

# NEELE BALKE

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## Appointments

*Senior Research Associate*, Economics, University of Chicago, 2017 – present

*Post-Doctoral Fellow*, Economics, University of Chicago, 2017 – 2018

## Education

*PhD*, Economics, University College London, 2011 – 2017

Thesis: “[Essays on Macroeconomics and Sovereign Default](#)”

*Visiting PhD student*, New York University, 2015

*MRes*, Economics, University College London, Distinction (summa cum laude), 2012

*MSc*, Economics, University College London, Distinction (summa cum laude), 2011

Winner of Best Overall Performance Award, Highest Dissertation Mark Award

*BSc*, Economics & Law, University of Münster, Grade 1.1 (summa cum laude), 2010

## Research Fields

Macroeconomics, International Finance, Macro Labor

## Teaching

2020 Macroeconomic Crises (undergraduate), University of Chicago

2019 Topics in International Macroeconomics (undergraduate), University of Chicago

2019 Macroeconomic Crises (undergraduate), University of Chicago

2015 Macroeconomics (graduate), TA for Mariacristina DeNardi & Victor Ríos-Rull

2014 Macroeconomics (graduate), TA for Mariacristina DeNardi & Wei Cui

2013 Macroeconomics (graduate), TA for Mariacristina DeNardi & Wei Cui

2012 Macroeconomic Theory and Policy (undergraduate), TA for Liam Graham

## Referee for Peer-reviewed Journals

*Journal of Political Economy*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *American Economic Journal*:

*Macroeconomics*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Review of Economic Dynamics*,

*Economic Journal*, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, *Fiscal Studies*

## Scholarships & Awards

- 2015 ESRC, Overseas Institutional Visit Grant
- 2014 University College London, Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
- 2012 ESRC, Scholarship (3 years)
- 2011 University College London, David Pearce Scholarship (1 year)
- 2011 University College London, Best Overall Performance Award in the MSc Economics
- 2011 University College London, Highest Dissertation Mark Award in the MSc Economics
- 2010 German Academic Exchange Service, Scholarship (1 year)
- 2009 Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, Scholarship (3 years)

## Conference & Seminar Presentations

- 2018 Northern Illinois University, NBER (discussant), SED Mexico City
- 2017 Kellogg School of Management, University of Chicago, Booth School of Business, New York University, Columbia University, University of California Los Angeles, IIES Stockholm University, Federal Reserve Board, Toulouse School of Economics, European Central Bank, University of Notre Dame, ADEMU Barcelona, University of Oxford (discussant), ITAM-PIER Philadelphia
- 2016 Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, University College London, Econometric Society Winter Meeting Edinburgh
- 2015 SED Warsaw, Annual Conference VfS Münster, NORMAC Smoegen, New York University, Stockholm School of Economics, Humboldt University Berlin
- 2013 NORMAC Smoegen (discussant)

## Research Papers

- “Productivity Shocks, Long-Term Contracts and Earnings Dynamics” with T. Lamadon (R&R at AER, resubmitted)
- “The Employment Cost of Sovereign Default” (Job Market Paper)
- “Time-consistent Fiscal Policy in a Debt Crisis” with M. Ravn
- “Expectation-driven Bond Pricing with Dynamic Private Sector Behavior”

## Work in Progress

- “The Spending Multiplier under Sovereign Default Risk”

## Citizenship

- German, US permanent resident