta-research. Currently, he is a co-investigator in Horizon Europe programs on improving reproducibility in science and the twinning project TWIN4MERIT.  
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**Dr. Alessandro Mennuni** is a macroeconomist with research interests in quantitative methods, labour economics, public finance, and monetary economics. His research has explored computational methods for dynamic stochastic economic models, the coexistence of money and credit, the aggregate implications of changes in the labour force composition, and optimal fiscal policy. He is also working on research addressing the solutions to time-inconsistent problems, both with and without commitment. His work has been published in *The Review of Economic Studies*, *the Journal of Money, Credit & Banking*, and *the European Economic Review*.

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**Professor Jose Olmo** is an econometrician and financial economist with research interests in empirical finance, applied econometrics and time series. He has published in top field journals in the areas of empirical asset pricing, portfolio allocation and risk management. He is also working on developing machine learning methods for forecasting macroeconomic time series and empirical asset pricing, as well as topics related to environmental economics and climate warming. He serves as an Associate Editor for *International Journal of Finance and Economics* and has been in the editorial boards of *Journal of Royal Statistical Society - Series A* and *Bulletin of Economic Research*.

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**Professor Carmine Ornaghi** is an applied economist with research interests in the field of empirical industrial organization and competition policy, with application to the pharmaceutical industry and, more recently, the water sector. He is working on a research project investigating market power in both product and labour market. He has worked as academic advisor for DG-Comp and DG Research & Innovation of the European Commission in two related projects on the impact of enforcement of competition policies on innovation. He serves as an Associate Editor for the *European Economic Review* and the *Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade*.

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**Dr. Kemal Ozbek** is a mathematical economist with main research interests in decision theory, behavioral economics, mechanism design, information economics, market design, and welfare economics. He is currently serving as the Doctoral Program Director of the Department of Economics.

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**Dr. Stefania Paredes Fuentes** is a macroeconomist with research interest in the intersection of institutions, development, and inequality, and more recently on diversity in economics. She co-authored the 2023's Royal Economic Society Report "Who Studies Economics?" a thorough analysis of the diversity of economics students in the UK, and is editor of "Teaching Macroeconomics: A Modern and Inclusive Approach". She is a Senior Fellow HEA, Diversity Champion for the Royal Economic Society, sits at the Exec Board of the Economics Network, and co-organises the #EconTEAching chats, a seminar series on Economics Education as Associate of the Centre for Teaching and Learning Economics (CTaLE).

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**Dr. Helen Paul** is an economic historian specialising in the early modern period, including the slave trade and the financial sector. She was one of two academic consultants for the Church of England's recent investigation into its financial links to enslavement. She is also interested in interdisciplinary projects which involve economic history. She is working on a project about the agricultural distress of the 1830s and its social consequences. She was the Honorary Secretary of the Economic History Society and is a fellow and council member of the Royal Historical Society. She is a trustee of MoSaF, a charity which aims to educate the public about the history of London, particularly Deptford.

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**Professor Jean-Yves Pitarakis** is an econometrician with interests in the areas of model selection, prediction, and high dimensionality. His latest agenda is part of a UKRI funded project on comparing the predictive accuracy of competing econometric models that are nested, and which can accommodate both highly persistent and much noisier predictors.

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**Dr. Jan Podivinsky** is an econometrician with interests in finance. His research, teaching and supervisory interests cover all areas of econometrics, including applied econometrics, financial econometrics and empirical finance. He is the Director of Internationalisation in the School of Economic, Social and Political Sciences, and has over 15 years' involvement in establishing and nurturing international student partnerships for the Department of Economics.

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**Professor Gerhard Riener's** research interests include experimental methods in economics, field experiments in labour, education economics and the economics of charitable giving, often in collaboration with international organisations, governments, and firms around the globe. He also conducts laboratory experiments to investigate human biases in decision making. His research has been published in the *Review of Economic Studies*, *the Journal of Labor Economics*, *the Journal of Public Economics and PNAS*. He is a research fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies (Vienna) and the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA, Bonn).

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**Dr. Jana Sadeh's** research interests are behavioural and experimental economics, primarily on preference elicitation of risk and time preferences. She has a special interest in the application of experimental methods to the areas of education and environment. She is a member of the steering committee of the Centre for Behavioural Experimental Action & Research (C-BEAR) and active in international experimental networks such as the Economic Education Network for Experiments (EENE). She is currently the Undergraduate Programmes Coordinator in the Department.

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**Professor Jackie Wahba** is an applied labour economist specialising in migration. In 2020, she was appointed as Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for her services to Economic Policy. She is an elected member of the Council of the Royal Economic Society (2020-2025), appointed member of the ESRC Council (2022-2025), and Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences. She was a member of REF2021 Sub-Panel 16 (Economics & Econometrics) and served on the UK Migration Advisory Committee from 2012 to 2021. She currently serves as the Director of Research in the Department of Economics and Head of the Applied Economics group. She leads migration research at the ESRC Research Centre for Population Change (CPC) and is a co-investigator of the ESRC Connecting Generation.

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### **Colleagues soon joining the Department of Economics:**

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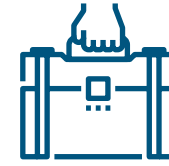


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<sup>1</sup> QS World University Rankings, 2025

<sup>2</sup> University of Southampton Financial Report, 2022/23

<sup>3</sup> Research Excellence Framework, 2021

<sup>4</sup> The Complete University Guide, 2024

<sup>5</sup> Performing at or above the cluster average across every perspective

<sup>6</sup> The economic and social impact of the University of Southampton, London Economics, 2022



# OUR VALUES

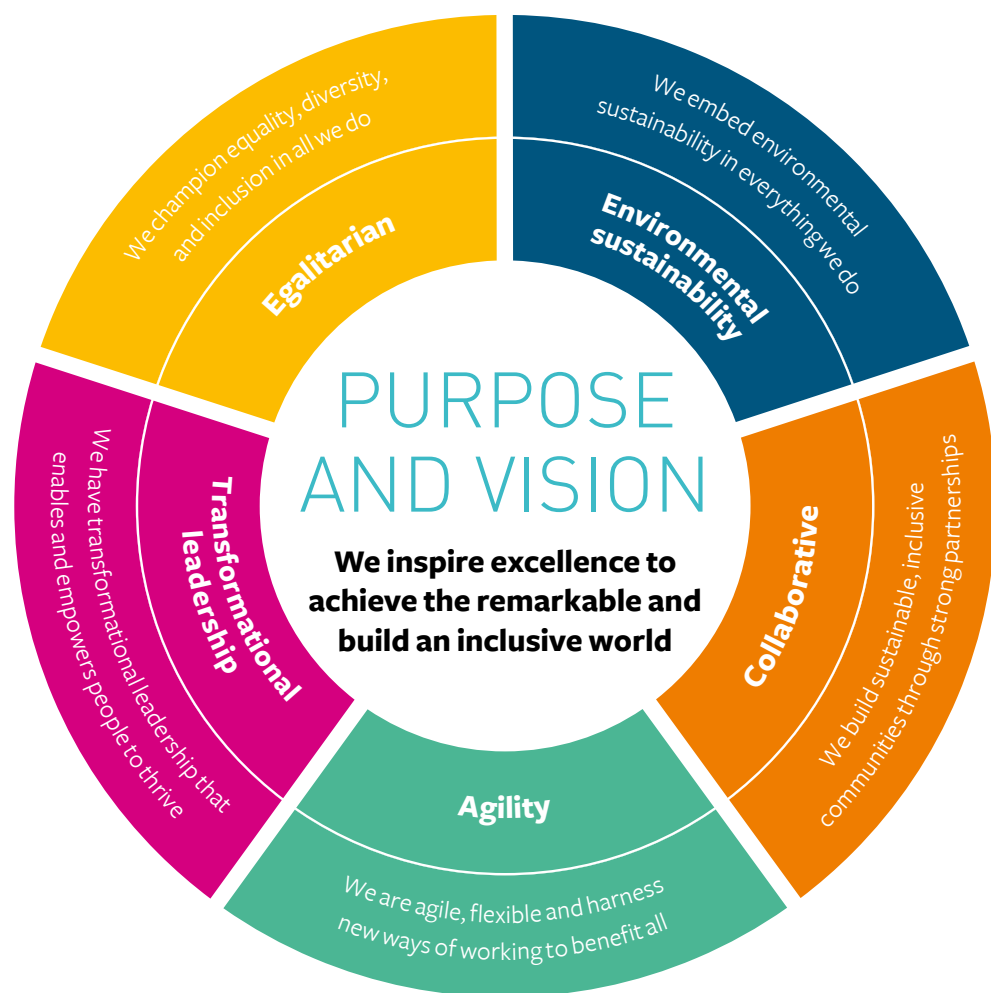
Our values provide the lens through which we make decisions, guiding our actions, collective behaviours and systems.

They are integral to our purpose of building an inclusive community that makes positive change.

We are ambitious, both personally and institutionally, which requires us to be collaborative and collegial.

As a community of talented individuals, our systems need to enable and empower us. Our community upholds academic freedom and develops through constructive, civil debate.

Ensuring different views are heard allows us to make the best decisions.



## People are at the core of our Triple Helix



Our highly-ranked **education, research and knowledge exchange and enterprise (KEE)** are already distinctively intertwined.

By strengthening and increasing these links, our Triple Helix approach will achieve greater impact and accelerate new ways to tackle the world's most complex problems.

This scaling up is a challenging goal we commit to achieve; its reach and ambition sets us apart.

### Our values in action



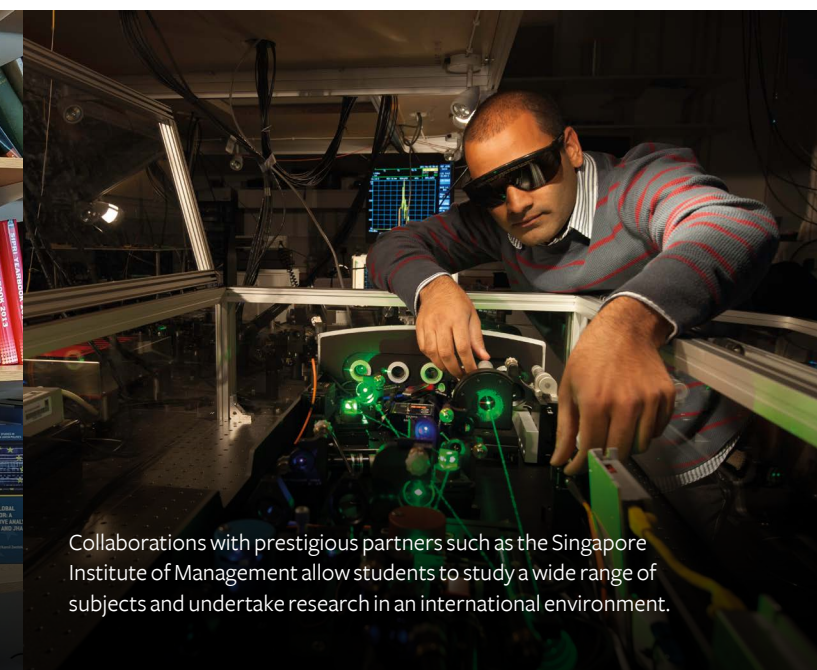
Our annual Vice-Chancellor's Awards recognise and celebrate the exceptional contributions made by our staff during the academic year.



Our staff and students at Winchester School of Art collaborated with fashion designer Liang Mingyu for her sustainability sculpture, 'Masai Mara', as part of their 'Itinerant Objects' programme for Tate Exchange.



Dr Kamil Zwolski, Associate Professor in International Politics, was awarded a prestigious National Teaching Fellowship in 2022 for his innovative approach to teaching.



Collaborations with prestigious partners such as the Singapore Institute of Management allow students to study a wide range of subjects and undertake research in an international environment.



# OUR CAMPUSES

We have six campuses in Southampton, one in Winchester and one in Malaysia. Each has its own personality, world-leading facilities and specialisms.

## Highfield Campus

Our main campus, Highfield, is the largest of our campuses, and the heart of the University. It is home to many of our state-of-the-art research and teaching facilities, and combines a lively and exciting atmosphere with calm, green surroundings.

With cafes, shops, concert halls, gyms and even a student cinema alongside academic facilities, Highfield is a hub of activity.

This is also where we are planning significant improvements to our student sports facilities, including a major expansion of the popular Jubilee Sports Centre.

## University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHS)

UHS is the main site for the study of medicine and healthcare. It hosts a purpose-built research hub, and is also home to the University's dedicated Centre for Cancer Immunology – the first of its kind in the UK. This site will soon see the development of a new medical health research building.

## Boldrewood Innovation Campus

Boldrewood is the base for engineering studies and research. Facilities include laboratories for studying unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), fluid dynamics and high-performance sports, a driving simulator, flight simulators, design studios, a 138m towing tank and our £48m National Infrastructure Laboratory (NIL). The NIL houses five new engineering laboratories, including a 30m x 15m large structures testing laboratory and a cutting-edge geotechnical centrifuge.

## National Oceanography Centre Southampton (NOCS)

Our unique waterfront campus, based at NOCS, is one of the world's leading research centres for the study of ocean and Earth science, with facilities including the Coral Reef Laboratory, a multi-use research aquarium, our 19.75m purpose-built catamaran and the National Oceanographic Library.

With zoom of access to the waterfront, the campus is also the operational base for the Natural Environment Research Council's (NERC) UK fleet of deep-sea research vessels, giving us unique access to research cruises all over the world.

## Avenue Campus

Just a few minutes' walk from Highfield, and on the edge of Southampton Common, Avenue Campus is the base for our humanities subjects. Avenue has its own lecture theatres and catering facilities, plus a purpose-built £3m archaeology building and a new interactive digital humanities hub.

## Southampton city centre

In the heart of the Cultural Quarter in the city centre, our Sir James Matthews Building offers updated teaching and learning spaces alongside facilities for meeting local and regional civic partners. The Building also includes a student enterprise zone and an artisan cafe.

A short walk across Guildhall Square from the Sir James Matthews Building is the University's John Hansard Gallery, one of the UK's leading contemporary art galleries, which plays a dynamic role in the cultural life of Southampton and the region.

## Winchester School of Art (WSA)

Based in the historic city of Winchester, our specialist arts campus is home to a vibrant community of over 1,300 art and design students. With creative ambition at its core, WSA offers cutting-edge resources and facilities including specialist computer suites, photography studios, laser cutting, 3D printing and more.

The University is planning to expand its presence in Winchester, with an exciting opportunity from Winchester City Council.

## University of Southampton Malaysia

In 2021, we relocated our campus in Malaysia to a brand new estate with state-of-the-art laboratories, upgraded facilities, and improved learning and recreational spaces.



Avenue Campus



University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHS)



Highfield Campus



Boldrewood Innovation Campus



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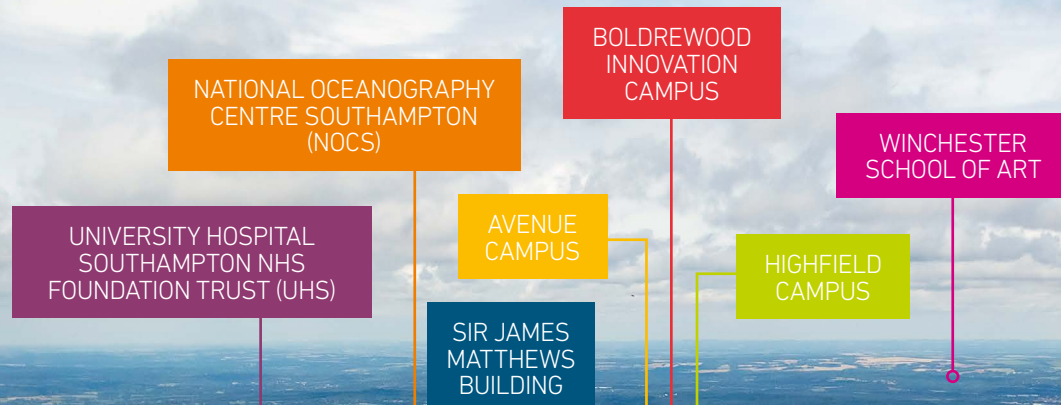
Sir James Matthew Building



Winchester School of Art (WSA)



# THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS REGION



**The University's core purpose and vision is to inspire excellence to achieve the remarkable and build an inclusive world, and our partners in the city play a vital role in helping us in this.**

Our foundations and heritage make the University a gateway to the world and our Strategy emphasises our commitment to 'place' and being a civic university. We are deeply committed to Southampton as a city of culture and across the region will further develop our civic role of making a positive impact.

Being a civic university allows us to rethink how we contribute to our region, so that civic engagement can become hardwired into institutional culture.

Articulation of the benefit the University brings to the region through the productive relationships we have with local and regional government, will help mobilise a community of supporters to benefit all communities. Over 50 per cent of our UK-based alumni (over 80,000 people) live within 50 miles of the University alongside 'friends' who support us philanthropically and through collaboration.

Underpinned by the four pillars of the Civic Charter – Place, People, Partnerships and Impact – we will work together with our friends and civic partnerships to improve the lives and environment of people across diverse communities in a just and responsible way. The University will become a truly integrated part of its local communities.

## Southampton

Southampton is a fantastic place in which to live, work and socialise. Regardless of what life stage you are at, you will find a dynamic and vibrant city that caters for all. With an enviable location on the coast, yet just over an hour from London, the region combines incredible natural beauty with a thriving social scene – making it a desirable place to live! As an ethnically rich city that is growing rapidly, Southampton is benefitting from considerable investments in the region.

The city centre is currently thriving thanks to over £600m of regeneration plans and projects, including the historic Bargate Quarter, with new hotels, homes and transport links. This is a city of growth and transformation, and it is an exciting time to be here.

There is something for everyone in Southampton and the surrounding areas. For outdoor enthusiasts, water sports, sailing and ocean racing are easily available, while the beautiful New Forest National Park is just 30 minutes away. With many excellent local schools and nurseries, families will find a fantastic quality of life, while there's a thriving LGBTQ+ social scene. Multiple faiths are celebrated in the city, and the rich cultural heritage of Winchester is just on our doorstep.

## Winchester

On the edge of the South Downs National Park, England's ancient capital, Winchester, is steeped in history and is complemented by a lively atmosphere and a wide variety of pubs and restaurants, museums, theatres and galleries. With direct rail links to London, our Winchester School of Art campus is one of the UK's leading art and design institutions.



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