

# MAKSYM KUTSENKO

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## SKILLS & INTERESTS

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- **Interests:** Labor Economics & Economics of Education
- **Technical:** Highly proficient in R, Stata and LaTeX
- **Languages:** Fluent in French and Russian, Advanced in English, Intermediate in German and Ukrainian
- **Most Advanced Courses:**
  - **Methods:** Intro to Empirical Analysis I & II (MA), Causal Inference (MA)
  - **Topical:** Economics of Education (MA & P.h.D.), Inequality: Theory, Methods and Evidence (P.h.D.)
  - **Math:** Real Analysis I (accelerated), Abstract Linear Algebra

## EDUCATION

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### The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Master of Arts Program in Social Sciences – Major in Economics, June 2024

Focus Areas: Econometrics, Labor Economics, Economics of Education and Inequality

### Geneva Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland

Master of Arts in International Economics, August 2021 – June 2023

Focus Areas: Regional Disparities and Urban Economics, International Trade

### Central European University – Exchange, Vienna, Austria

Master of Arts in Economics, September 2022 – December 2022

Focus Areas: Economics of Education, Advanced Econometrics, Political Economy of the EU, Fiscal Policy

### University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations – Major in Economics, September 2018 – June 2021

Focus Areas: Econometrics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, International Political Economy

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### The University of Chicago, Chicago, United States of America

Research Assistant / Professional, Professor Christopher Blattman, March 2024 – Present

- Conducted research on gangs in Medellin, focusing on gang governance, extortion and recruitment from schools.
- Cleaned, merged and analyzed primary and secondary datasets including survey and geospatial data.

### The University of Chicago, Chicago, United States of America

Graduate Researcher, Thesis - Black-White gap in skills, employment and experience-wage profiles, Pr. Melissa Tartari, January 2024 – May 2024

- Used Quantile Regression Analysis to infer the evolution of the Black-White wage gap over the life cycle.
- Found evidence that wages diverge even after accounting for the gap in pre-market cognitive skills.

### Geneva Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland

Graduate Researcher, Thesis - The Addictive Dynamics of Smoking Prevalence, Pr. Jean-Louis Arcand, January 2023 – June 2023

- Used theoretical developments in the field of behavioral economics to perform research on the prevalence of smoking.
- Found evidence of addictive behavior for women but not for men, and no sign of forward-looking behavior using IV.

### University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland

Research Assistant, Professor Giacomo De Giorgi, February 2021 – May 2021

- Summarized scientific articles about SGD's resilience to COVID-19 and universal basic income.
- Cleaned datasets and provided forecasts on poverty and hunger SDGs; Attended project meetings; Presented advancements.

### Institute of Economics and Econometrics – Honors Program, University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland

Selected Participant, September 2020 – June 2021

- Attended weekly research seminars with researchers presenting current work to faculty and advanced students.
- Participated in discussions on emerging research; Shared office with other Honors awardees on the faculty floor, leading to increased interaction with University's researchers.

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

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### Unite for Ukraine, Geneva, Switzerland

Founding Member and Speaker, February 2022 – September 2022

- Initiated a podcast aimed at reflecting the point of view of communities affected by the invasion, streamed on Spotify.

**Freelance Geneva, Switzerland**

*Private Economics Tutor, February 2023 – June 2023*

- Explained concepts in International Economics to first-year students from the University of Geneva.

**SELECT HONORS & ACTIVITIES**

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Dean's Opportunity Scholarship (Full Tuition), UChicago, 2023-2024

Chess Player Grand Echiquier Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland, September 2021 – September 2023

Handball Coach Assistant, Lausanne-Ville/Cugy, Lausanne, Switzerland, August 2019 – September 2023