

## ALISON L. JOHNSTON

### EDUCATION:

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**University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA** 2001 – 2005

- Bachelor of Science (with distinction), Economics, 2005
- Bachelor of Arts, International Studies: Europe, 2005
- Bachelor of Arts (with distinction), Swedish Studies, 2005
- GPA: 3.95 (of 4.0). Graduated Magna Cum Laude (top 3%)

**University of British Columbia, Vancouver, CANADA** 2005 – 2006

- Masters coursework in Economics: macroeconomics, microeconomics, international trade, mathematical economics, econometrics, public finance, and economic history.
- GPA: 86.5% (of 100%) = A on the University grading scale

**London School of Economics: University of London, London, UK** 2006 - present

- Master of Science (Research): European Political Economy (with distinction), 2007  
Dissertation: *Wage Setting in Austria and the Netherlands Under EMU: Why the Difference in Performance Despite Similar Economic Conditions?*  
Supervisor: Dr. Waltrud Schelkle
- Ph.D. in European Studies: Political Economy, anticipated Spring, 2011  
Dissertation: *Baumol's cost disease and institutional change: The role of macroeconomic regimes in delivering sheltered sector wage moderation.* Supervisors: Dr. Robert Hancké and Professor Richard Jackman

### EMPLOYMENT:

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**Teaching Assistant, Dept Economics, University of British Columbia** 2005-2006

- Taught Introductory Microeconomics, & Economic History of the United States.
- Facilitated weekly seminars, convened office hours, assessed assignments, essays and exams.
- Overall Student Teaching Assistant Score (for Introductory Microeconomics): 4.6 of 5

**Teaching Assistant, Dept Economics, London School of Economics** 2007 –2008, & summer 2009

- Taught class tutorials on public economics (EC 325). Topics include taxation, social insurance, the economics of health and education, public choice, externalities, and behavioral economics.
- Facilitated class discussions, assessing student presentation, essays and exams
- Teaching Quality Assurance and Review Office teacher rating: 1.46 (out of 5; 1 representing “excellent”, 5 representing “very poor”) in term 1 (fall, 2007), 1.3 in term 2 (spring, 2008).

**Researcher, Russell Group of Universities, London** 2007 – 2008

- Research specialization: higher education finance (student fees & loans, bursaries, endowments, taxes)
- Composed reports on higher education finance policy for Vice Chancellors of Russell Group Universities and modeled student loan policy options on simulated graduate earnings paths

**Teaching Assistant, Dept Mathematics, University College London** 2008 – present

- Taught introductory microeconomics and macroeconomics to mathematics and statistics majors
- Organized and conducted tutorials, assessed coursework, and assisted students with questions outside of class.

**Research Assistant, European Institute, London School of Economics** 2009 – present

- Researched and currently co-authoring an article about the introduction of choice and competition in compulsory education. Primary focus involves the political economy behind choice reforms introduced in France, Sweden and the United Kingdom.
- Funded by the RECON Integration Project of the European Commission's Sixth Framework Programme for Research. Project supervisor and co-author: Dr. Christa Van-Wijnbergen.

**Research Assistant, Dept of Management, Birkbeck College, University of London** 2010 – present

- Researched and currently co-authoring an article about the political and institutional determinants of welfare-reform induced general strikes. Primary focus involves quantitative study of strike probabilities and political outcomes of strikes via logit and ordered logit regression models.
- Funded by the British Academy. Project supervisors and co-authors: Professors John Kelly (Birkbeck College) and Kerstin Hamann (University of Central Florida).

**HONORS AND AWARDS:**

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- Outstanding Senior Thesis Award, Department of Economics, University of Washington. June, 2005.
- Jackson School of International Studies Award for the highest GPA in the graduating senior class, University of Washington. June 2005
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of Washington, June 2005.

**RESEARCH SUPPORT:**

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- Mary Gates Scholar, University of Washington. Oct., 2004 - March, 2005. \$3,000
- Swedish Women's Educational Association (SWEA) Research Grant. 2005. \$5,000
- Graduate Research Scholarships, European Institute, London School of Economics: 2006, (£5,000); 2007 (£3,500); 2008 (£1,600); 2009 (£2,790); 2010 (£3,500).
- Overseas Research Students Award Scheme (ORSAS), London School of Economics. £8,400 p.a. for two years. London School of Economics. May, 2008.
- Anglo-German Foundation Research Grant. £12,500. November, 2008.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

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Peer Reviewed Journals:

- **Johnston AL**, Hancké R (2009) "Wage inflation and labour unions in EMU" *Journal of European Public Policy*, 16(4): 601-622
- **Johnston AL**, Kornelakis A, Rodriguez-D'Acri (Forthcoming, 2011) "Social partners and welfare state reconfiguration: privatization or re-collectivization of social risks?" Submitted for publication to *European Journal of Industrial Relations*. Status: Accepted with minor revisions for December, 2011 issue.

Submissions to Peer Reviewed Journals:

- **Johnston AL** (2010) "The revenge of Baumol's cost disease?: European monetary union and the rise of public sector wage inflation" Submitted for publication October, 2010, to *Comparative Political Studies*. Status: Pending
- Barr N, **Johnston AL** (2010) "Interest subsidies on student loans: a better class of drain". Submitted for publication July, 2010, to *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. Status: Pending

Book Chapters:

- Hassel A, **Johnston AL**, Wagner B: (2009) “Wage setting, minimum wages and industrial relations.” In *Industrial Relations in Europe 2008*. European Commission (ed), Brussels: 73-97.

Online Working Papers:

- **Johnston AL**: “Wage Policy in Austria and the Netherlands under EMU. A change in performance or a continuation of the status quo?” European Trade Union Institute Working Paper 2009.07. Brussels, Belgium. [http://74.125.155.132/scholar?q=cache:aLkGKgm14ekJ:scholar.google.com/++European+Trade+Union+Institute+Working+Paper+2009.07.+Brussels,+Belgium.++&hl=en&as\\_sdt=2000](http://74.125.155.132/scholar?q=cache:aLkGKgm14ekJ:scholar.google.com/++European+Trade+Union+Institute+Working+Paper+2009.07.+Brussels,+Belgium.++&hl=en&as_sdt=2000)
- Barr N, **Johnston AL**: “Interest subsidies on student loans: A better class of drain.” Working Paper CE DP 114, Centre for the Economics of Education, London School of Economics. London. 2010 <http://cee.lse.ac.uk/cee%20dps/ceedp114.pdf>

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## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES:

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**Johnston AL**: “Wage Inflation and Unions in EMU.” At *Ten Years on From EMU: What Have We Learned? Conference on EMU*. Conveners: Drs. Henrik Enderlein, Amy Verdun. Hertie School of Governance. Berlin, Germany. April 24, 2008.

**Johnston AL**, Rodriguez-D’Acri C: “The Preservation of Wage Institutions under EMU: Do Size and Power Matter?” At *Conference on Wage Setting, Sectoral Cleavages, and European Economic Integration*. Convener: Dr. Benedita Marzinotto. University of Udine. Udine, Italy. June 6, 2008.

**Johnston AL**, Kornelakis A, Rodriguez-D’Acri C: Task Presentation: Reconfiguring Welfare States in the Post-Industrial Age: What Role for Social Partners? At *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Integration Conference for Reconciling Work and Welfare (RECWOWE)*. Conveners: Dr. Bruno Palier, Dr. Waltraud Schelkle. Oslo, Norway, June 10, 2008.

**Johnston AL**, Hancké R: “Wage Inflation and Unions in EMU.” At *Anglo-German Foundation Workshop on the German Economy*. Conveners: Dr. Robert Hancké, Professor David Soskice. Budapest, Hungary. July 4, 2008.

**Johnston AL**, Rodriguez-D’Acri C: “Coordinated Wage Adjustment in EMU: Is There a Large-Small Divide?” At *The Labour Market and EMU. Research Workshop of ‘ECONPOL’ sub-project of a NEWGOV Integrated Project*. Conveners: Iain Begg, Dr. Waltraud Schelkle. Brussels, Belgium. July 16, 2008.

**Johnston AL**: “Wages and Labour Unions in EMU: The Rise of Sectoral Divergence.” At *11<sup>th</sup> Biannual Conference of the European Union Studies Association*. Los Angeles, CA USA. April 23-25, 2009.

Kornelakis A, **Johnston AL**, Rodriguez-D’Acri C: “The Role of Social Partners in Bargaining Over Non-Wage Issues Across Austria, Greece and Italy.” At *3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Integration Conference for Reconciling Work and Welfare (RECWOWE)*. Utrecht, The Netherlands. June 2009.

**Johnston AL**. “Wage restraint and European Monetary Union: The impact of currency regimes on sectoral wage divergence.” At *17<sup>th</sup> Biannual Council for European Studies Conference*. Montreal, Canada. April 15, 2010.

**Johnston AL**, van Wijnbergen C: “Choice and competition in compulsory education.” At *17<sup>th</sup> Biannual Council for European Studies Conference*, Montreal, Canada April 15, 2010.

**Johnston AL**, Kornelakis A, Rodriguez-D’Acri: “Social partners and welfare state reconfiguration: Privatization or re-collectivization of social risks?” At *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Integration Conference for Reconciling Work and Welfare (RECWOWE)*. Nantes, France. June 8-12, 2010.

## MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

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- European Union Studies Association (EUSA)
- Council for European Studies (CES)

## LANGUAGES AND SKILLS:

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- **Languages:** English (Native); Swedish (written and oral, good); Spanish (written and oral, beginner).
- **Computer Skills:** Proficient in STATA (statistical regression software); familiar with E-Views and SPSS (statistical regression software). Have worked extensively with panel data regression models, binary logistic and ordered logistic models, as well as data simulation (for student loan repayment models).

## REFERENCES:

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- **Barr, Nicholas.** Professor, Public Economics, European Institute. London School of Economics, London, UK. +44(0)20 7955 7482. [n.barr@lse.ac.uk](mailto:n.barr@lse.ac.uk).
- **Hancké, Robert.** Reader in European Political Economy, European Institute. London School of Economics, London, UK +44 (0)20 7955 6409. [r.hancke@lse.ac.uk](mailto:r.hancke@lse.ac.uk).
- **Ingebritsen, Christine.** Professor, Dept of Scandinavian Studies. University of Washington. Seattle, WA. (206) 543-0675. [ingie@u.washington.edu](mailto:ingie@u.washington.edu)
- **Jackman, Richard.** Professor, Department of Economics. London School of Economics. London, UK. +44(0)20 7955 7499. [r.jackman@lse.ac.uk](mailto:r.jackman@lse.ac.uk).
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- **Ovenden, Nick.** Lecturer in Mathematics. Department of Mathematics. University College London. London, UK. +44 (0)20 7679 2128. [nicko@math.ucl.ac.uk](mailto:nicko@math.ucl.ac.uk)
- **Schelkle, Waltraud.** Senior Lecturer in European Political Economy. European Institute. London School of Economics. +44 (0)20 7955 6942. [w.schelkle@lse.ac.uk](mailto:w.schelkle@lse.ac.uk)