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## Education

### PhD Candidate in Economics, Political Science

Nov 2024 - Present

Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) DIGITAL)

Project: Explainable AI (XAI) and sustainable finance

### Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree Economics for the Global Transition (EPOG+)

Track: Socioeconomic and Ecological Economics

Sept 2022 - Sept 2024

- (Year 2) **Master Analyse et politique économique**, Sorbonne Université, University Paris Cité, and Université de Technologie de Compiègne (UTC), Paris, France
- (Year 1) **Laurea Magistrale in Scienze Economiche**, Università degli studi Roma Tre, Rome, Italy

*Thesis: Assessing Fintech and Blockchain Affordances in Community Currencies: The Case of Sarafu Network in Kenya*

### Academic Fellow, Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development

University of Connecticut (Storrs), Connecticut, United States

Sep 2020 - Jun 2021

- One of 5 Filipinos selected for a fully-funded fellowship by the U.S. State Department

### BS in Economics

Aug 2014 - Jun 2018

University of the Philippines - Los Baños (UPLB), Laguna, Philippines

Major: Development Economics

*Thesis: Efficient Market Hypothesis: Evidence from the Bitcoin Market (2010-2017)*

## Research Experience

### Visiting Researcher, Grassroots Economics, Kilifi, Kenya

Apr 2024 - May 2024

- Immerse for 2-months with different indigenous groups practicing Mweria, an ancient tradition of rotational labor
- Conduct interviews with Grassroots Economics staff and women-majority beneficiaries to investigate the role and impact of technology like mobile phones and blockchain in facilitating solidarity finance and addressing ecological issues
- Assist as a participant observer in various community activities such as debt clearing meetings and mangrove restoration projects

### Research Assistant, Ateneo School of Government, Quezon City, Philippines

Apr 2021 - Feb 2022

Department: Business and Government portfolio

- Co-author of 3 economics research manuscripts and developed case study criteria and list of focus group discussion questions
- Constructed methodological framework and checked the integrity of empirical models
- Applied for ethics clearances and fulfilled progress reports for funders
- Mentored a research intern in literature review and exploratory data analysis

## Public Sector Experience

### Economist III

Philippine Competition Commission, *Quezon City Philippines*

Mar 2022 - Aug 2022

*Economics Office*

- Act as Lead Economist for 1 case and as Support Economist for 3 others to examine anti-competitive conduct and assess its impact on consumers, businesses, and society
- Processed sales ledgers of rice millers with over 150,000 data points and plotted in a choropleth map using interactive visualization tools to aid in unfair pricing case in agriculture
- Regularly conduct economic analysis and undercover investigations on market size/power and competitive landscape of various industries including agriculture, manufacturing, and real estate

### Financial Analyst III

Department of Finance, *Manila City Philippines*

Aug 2019 - Apr 2021

*International Finance Group*

- Created an automated dashboard using Google Sheets to visualize Philippine fiscal requirements for COVID-19 of over US\$20 billion worth of Official Development Assistance
- Conducted financial analysis to secure 20+ grant and loan agreements with the EU
- Provided data-driven insights combined with political and economic research to high-level Philippine officials including the Secretary of Finance and the President

## Data Science Experience

### Data Literacy Education Specialist, Remote (Philippines)

Eskwelabs (*Part-time*)

May 2022 - Jul 2022

- Refine and further enhance the course curriculum, activities, user experiences, processes, and technology recommendations
- Develop educational prototypes and execution of education experiments at scale
- Support and give recommendations on the prioritization of technical feature development
- Teach Live Exercises on data visualization and data cleaning to home-based moms

### Technical Project Manager, Remote (Philippines)

Eskwelabs (*Part-time*)

Jan 2022 - Apr 2022

- Lead a data team of 4 members to deploy solutions for a partner company and head meetings with the data scientist to discuss and resolve dataset issues
- Provide technical guidance in SQL, data visualization, and the AARRR framework
- Use the agile methodology in accomplishing the prescribed data products, i.e., Profit and Loss and Growth Funnel dashboard

### Data Analytics Mentor, Remote (Philippines)

Eskwelabs (*Part-time*)

Sep 2021 - Dec 2021

- Acts as a technical coach to a group of 4 students from both corporate and individual enrollees of the Bootcamp discussing lessons on data cleaning, visualization, dashboard management, and SQL
- Conduct breakout room discussions where students answer up to 9 live exercises per week

### Data Analyst

Coins.ph, *Pasig, City, Philippines*

Jul 2018 - Jul 2019

- Perform econometric analysis to forecast Bitcoin spreads, analyze anti-money laundering risks
- Built a data dictionary to standardize definitions of variables used in real-time transactions of over 5 million customers
- Ensured data integrity in the Business Intelligence platform containing 200 dashboards using alerts based on SQL conditions

## Honors and Awards

- **Summa Cum Laude** Sep 2024  
Erasmus Mundus EPOG+
- **Best Graduate Thesis (Socioeconomic and Ecological Economics)** Jul 2024  
Erasmus Mundus EPOG+
- **Research Grant Awardee** Jan 2024  
University Paris Cité Outgoing Mobility Program (Kenya)
- **Erasmus Mundus Scholar (Partner Country)** Mar 2022  
European Union
- **Best Undergraduate Thesis in Economics** Jun 2018  
University of the Philippines - Los Baños

## Publications in Progress

- **Evite, P.** “*Moneywork and Affordances: The Case of Sarafu Network in Kenya.*” (under peer review)
- Torio, P., Feliciano, P., Martinez, E., and **Evite, P.** “*Land Value Capture for Transportation Projects: A Case Study of the MRT-3 Project in Metro Manila*” (under peer review)
- Torio, P., Feliciano, P., Gavieta, R., Sia, R., Brescia, C., **Evite, P.** “*Building Data-driven Customs Governance Tools: A Discussion on Methodological Framework*” (manuscript in preparation)
- Torio, P., Feliciano, P., Gavieta, R., Sia, R., Brescia, C., **Evite, P.** “*Marginal Propensity to Import as a Forecaster*” (manuscript in preparation)

## Presentations

- **(Oral) Research Association on Monetary Innovation and Community and Complementary Currency Systems (RAMICS)**  
Session: Digital  
Title: Moneywork and Affordances behind Community Currencies: The Case of Sarafu Network in Kenya  
November 8, 2024 | Rome, Italy
- **(Oral) European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)**  
Session: Technology Beyond the Western World  
Title: The Digital Transformation of Community Currencies: An Ethnographic Exploration of the Sarafu Network in Kenya  
July 25, 2024 | Barcelona, Spain and Virtual
- **(Oral/Panel) Association for Heterodox Economics Conference**  
Session: Reassessing Developmentalism in the Global Periphery  
Title: Financial Inclusion and Solidarity Economy Initiatives in Kenya  
July 10-12, 2024 | University of the West of England Bristol, United Kingdom
- **(Poster) Italian Association for the History of Political Economy Pre-Conference**  
Title: Impact of Blockchain Technology on Solidarity Finance  
June 26-27, 2024  
University of Milan Department of Historical Studies, Italy
- **(Oral) 59th Philippine Economic Society (PES) Annual Meeting and Conference**  
Session: National Economic and Development Authority’s AmBisyon Natin 2040 in the New Normal  
Title: Youth’s Perspectives on Long-Term Vision of the Philippines  
November 12, 2021 | [Virtual](#)
- **(Oral) 59th Philippine Economic Society (PES) Annual Meeting and Conference**  
Session: Better Governance for Economic Recovery: Enhancing Public Policy through Institution Building and Effective Legislation

*Title:* Land Value Capture for Transportation Projects: A Case Study of the MRT-3 Project  
November 10, 2021 | [Virtual](#)

- **(Poster) 2018 Asian Undergraduate Research Symposium**

*Session:* Business and Economics Stream

*Title:* Efficient Market Hypothesis: Evidence from the Bitcoin Market (2010-2017)

October 14, 2018 | Tokyo, Japan

## Affiliations

- **Association for Heterodox Economics** Jul 2024 - Present
- **Institute for New Economic Thinking - Young Scholars Initiative** June 2024 - Present
- **Rethinking Economics** Aug 2020 - Present
- **Philippine Economics Society** Dec 2019 - Present

## Non-profit Work

**Scientific and Program Committee Volunteer**, Philippine Economics Society Apr 2024 - Present

- Took part in the planning, preparations, and conduct of the 62nd Philippine Economics Society Annual Meeting and Conference in November 2024
- Reviewed total of 41 paper abstracts and 6 panel submissions with average of 3 papers each
- Recommended non-academic plenary contacts and added "Economics of Gender" and "Sustainable Economic Development" in the conference sub-themes to reflect pressing issues

**Founder and Chief Economist**, Ekonsepto (Rethinking Economics Philippines) May 2020 - Present

- Founded non-profit organization aiming to expand economic literacy in the Philippines through de-jargoned infographics and accessible educational events
- Established organizational structure to accommodate both operational and editorial needs
- Received funding from the U.S. Embassy in Manila, Makesense Academy Asia, and Netzwerk Plurale Ökonomik e.V.

## Skills

- **Statistical Softwares and Programming:** R (*Advanced*); Python (*Beginner*); STATA (*Intermediate*), Structured Query Language (SQL) in PostgreSQL and Google Big Query (*Advanced*)
- **Business Intelligence Platforms:** Sisense Data (*Advanced*), Microsoft Power BI (*Intermediate*), Google Data Studio (*Beginner*)
- **Language:** Italian (*A2*), French (*A1*), English (*Native/ IELTS 8.5/9.0*), Filipino (*Native*)