

CONSTANZA ABUIN

mabuin@g.harvard.edu

718-877-9801

<https://sites.harvard.edu/constanza-abuin>



HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Littauer Center #223
1805 Cambridge St
Cambridge MA 02138

Placement Director: Jeremy Stein
Placement Director: Gabriel Chodorow-Reich
Administrative Director: Brenda Piquet

jeremy_stein@harvard.edu
chodorowreich@fas.harvard.edu
bpiquet@harvard.edu

617-496-6455
617-496-3226
617-495-8927

Education

Harvard University

Ph.D., Economics, 2019 to 2025 (expected)

Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina

M.A., Economics, 2017

Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

B.A., Economics, 2011 to 2016

Fields

Environmental Economics
International Trade
Industrial Organization

References

Professor Pol Antràs
pantras@fas.harvard.edu

Professor Myrto Kalouptsi
myrto@g.harvard.edu

Professor James Stock
james.stock@harvard.edu

Professor Marc Melitz
mmelitz@harvard.edu

Fellowships & Awards

Harvard Environmental Economics Program Fellowship, 2024
Dartmouth Globalization PhD Fellowship, 2024
Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Weatherhead Center, 2023
Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, 2021-2023

Teaching

Advanced Topics in International Trade, Harvard, teaching fellow for Professors Pol Antràs and Marc Melitz, 2023-2024
Graduate International Trade, Harvard, teaching fellow for Professor Elhanan Helpman, 2023
Intermediate Microeconomics, Harvard, teaching fellow for Prof. Marc Melitz, 2022
Intermediate Microeconomics, Harvard, teaching fellow for Prof. Maxim Boycko, 2021
Economics and Design, University of Buenos Aires (UBA), co-instructor, 2021-2022
Industrial Organization, UBA, teaching fellow for Prof. Fernando Navajas, 2016-2017
Intermediate Macroeconomics, UBA, teaching fellow for Professor Martín Rapetti, 2015-2016

Employment

Central Bank of Chile, Summer Visiting Scholar, 2021
International Trade Commission of Argentina, Senior Advisor to the President, 2018-2019

Research

Research Assistant, Harvard University, Professor James Stock, 2023-2024
Research Assistant, Harvard University, Professor Myrto Kalouptsi, 2022
Research Assistant, Harvard University, Professor Marc Melitz, 2020

Job Market Paper

“Power Decarbonization in a Global Energy Market: The Climate Effect of U.S. LNG Exports”

Investment in clean power depends on the price of internationally traded fossil fuels. To what extent can major fossil fuel exporters like the U.S. influence global electricity decarbonization through their trade policy? To answer this question, I develop and estimate a dynamic, multi-

country model of power asset investment, where the carbon intensity of electricity generation is affected by the entry and exit of plants using alternative fuels and the local price of fossil inputs is determined in a global trade equilibrium. Using this model, I assess the climate impact of granting federal approval to all proposed U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminal projects, which would double U.S. export capacity by 2030. Results indicate a net decrease in global emissions through 2070, primarily due to higher local gas prices in the U.S., leading to lower domestic gas generation and accelerated renewable adoption. In the rest of the world, short-term emissions fall as reliance on coal drops, yet delayed renewable uptake drives long-term emissions up. Combining the LNG expansion with carbon policies in importing countries substantially boosts carbon savings. Conversely, reverting LNG capacity to baseline by 2050 shows little impact, underscoring the risk of carbon lock-in in settings with long-lived infrastructure.

Working Papers

“Firm-to-firm Bargaining in Domestic Networks”, joint with Anhua Chen and Federico Huneus (third-year paper)

How do foreign input shocks affect the prices and markups negotiated within a network of domestic firms? We study this question by combining detailed firm transaction data from Chile with an industry equilibrium model of price-setting in the presence of two-sided market power. We first document patterns on the relationship between bilateral supplier and buyer shares and prices in firm-to-firm transaction networks. Suppliers charge lower prices to their largest buyers, and input buyers receive higher prices from their key suppliers. To understand the equilibrium effects of an international trade shock on a domestic network, we perform empirical simulations on a network that replicates the main features of the Chilean economy and behaves under the price-setting assumptions of our model. We find that, in the face of a 16% simulated increase in foreign input costs, the markups of domestic inputs increase by 1.2% on average. This average increase masks significant heterogeneity across input suppliers, with small but dedicated input domestic suppliers increasing their markups by almost twice as much as the average response.

“Does it matter where and what I study? Evidence from the oil price crash in Canada”, joint with Pascuel Plotkin

We estimate the impact of a labour demand shock on Canadian recently graduated bachelor students. We leverage a unique Canadian administrative data that features links between individuals post-secondary education and their tax-files. We estimate that a standard deviation increase in school-major specific labour demand, increased earnings immediately in a magnitude between 2.3 and 2.6 log points, with persistent and increasing effects throughout the oil shock. Additionally, the labour demand shock had effects on other labour market outcomes such as unemployment or self-employment. In terms of schooling, school-major specific labour demand had a positive effect on dropouts, which remarks the importance of considering the outside option of students when studying school enrollment.

Academic Service

Workshop organizer, Harvard University International Economics Lunch, 2021-2024

Research Grants

Research Grant, Harvard Methane Initiative, 2024-2025

Grant for Environmental Economics Research, Development Bank of Latin America, 2022

Structural Transformation and Economic Growth Small Research Grant, Center for Economic and Policy Research, 2021

Languages

Spanish (native), English (fluent)

Personal information

Citizenships: Argentina, Italy. Born: 1992