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EDUCATION

PhD Candidate in Economics

August 2019 - Present

European University Institute, Florence

Supervisors: Thomas F. Crossley and David K. Levine

Visiting Scholar

January 2022 - May 2022

University of California, Berkeley

Host: Enrico Moretti

MRs in Economics

August 2019 - July 2020

European University Institute, Florence

MSc in Economics and Finance

September 2017 - July 2018

Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Barcelona

Bachelor in Economics

September 2013 - July 2017

University of the Basque Country, Bilbao

Erasmus Exchange Program at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (2016-2017)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics, Urban Economics, Family Economics, Gender Economics

WORK IN PROGRESS

Children and Relationship Quality

Joint with Belén Rodríguez (EUI)

“We study the impact of having a child on the relationship quality of couples. First child birth greatly and persistently reduces relationship quality, both for fathers and mothers. We argue that this effect is induced by a reduction in the amount of time spent together and the reallocation of time spent across housework and employment. Preliminary evidence on a Shared Parental Leave suggests that policies encouraging fathers to assume housework responsibilities can mitigate the negative impact of childbirth on relationship quality.”

Until the City Do Us Part: Relationship Quality and Marriage Market Size

Joint with Ana Moreno (UC3M) and Belén Rodríguez (EUI)

“In this project, we exploit geographical differences in marriage markets to unveil the main determinants of relationship quality as well as couple formation and dissolution. Using data for the United Kingdom, we show that big cities are characterized by a larger proportion of singles and by a lower stability of newly formed couples as compared to small cities. However, we also find that the risk of couple dissolution decreases faster in bigger cities and that the relationship quality of couples deteriorates at a slower pace. We then build a dynamic quantitative model of couple formation and dissolution that allows us to account for the endogeneity of location decisions and to quantify the importance of each mechanism in resulting relationship quality.”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PhD level - European University Institute

- 2022-2023 Economic Measurement
Teaching Assistant to Prof. Sule Alan & Prof. Thomas Crossley
- 2021-2022 Statistics and Econometrics II - Econometric Models for Micro Data
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- 2020-2021 Statistics and Econometrics II - Econometric Models for Micro Data
Teaching Assistant to Prof. Sule Alan

Graduate - Florence School of Banking and Finance

- 2021-2022 Panel Data for Banking Sector Analysis
Teaching Assistant to Prof. Jeffrey Wooldridge
- 2020-2021 Panel Data for Banking Sector Analysis
Teaching Assistant to Prof. Jeffrey Wooldridge

Undergraduate - New York University Florence

- 2022-2023 Econometrics
Teaching Assistant to Prof. Giampiero Gallo

Undergraduate - Universitat Pompeu Fabra

- 2017-2018 Teaching Assistant for Macroeconomics II, Business Organization and Administration II,
Economics and Analytical Instruments for the Study of Law (Statistics and Game Theory)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

- 2018-2019 Research Assistant to Prof. Monica Martinez-Bravo
Centro de Estudios Monetarios y Fincancieros (CEMFI), Madrid
- 2014-2015 Research Assistant to Prof. Juan Ramón Murua
University of the Basque Country, Bilbao

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2022 US Department Visiting Grant, European University Institute
- 2019-2023 Beca Salvador de Madariaga, Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation & University
- 2019 Beca del Banco de España (*declined due to scholarship incompatibility*)
- 2017-2018 Teaching Assistant Scholarship, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- 2017 Half tuition waiver, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- 2017 Academic Excellence Award, University of the Basque Country
- 2016 Erasmus Scholarship, European Commission
- 2013 Academic Excellence Award, Basque Government

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2020-2021 Co-organizer, Microeconometrics Working Group, EUI

OTHER SKILLS

Languages:

English (fluent), Spanish (native), Basque (native), Italian (intermediate), German (basic)

Programming Skills:

Stata, Matlab, Python, R, Latex