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Jason is an Associate Professor of economics at the University of South Carolina and a core maintainer of the open source models Cost-of-Capital-Calculator, Tax-Calculator, and [OG–USA](OG–USA), which model business taxes and macroeconomic effects of tax policy, respectively.

- Attended the Econometric Society's Dynamic Structural Estimation Summer School and Conference on the topic of machine learning for solving and estimating structural models in Lausanne, Switzerland
- Began contract with the United Nations to provide online training materials and on-site workshops for four countries over the next two years

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Max Ghenis
Max is co-founder of PolicyEngine and a core maintainer of their open source projects, including the `policyengine-us` tax-benefit microsimulation model.

- Provided technical support to the People's Policy Project in their PolicyEngine-centered analysis of the Rep. Rashida Tlaib's End Child Poverty Act.
- Presented PolicyEngine at HacDC, DC's largest hackerspace.

Jonathan Pycroft

Jon is an economic modeler and public finance economist based in Seville, Spain. He has experience building and working with computable general equilibrium models, overlapping generations models, and microsimulation models of tax and pension policies in Europe and Africa.

- Prepared tax and benefit functions for a selection of EU countries as part of a Euromod project to make such estimations publicly available.