Paul Brimble

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Education

PhD in Economics, **University of Michigan**   2022 – present

MPhil in Economics, **University of Oxford**   2015 – 2017
   Thesis: "Production Networks and International Trade"

BA in Economics, **University of Cambridge**, *First Class Honours*   2012 – 2015
   Dissertation: "The Macroeconomic Impact of Dollarisation Adjustments in Cambodia"
   Awards: *Northam Memorial Prize in Economics* (2015; awarded by Queens' College for the
            best first in the final year), *Foundation Scholarship* (2014, 2015)

Research Interests

Development Economics, Labour Economics, International Economics, Urban Economics

Relevant Experience

Research Assistant, Department of Economics, **University of Michigan**   2023 – present
- Dean Yang (Summer 2023), Kevin Carney (Summer 2024), Emma Riley (Fall 2024 - Winter 2025)

Research Assistant, Blavatnik School of Government, **University of Oxford**   2019 – 2022
- Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) providing research support to Stefan Dercon, Kate Orkin, Robert Garlick and Mahreen Mahmud
- Digital Pathways at Oxford working on independent research focusing on the application of digital technologies for economic development with an emphasis on urban economics

Economic Advisor, **Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda**   2017 – 2019
- Overseas Development Institute (ODI) Fellow in the role of economic advisor to the Chief Economist and the Senior Economist of the Macroeconomic Policy Division

Research Intern, **Asian Development Bank Viet Nam Resident Mission**   2014

Research Intern, **Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cambodia**   2014

Research in Progress

Ancient Epics in the Television Age: Mass Media, Identity, and the Rise of Hindu Nationalism in India
   with Resuf Ahmed (Lausanne), Akhila Kovvuri (Stanford), Alessandro Saia (Bologna) and Dean Yang (Michigan)

Financial Inclusion and Rural Electrification: Evidence from Togo
   with Toni Oki (Harvard), Deivy Houeix (MIT) and Axel Eizmendi-Larrinaga (Tufts)

The Efficiency Gains from Cash Transfers: Experimental Evidence from Kenya
   with Rob Garlick (Duke) and Kate Orkin (Oxford)

Lights, Camera, Study! Experimental Evidence on Lamps, Role Models and Social Networks in Togo
  with Axel Eizmendi-Larrinaga (Tufts)

Zoning Laws and Land Value Capture: Evidence from Rwanda
  with Guy Michaels (LSE), Tanner Regan (GWU) and Matthew Sharp (Vivid Economics)

VIIRS and the Future of Night Lights Data in Economics
  with Adam Storeygard (Tufts), Axel Eizmendi-Larrinaga (Tufts) and Kazuki Motohashi (Tufts)

Valuing Property and Buildings in Kigali and Secondary Cities for an Operational CAMA
  with Patrick McSharry (CMU), Felix Bachofer (German Aerospace Center), Andreas Braun (Tübingen) and Kaspar Kundert (Geodata4Africa)

Publications

"A New Approach to Property Valuation Using Remote Sensing Data and Machine Learning in Kigali, Rwanda" (with Patrick McSharry, Felix Bachofer, Jonathan Bower, Andreas Braun), *International Growth Centre Working Paper*, February 2020

Presented Research

"Can Cash Transfers Facilitate Occupational Upgrading in Frictional Markets?" (with Rob Garlick and Kate Orkin), *ASSA Annual Meeting*, January 2025

"Media, Politics and Conflict: Evidence from Television in India" (with Dean Yang), *Midwest International Economic Development Conference*, April 2024

Research Grants

Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant ($1,489) and **Spring/Summer 2024 Graduate Research Grant** ($4,349)
  Lighting Aspirations in Schools

Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries ($18,031)
  Hidden Barriers to Rural Electrification: Evidence from Togo

International Growth Centre (£5,950) and **GOPA Worldwide Consultants** (€7,700)
  Valuing property and buildings in Kigali and secondary cities for an operational CAMA

International Growth Centre (£3,750)
  A property price index for Rwanda's cities

Skills

Software: Stata, Python, LaTeX, Matlab, QGIS, (advanced); R, SurveyCTO (intermediate)
Language: English (native), Thai (native), Spanish (intermediate)