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EDUCATION

MA in Economics, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella

Mar 2020 - present

GPA: 9.75/10

Bachelor in Economics, Universidad Nacional de La Plata

Mar 2015 - Dec 2019

GPA: 9.63/10 - *summa cum laude*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

RA to Prof. Juan Pablo Nicolini Universidad Torcuato Di Tella

Nov 2022 - present

I am responsible for helping Prof. Nicolini with collection and analysis of data and literature reviews.

RA to Prof. Emilio Espino Universidad Torcuato Di Tella

Mar 2021 - present

I am responsible for helping Prof. Espino with the computation and quantitative analysis of macroeconomic models as well as the collection and analysis of data and literature reviews.

RA in CEDLAS Universidad Nacional de La Plata

Jul 2018 - Jul 2019

I was responsible for helping on the collection and analysis of data and literature reviews at Centro de Estudios Distributivos, Laborales y Sociales (CEDLAS) under the direction of Prof. Leonardo Gasparini.

RESEARCH WORK

Dollarization and Default Risk in Emerging Economies (work in progress)

I develop an open economy model with money and non-enforceable foreign debt to study how dollarization can affect default incentives in emerging economies. The adoption of a foreign currency demands for changes in real balances to be financed through either trade surplus or foreign debt. I compare default incentives between a dollarized regime and a benchmark non-dollarized regime and show that the effect of dollarization is twofold: it increases default incentives in low income and high debt states while it decreases default incentives in high income and low debt states. Additionally, I perform a quantitative analysis on Ecuador which dollarized in 2000 and show that dollarization played a role in increasing its default incentives.

Appendix D: Espino (WP), Enforceable Full Risk Sharing in Village Economies with **Emilio Espino**

We set forth the methodology for the quantitative analysis in the main paper. We consider a two-types of symmetric agents and model idiosyncratic labor endowment process as a stochastic share of a stochastic aggregate endowment. We calibrate the parameters for these processes with data from the Townsend Thai Survey. Finally, we simulate the model to generate series of individual capital, investment and cash-flow and perform investment sensitivity analysis.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Universidad Torcuato Di Tella

Microeconomics (MA in Economics admissions course)

Oct 2022 - present

Lecturer

Probability Theory (graduate) TA to Lara Sánchez Peña	Mar 2022 - present
Topics in Macroeconomics (undergraduate) TA to Prof. Juan Pablo Nicolini & Prof. Constantino Hevia	Aug 2021 - present
Money and Banking (undergraduate) TA to Prof. Pablo E. Guidotti & Prof. Francisco J. Ciochini	Mar 2021 - present
Introductory Economics: Macro (undergraduate) TA to Prof. Marzia Raybaudi Massilia	Aug 2020 - Dec 2020
Introductory Economics: Macro (law undergraduate) TA to Prof. Darío Judzik	Mar 2020 - Jul 2020

Universidad Nacional de La Plata

Industrial Organization (undergraduate) TA to Prof. Fernando Navajas & Prof. Walter Cont	Aug 2019 - Dec 2019
Econometrics (undergraduate) TA to Prof. Walter Sosa Escudero & Prof. Mariana Marchionni	Mar 2019 - Jul 2019
Mathematics (undergraduate) TA to Prof. Oscar A. Barraza	Jul 2018 - Dec 2018
Introductory Economics (undergraduate) TA to Prof. Roberto Simiand	Mar 2017 - Jul 2017

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit-based scholarship for the MA in Economics - Universidad Torcuato Di Tella

Scholarship for the MA in Economics based on academic performance in admission testing.

Manuel Belgrano Prize - Universidad Nacional de La Plata

Highest GPA in the class of 2019 within the Faculty of Economic Sciences at Universidad Nacional de La Plata.

Pedro Palacios Prize - Municipality of La Plata

Highest GPA in secondary education

SKILLS

Software MATLAB, Julia, Python, Stata, EViews, Git, \LaTeX

Languages Spanish (native)
English (advanced) - Certificate of Proficiency in English (C2), Cambridge University
German (intermediate)
French (intermediate) - DELF A2, Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale, République Française
Chinese (basic) - HSK (Level 2) Chinese Proficiency Test, Confucius Institute (Hanban)