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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Since Sep 2023 **University of Warwick, Warwick Business School, Behavioural Science Group**
Assistant Professor
- Feb 2023 – Sep 2023 **Tilburg University, Department of Methodology & Statistics**
Assistant Professor
- Jan 2021 – Feb 2023 **University of Oxford, Harris Manchester College, Wellbeing Research Centre**
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
- Oct 2021 – Jan 2023 **University of Oxford, Nuffield College, Institute for New Economic Thinking**
Postdoctoral Research Officer

EDUCATION

- Oct 2016 – Dec 2020 **University of Oxford, Nuffield College, Department of Social Policy & Intervention**
DPhil in Social Policy (no corrections)
Title: Four essays on applied and methodological issues in the study of subjective life satisfaction
Supervisors: Prof Brian Nolan (Oxford) and Dr Maarten Vendrik (Maastricht)
Examiners: Prof Andrew Oswald (Warwick) and Prof Erzsebet Bukodi (Oxford)
- Oct 2015 – Sep 2016 **University of Oxford, St. Antony's College, Department of Social Policy & Intervention**
MSc in Comparative Social Policy (pass)
Thesis: Is the welfare state conducive to life satisfaction? (*distinction*)
Specialisations: Economics of the Welfare State; Policy Challenges of Ageing Societies
- Sep 2011 – Jan 2015 **University College Maastricht**
BA in Liberal Arts and Sciences (cum laude)
Specialisations: Economics, Sociology, and Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Kaiser, C.**, Muggleton, N., Quispe-Torreblanca, E., De Neve, J.E. (2025). **Two Paradoxes in Women's Wellbeing**. *Science Advances*, 11(10), 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.adt1646>. Replication files: [link](#)
2. Oparina, E., **Kaiser, C.**, Gentile, N., Tkatchenko, A., Clark, A., De Neve, J.E., D'Ambrosio, C. (2025). **Machine Learning in the Prediction of Human Wellbeing**. *Scientific Reports* 15 (1632). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-024-84137-1>. Replication files: [link](#)
3. Han, J., **Kaiser, C.** (2024). **Time-use and the Gender Gap in Happiness: US Evidence Across Three Decades**. *Journal of Population Economics* 37(1), 1-25. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00148-024-00982-4>. Replication files: [link](#)
4. **Kaiser, C.**, Oswald A. J. (2022). **The Scientific Value of Numerical Measures of Human Feelings**. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 119(42), 1-7, e2210412119. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2210412119>. Replication files: [link](#)
5. **Kaiser, C.**, Oswald A. J. (2022). **Redistribution, Well-being, and the Problem of the Unknown Reporting Function**. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 119(50), 1-3, e2217750119. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2217750119>. Replication files: [link](#)
6. McGuire, J., **Kaiser, C.**, Bach-Mortensen, A. (2022). **A systematic review and meta-analysis of the impact of cash transfers on subjective wellbeing and mental health in low- and middle-income countries**. *Nature Human Behaviour*. 6, 359-370. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-021-01252-z>. Replication files: [link](#)
7. **Kaiser, C.** (2022). **Using memories to assess the intrapersonal comparability of wellbeing reports**. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*. 193, 410-442. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jebo.2021.11.009>. Replication files: [link](#)
8. **Kaiser, C.** (2022). **Whence the Happiness Revolution? A Book Review of Richard Easterlin's An Economist's Lessons on Happiness**. *Journal of Happiness Studies*. 1-4. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10902-022-00519-0>.
9. **Kaiser, C.**, Trinh, N.A. (2021). **Positional, mobility and reference effects: How does social class affect life satisfaction in Europe?** *European Sociological Review*. 37(5), 713-730. <https://doi.org/10.1093/esr/jcaa067>. Replication files: [link](#)
10. Betthaeuser, B., **Kaiser C.**, Trinh, N.A. (2021). **Regional Variation in Inequality of Educational Opportunity across Europe**. *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*. 7, 1-3. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231211019890>. Replication files: [link](#)

11. **Kaiser, C. (2020). People do not adapt. New analyses of the dynamic effects of own and reference income on life satisfaction.** *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*. 177, 494-513. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jebo.2020.06.003>. Replication files: [link](#)
12. Gugushvili, A., **Kaiser, C. (2020). Equality of opportunity is linked to lower mortality in Europe.** *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*, 74(2), 151-157. <https://doi.org/10.1136/jech-2019-212540>
13. **Kaiser, C., Vendrik, M.C.M. (2019). Different Versions of the Easterlin Paradox: New Evidence for European Countries.** In: *The Economics of Happiness*. 27-55. Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-15835-4_2.
14. **Kaiser, C. (2018). DRM: Stata module to fit Sobel's Diagonal Reference Model.** *Statistical Software Components* S458506. Boston College Department of Economics. <https://ideas.repec.org/c/boc/bocode/s458506.html>.

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. **How Much Can We Learn from Happiness Data?**
(with Maarten Vendrik). Working paper: [link](#). Replication files: [link](#)
2. **Quantifying the Wellbeing Cost of Income Inequality**
Draft version: [link](#)
3. **Consolidated Trajectories? Social Class and Earnings Growth over the Life Course.**
(with Philipp Lersch and Nhat An Trinh). Draft available on request.
4. **Rational Response Behaviour to Survey Questions**
Draft available on request.
5. **Suicide and Subjective Wellbeing in the UK: A Statistical Inquiry**
(with Andrew J. Oswald and Ekaterina Oparina). Draft available on request.
6. **Why you should measure subjective changes**
(with Alberto Prati). Draft available on request.
7. **The robustness of cardinality assumptions in wellbeing research.**
(with Anthony Lepinteur). Draft available on request
8. **Evidence Against the Simple Statistical Validity of Life Satisfaction Scales from Long Form Cognitive Interviews**
(with Mark Fabian, Sofia Panasiuk, Sabina Funk).

TEACHING (SELECTION)

- Jan 2025 – Mar 2025 **Warwick Business School**
- Co-module lead on *Big Data Analytics (MSc in Management)*
- Sep 2023 – Mar 2025 **Warwick Business School**
- Tutor in *Economics of Happiness (BSc in Management and Accounting)*
 - Tutor in *Data Driven Decision-making (MSc in Management)*
- Feb 2023 – July 2023 **Tilburg University, Department of Methodology & Statistics**
- Lecturer and course coordinator for 'Experimental Research Methods' (BSc in Psychology)

REVIEWING

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Nature Communications, Scientific Reports, PLOS One, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics, Review of Income and Wealth, European Economic Review, Journal of Human Resources, Economica, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, European Sociological Review, Journal of European Social Policy, European Societies, Journal of Happiness Studies