

# Olga Tałasiewicz

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## Education

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**Vienna University of Economics and Business** 2026 – ongoing  
PhD in Economics

**Universität Heidelberg** 2024 – 2026  
MSc Economics; Development Economics Track  
Grade: 1.1  
Thesis: *Foreign Aid and Female Empowerment in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Shift-Share Instrumental Variable Approach*

**University College London** 2020 – 2024  
BA European Social and Political Studies; Specialism in Economics  
Grade: First Class Honours

## Work Experience

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**Research Assistant** October 2025 – September 2026  
*Leibniz University Hannover*

- Working as a part-time Student Research Assistant
- Conducting literature reviews; working with Stata and R

**Research Assistant** January 2025 – June 2026  
*ZEW – Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research*  
*Labour Markets and Social Insurance Department*

- Working on a project evaluating the effects of digital education on the empowerment of girls with a migration background
- Conducting literature reviews and school-based surveys
- Cleaning survey data and preparing data visualisations in R

**Part-Time Analyst** September 2022 – May 2023  
*CORIOLIS Green Investment Solutions*

- Focused on M&A deals in renewable energy across Europe
- Prepared pitch and presentation materials, and company, project, and industry analyses
- Supported research and business development activities

## Skills and Languages

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**Skills:** Stata, R, Microsoft Office

**Languages:** Polish (native), English (proficient – C2), German (advanced – C1)

## Research Interests

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Development Economics; Labor Economics; Applied Microeconomics