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EDUCATION

University of California, Davis

Davis, CA

PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics

2011 - 2018

Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas

Mexico City, Mexico

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MS in Economics

2008 - 2010

EXPERIENCE

The World Bank Development Data Group (DECDG)

Washington, DC

Junior Data Scientist

May 2021 - Present

- World Development Indicators (WDI): Manage the curation, maintenance, update, and documentation of World Bank's Environmental portfolio in the WDI, which includes:
 - Food, agriculture, fish production, land cover, and deforestation indicators by country, with updates automated as new data becomes available using FAO's FAOSTAT API.
 - Greenhouse gas emissions by country, gas, and sector, updated each year from the Climate Watch's historical emissions database.
 - Energy and electricity production and consumption indicators by country, per capita, and by fuel source.
 - Biodiversity protection indicators related to the establishment of land and marine protected areas, updated each year in synchrony with the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA).
 - Calculation of global, national, and sub-national sea-level rise vulnerability indicators including percentage of land and population within 5 meters elevation using digital elevation models.
 - Other indicators that monitor progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 6 on water, SDG 7 on energy, SDG 13 on climate change, SDG 14 on oceans, and SDG 15 on life on forests).
 - For all of these, communicate indicator's current methodology and changes in a shared repository, especially concerning handling of missing data and outliers, and the creation of aggregates and other derived indicators.
- Atlas of Sustainable Development Goals 2023: Developing interactive website that inspires to discover and visualize progress towards achieving the SDGs (forthcoming).
 - Developed storylines and visuals as co-author for the stories related to SDG 7 and SDG 14.
- Cross-support activities: Maps, charts, and other dashboards for several teams, including requests for Country Climate and Development Reports (CCDRs).

The World Bank

Washington, DC

Postdoctoral researcher

July 2020 - April 2021

- Fellowship Program in Forced Displacement: Sponsored by the DFID-UNHCR-World Bank program "Building the Evidence on Forced Displacement: A Multi-Stakeholder Partnership".
 - Use of detailed georeferenced panel data to study land cover dynamics into and out of cropland in the Middle East as a result of conflict.

OTHER RECENT PROJECTS

- Sovereign ESG Data Portal: Cross-support on data management tasks for https://esgdata.worldbank.org/.
- Land Matters: Can Better Governance and Management of Scarcity Prevent a Looming Crisis in the Middle East and North Africa?: Contributed land use change analysis and maps to flagship report.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, Stata, R, Tableau, Git, Matlab, R Shiny

Libraries: pandas, geopandas, scikit-learn, numpy, matplotlib, pyplot, seaborn, leaflet, geemap

GIS Tools: QGIS, Google Earth Engine

LANGUAGES

English: Full Professional

Spanish: Native

French: Limited Working