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I cover communications on animal health for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. I develop strategy for news output and stakeholder engagement to support our work with more than 120 countries to prevent, detect and respond to animal diseases and related health threats.

While studying Maths and Philosophy at Oxford, a summer internship at the BBC Horizon programme inspired me to work in science communication. I spent five years in UK Learned Societies, including overseeing media relations for the Royal Society's ten scientific journals. At the Royal Society of Biology, I covered media for policy reports including on agricultural policy and genome editing, and organized the annual Biology Week festival to inspire public connection with the natural world and garner political support for research and development. I spent a couple of years as a freelance science journalist in Tokyo and The Hague, reporting on research around nuclear power, stem cells and drug delivery.

I am interested in the ethics of scientific progress – where research pursues the most effective ways to relieve suffering, whether human, animal or environmental – and the important role of science communication.