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Positions

Assistant professor at the Department of Economics at UFPE (2023 - present) Post-doctoral researcher at the Department of Economics at PUC-Rio (2018 - 2023) Operational coordinator at the Data Zoom (2019 - 2023)

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. excellent cum laude in Economics at University of Barcelona (2018). Thesis title: Essays on Brazilian Political Economy. Thesis committee: Claudio Ferraz, Gianmarco León, and Pilar Sorribas. Visiting Ph.D student at University of Warwick (UK)- Fall 2016. Supervisors: Amedeo Piolatto, Albert Solé-Ollé.
- Master in Economics at PIMES/UFPE (2013). Supervisor: Raul Silveira-Neto.
- Bachelor in Economics at Federal University of Pernambuco (2010).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Drought-Reliefs and Partisanship. Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, 2023 https://doi.org/10.1111/obes.12560 (with F. Boffa, A. Piolatto & C. Fons-Rosen) Voxeu: New insights on distributive politics from a new way to measure aridity GitHub repository: https://github.com/FranciscoCavalcanti/Drought-reliefs-and-Partisanship

Popularity Shocks and Political Selection. Journal of Public Economics, 2018 165, 201-216, ISSN 0047-2727 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2018.07.011. (with G. Daniele & S. Galletta)

Grants and Scholarships

ESRC UK-Brazil global talent exchange scheme (2025). CAPES - post-doctoral fellow (2018 - 2023). GRANT - Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness / Government of Spain (ECO2015-68311-R). PI: Albert Solé-Ollé (2016 - 2018). APIF - UB Ph.D Scholarship (2015 - 2018). IEB Ph.D Scholarship - Barcelona Economic Institute (2014 - 2015). GRANT - Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness / Government of Spain (ECO2012-37131). PI: Albert Solé-Ollé (2013 - 2015). CNPq Scholarship - Ministry of Education of Brazil (2013 - 2013). CNPq Master Scholarship - Ministry of Education of Brazil (2011 - 2013)

Working Papers

Do Landslides Impact Urbanization Patterns? Evidence from Brazilian Cities (with R. Lima & P. Alves)

Climate Change, Droughts, and Agricultural Productivity (with S. Helfand & A. Moreira)

Natural Disasters Support Authoritarian Populism: Evidence From the Brazilian Shrimp Vote (with D. Baerlocher, R. Caldas & R. Schneider)

Ignorance is bliss: voter education and alignment in distributive politics. *IEB Working Paper 2021/07* (with F. Boffa & A. Piolatto)

Voters sometimes provide the wrong incentives. The lesson of the Brazilian drought industry. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.2.17392.35844

Creative Class, Human Capital, and Urban Dynamism: Empirical Evidence for the Brazilian Cities. (with R. Silveira-Neto)

TECHNICAL REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Desigualdades no Mercado de Trabalho por Raça: Evidências para a Amazônia Legal (with Francisco Cavalcanti & Gustavo Gonzaga)
Projeto Amazônia 2030, No. 42, June 2022, p. 42

Desigualdades no Mercado de Trabalho por Gênero: Evidências para a Amazônia Legal (with Francisco Cavalcanti & Gustavo Gonzaga) Projeto Amazônia 2030, No. 36, April 2022, p. 42

Dinamismo de Emprego e Renda na Amazônia Legal: Ocupações Qualificadas e de Liderança (with Flávia Alfenas, Francisco Cavalcanti & Gustavo Gonzaga)
Projeto Amazônia 2030, No. 15, August 2021

Dinamismo de Emprego e Renda na Amazônia Legal: Setor Serviços (with Flávia Alfenas, Francisco Cavalcanti & Gustavo Gonzaga) Projeto Amazônia 2030, No. 14, August 2021

Dinamismo de Emprego e Renda na Amazônia Legal: Setor Público (with Flávia Alfenas, Francisco Cavalcanti & Gustavo Gonzaga) Projeto Amazônia 2030, No. 13, August 2021

Dinamismo de Emprego e Renda na Amazônia Legal: Agropecuária (with Flávia Alfenas, Francisco Cavalcanti & Gustavo Gonzaga) Projeto Amazônia 2030, No. 10, August 2021

Mercado de Trabalho na Amazônia Legal: Uma Análise Comparativa com o Resto do Brasil (with Flávia Alfenas, Francisco Cavalcanti & Gustavo Gonzaga) Projeto Amazônia 2030, November 2020, p. 68

Conferences, Workshops, and Seminars

2024 - Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics SIOE and Ronald Coase Institute Alumni Conference (Chicago, EUA), PIMES/UFPE Economics Seminars (Recife, Brazil) 2023 - PIMES/UFPE Economics Seminars (Recife, Brazil), PPGE/UFPB Economics Seminar (João Pessoa, Brazil). 2022 - LACEA-LAMES (Lima, Peru). 2021 - 2º Workshop AMZ 2030 (Belém, Brazil). 2020 - FEA-USP Economics Seminars (Online), UCB Economics Seminars (Online). 2019 - PIMES/UFPE Economics Seminars (Recife, Brazil), Ronald Coase Workshop on Institutional Analysis (Warsaw, Poland). 2018 - Higher School of Economics (HSE) (Moscow, Russia), Carioca Workshop on Political Economy (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), SBE - Brazilian Econometric Society (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil). 2017 - SAEe Spanish Economic Association (Barcelona, Spain), PIMES/UFPE Economics Seminars (Recife, Brazil), LACEA-LAMES (Buenos Aires, Argentina). 2016 - CWIP Seminar / University of Warwick (Coventry, UK), Workshop on The Political Economy of Federalism and Local Development (Bruneck, Italy), Conference on Development Economics and Policy (Heidelberg, Germany), PIMES/UFPE Economics Seminars (Recife, Brazil), IEB Seminars (Barcelona, Spain), Lisbon Meeting on Institutions and Political Economy (Lisbon, Portugal). 2015 - Workshop on PhD in Economics of UB (Barcelona, Spain), Summer School in Development Economics (Garda, Italy). 2014 - VII Italian Doctoral Workshop in Empirical Economics (Turin, Italy), PIMES/UFPE Economics Seminars (Recife, Brazil), IEB Seminars (Barcelona, Spain)

TEACHING

Undergraduate

Monetary Economics	2024 - 2023	UFPE
Microeconomics	2024 - 2024	UFPE
Introduction in Economics	2024 - 2024	UFPE
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Political Economy 2017 - 2017 University of Barcelona Fundamentals of Taxation 2015 - 2017 University of Barcelona

Macroeconomics 2013 - 2013 Federal University of Pernambuco

Macroeconomics 2012 - 2012 UFRPE

Academic and research activities

Referee Service: Economia, British Journal of Political Science, The Economic Journal, The Review of Economics and Statistics

Organizer Committee: Economics Ph.D Seminar of UB (2014 - 2016), Micro Applied Seminar of PUC-Rio (2019 - 2020), LACEA (2025)