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Research Interests

Macroeconomics, inequality and climate change

EDUCATION

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London Business School	2019 - present
PhD in Economics, Advisor: Paolo Surico	
• Visiting student at NYU - March-May 2024	
UCL	2018 - 2019
MSc in Economics • Distinction	
University of Cambridge, Peterhouse	2013 - 2016

Working papers and projects

BA in Economics • First

Inequalities in insuring climate risk (JMP)

Presentations: LBS, NYU Student Lunch

Non-essential Business Cycles with Michele Andreolli and Paolo Surico

Presentations: PSE Macro Days, Barcelona School of Economics Summer Forum*, CREi/UPF*, Boston College*, LBS, Norges Bank*, EWMES, SEA*, RES*, ECB ChaMP Conference*, Midwest Macro, NASM of the Econometric Society, SED and NBERSI (Monetary Economics)*

Using newly constructed time series of consumption, prices and earnings in essential and non-essential sectors, we document three main empirical regularities on post-WWII U.S. data: (i) spending on non-essentials is more sensitive to the business-cycle than spending on essentials; (ii) earnings in non-essential sectors are more cyclical than in essential sectors; (iii) low-earners are more likely to work in non-essential industries. We develop and estimate a structural model with non-homothetic preferences over two expenditure goods, hand-to-mouth consumers and heterogeneity in labour productivity that is consistent with these findings. We use the model to revisit the transmission of monetary policy and find that the interaction of cyclical product demand composition and cyclical labour demand composition greatly amplifies business-cycle fluctuations.

The Green Transition in a Putty-Clay model of Capital with Simon Gilchrist and Joseba Martinez Presentations: NYU Stern Macro lunch*, CREi/UPF*, Imperial*

How are economic models adapting to rising inequality and the pandemic? with Ben Moll

OTHER WRITING

For Economics Observatory [here]	
Other positions and experience	
TA for PhD Macro I for Joseba Martinez, Ralph Luetticke, Chris House	2020 - 2022
LBS PhD co-representative	2021 - 2023
LBS Transatlantic Doctoral Conference Economics co-organiser	2021 - 2022
RA and TA to Paolo Surico	2020, 2023
FX Strategist and Research Analyst BNP Paribas	2016 - 2019
Summer Intern BNP Paribas	2012

2021

^{* =} Presentations by co-authors

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Sir James Ball Award annual award to one LBS PhD student, £10,000
- LBS PhD scholarship
- UCL Dean's List 2020
- Cambridge: William Stone Award and Peterhouse Economics prize

External Courses

- \bullet EABCN Training School on Continuous-time Methods in Macroeconomics (Jesus Fernandez-Villaverde and Galo Nuno) 2020
- EABCN Training School on Climate Change and its Effects on Macro/Monetary Policy (Per Krusell and John Hassler) 2022

SKILLS

• Matlab, Python, R, Stata, Dynare