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EDUCATION

October 2022	Post-doctoral Associate <i>New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD), Social Sciences Division</i>
2017-2022 (expected)	Ph.D. Candidate <i>London School of Economics (LSE), Department of Social Policy</i> Thesis title: Armed conflict and family outcomes Supervisors: Prof. Arjan Gjonça, Prof. Berkay Özcan
March-July 2022	Honorary Visiting Researcher <i>University of Wisconsin-Madison, Centre for Demography and Ecology</i> Mentor: Prof. Jenna Nobles
2018-2019	European Doctoral School of Demography <i>Marx Plank Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR), & the University of Southern Denmark (SDU)</i>
2016-2017	MSc Social Research Methods (Distinction) <i>London School of Economics (LSE)</i>
2015-2016	MSc Health, Population and Society (Distinction) <i>London School of Economics (LSE)</i>
2012-2015	BA Political Economy (First Class Hons) <i>King's College London</i>
2014-2015	Erasmus program <i>Institute des Sciences Politiques Paris (Sciences Po)</i>

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Armed violence, crises and environmental shocks, family and social demography, quantitative methods and survey methodology, social policy, post-Soviet and LMICs.

PUBLICATIONS

- Torrissi, O.** (2022). Wedding amidst war? Armed conflict and teen marriage in Azerbaijan. *European Journal of Population, Forthcoming*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10680-022-09645-0>
- Torrissi, O.** (2022). Young-age exposure to armed conflict and women's experiences of intimate partner violence. *Journal of Marriage and Family, Forthcoming*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12876>.
- Torrissi, O.** (2020). Armed Conflict and the Timing of Childbearing in Azerbaijan. *Population and Development Review*, 46(3), 501–556. <https://doi.org/10.1111/paDr12359>

- Karlinsky, A. and **Torrison, O.** (2022). The casualties of war: An excess mortality estimate of lives lost in the 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. *Under journal peer-review.*
- Perelli-Harris, B., **Torrison, O.**, Head., M., Brackstone, K., (2022). Demographic and household composition of refugee and internally-displaced Ukraine populations: findings from an online survey. *Under journal peer-review.*
- Aburto, J.M., Riffe T., Di Lego V., van Raalte A., **Torrison, O.**, Kashyap, R. (2022). The global contribution of violence to lifetime uncertainty. *Under journal peer-review.*
- Talani, L., **Torrison, O.**, Rosina, M., Monteleone, G., and Deliperi, R. (2022), Onward migration and the case of the Italo-Bangladeshi community's relocation to the United Kingdom, COMITES, *Forthcoming.*
- Murphy, M. Luy, M., **Torrison, O.** (2019). Stalling of mortality in the United Kingdom and Europe: an analytical review of the evidence. *LSE Social Policy Working Paper 11-19*, London: LSE Social Policy.
- Cetorelli, V., Ashraph, S., **Torrison, O.**, Ilyas, B. (2019). A demographic documentation of ISIS's attack on the Yazidi village of Kocho. *LSE Middle East Centre Reports*, London: LSE Middle East Centre Report.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- “The impact of early union formation on intimate partner violence in Colombia”.
- “Interview duration, participation and data quality in mortality-related mobile phone survey: a randomised trial in Malawi” with Helleringer, S. (NYUAD)
- “The impact of exposure to chronic high inflation on family outcomes” with Ozcan, B. (*LSE*) and Boertien, D. (*CED*)
- “Family transitions and the quality of intimate relationships in adolescent Syrian refugees in Jordan and Egypt” with Sieverding, M. (*American University of Beirut*)
- “Defining, identifying and estimating stateless populations: a review of the literature and expansion of methods” with Alexander, M. (*University of Toronto*) and UNHCR Expert Group on Statistics on Statelessness.
- “The impact of Covid-19 on disposable income and healthcare access in El Salvador” with Lagarde, M. (*LSE*)

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- “The impact of early union formation on intimate partner violence in Colombia”
- 2022 British Society for Population Studies Annual Conference. Session (Presenter, in person).
- “Young-age exposure to armed conflict and women's experiences of intimate partner violence”.
- 2022 Population Association of America (Presenter, in person)
 - 2022 Global Health Symposium, Medical University of South Carolina (Invited, online)
 - 2021 Population Health in Armed Conflict Network (Invited, online)
 - 2021 Asian Population Association. Session (Presenter, online).
 - 2021 British Society for Population Studies Annual Conference. Session (Presenter, online).

“Wedding amidst war? Armed conflict and teen marriage in Azerbaijan”.

- 2020 British Society for Population Studies Annual Conference. Session (Presenter, online).
- 2021 Population Association of America Annual Conference. Session (Presenter, online).

“Armed conflict and the timing of childbearing in Azerbaijan”.

- 2019 British Society for Population Studies Annual Conference, Cardiff. Session (Presenter).
- 2020 Population Association of America Annual Conference. Session (Presenter, online).
- 2020 European Population Conference, Padova. Session (Presenter). Cancelled due to Covid-19.

“Family formation in conflict: Exploring fertility change in Azerbaijan and Tajikistan”

- 2018 British Society for Population Studies Annual Conference, Winchester. Session (Presenter).

“Disability under occupation: a study of gender differences in mental and mobility disability in the Occupied Palestinian Territories”.

- 2018 British Society for Population Studies Annual Conference, Liverpool. Session (Presenter).

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Academic posts

2022	<i>Researcher for the Ukraine response initiative</i> , University of Southampton, UK.
2021	<i>Research Assistant</i> to Prof. Alexander, M. and Prof. Alexander, R., University of Toronto.
2020-2021	<i>Research Assistant</i> to Prof. Lagarde, LSE.
2020-2021	<i>Principal Researcher (quantitative methods)</i> , King’s College London and Italian Consulate in the UK.
2019	<i>Research Assistant</i> to Dr Samuel and Dr Lucivero, King’s College London and Oxford University.
2018-2019	<i>Research Assistant</i> to Prof. Murphy and Dr Luy, LSE and Vienna Institute of Demography.
2017-2019	<i>Research Assistant</i> to Dr Valeria Cetorelli, LSE Middle East Centre.
2014	<i>Research Associate</i> , American University of Beirut, Lebanon.

Other posts

2020-2022	<i>Consultant Junior Demographer</i> , Centre for Justice and Accountability (CJA), and LSE Middle East Centre.
2014-2019	<i>Research Consultant</i> , Garm Consulting Ltd, United Kingdom.
2015	<i>Research Intern</i> to Ambassador Lorenzo Fanara, Italian Embassy in the UK.
2014	<i>Intern</i> , Kayany Foundation, Beirut.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2019-2022 Graduate Teaching Assistant in *Quantitative Research Methods for Social Policy* (code: SP201), LSE.
- 2019-2020 Graduate Teaching Assistant in *Population Analysis: Methods and Models* (code: SP413), LSE.
- 2019 Invited lecturer in *Population and Development* (code: DV411), LSE.

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATES

- 2022 *Berkeley Annual Workshop on Formal Demography* (focus: estimation of Covid mortality), University of California, Berkeley.
- 2022 *Certification in Good Clinical Practice in Social and Behavioural Research*, National Institutes of Health (NIH).
- 2018 *Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods* (focus: Causal inference and Spatial analysis), University of Oxford.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2022 *Eleanor Will Fund Award, LSE* to support my research visit at UW-Madison.
- 2022 *Honorary Research Visit Award, UW-Madison.*
- 2021 *LSE Class Teacher Award* for outstanding teaching in the department of Social Policy.
- 2016 *Doctoral Studentships, UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).*
- 2018 *European Doctoral School of Demography Scholarship, Max Planck Institute in Rostock and University of Southern Denmark in Odense.*
- 2018 *Oxford Spring School Scholarship, University of Oxford.*
- 2016 *Brian Abel-Smith Prize* for the best MSc dissertation in the LSE Social Policy department.
- 2016 *Brian Abel-Smith Prize* for best overall performance in MSc Health, Population and Society.
- 2015 *Masters Studentship* (value £22,000), UK ESRC and Population Investigation Committee.
- 2014 *Certificat de Sciences Sociales et Humanities, Sciences Po.* in recognition of outstanding academic achievements.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

Membership: International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (2020-present); Population Association of America (2019-present); European Association for Population Studies (2019-present); British Society for Population Studies (2017-present); Asian Population Association (2020-present); Population Health in Armed Conflict Network (2021-present); Household in Conflict Network (2021- present); Italian Association for Population Studies (2021-present).

Peer Review for: *Demography, Population and Development Review, European Journal of Population, Health and Place.*

Conference Chair/Organiser:

Session Chair “Context in early life and adolescence: reproductive and family planning outcomes”.
Population Association of America 2022 Annual Conference, Atlanta.

Session Organiser “Armed conflict and population processes”.
British Society for Population Studies 2022 Annual Conference, Winchester.

Session Chair “Family and households: Intergenerational effects”.
British Society for Population Studies 2019 Annual Conference, Cardiff.

OTHER SERVICE

President King’s College London Italian Society (2013-2015); President LSESU Italian Society (2015-2017).

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Software	STATA, R, LaTeX, QGIS, ArcGis, Excel
Languages	Italian (native), English (full professional), French (intermediate), Spanish (basic).
Other	Quantitative and qualitative data collection methods, survey methodology

REFERENCES

[Berkay Özcan](#)

Associate Professor of Economic and Social Demography
Department of Social Policy and School of Public Policy, LSE

[Arjan Gjonca](#)

Associate Professor of Demography
Department of International Development, LSE

[José Manuel Aburto](#), Ph.D

Newton International Fellow
Nuffield College, Oxford University

[Valeria Cetorelli](#), Ph.D

Head of Refugee Registration and Eligibility Services
The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East