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## Education

### *Doctoral Studies*

London School of Economics (LSE)  
MPhil./PhD. in Economic Geography (2018 – 2023)  
DISSERTATION: “*Essays on Globalization, Commodities, and Local Economic Development*”  
Fields of specialization: Economic Geography, International Trade, Development Economics

### *Prior Education*

Universidad Católica del Norte (UCN – Chile)  
BA. Business Management (2008 – 2012) / MSc. Regional Science (2013 – 2014)

## Publications

### *Journal Articles (pre-doctoral work)*

Technology, Geography, and Diversification in a Small Mineral Economy  
(with M. Lufin)  
*The Extractive Industries and Society*, 11:1-14, 2022.

Mining Linkages in the Chilean Copper Supply Network and Regional Economic Development  
(with M. Atienza and M. Lufin)  
*Resources Policy*, 70:1-12, 2021.

Wage Compensation for Fly-In/Fly-Out and Drive-In/Drive-Out Commuters  
(with D. Paredes and D. Fleming)  
*Papers in Regional Science*, 97(4):1337-1353, 2018.

Cities, Wages, and the Urban Hierarchy  
(with D. Paredes)  
*Journal of Regional Science*, 56(4):596-614, 2016.

### *Work in Progress*

Booming Sector, Multinationals, and Local Economic Development (Job Market Paper)

Urbanization and the Optimal Routes to Structural Change Out of Agriculture ([link to old version](#))  
(with M. Vargas and J. Berdegue)

How Do Local Labor Markets Look from Above? An Automated Satellite-Imagery Approach  
(with F. Rowe, and G. Soto-Díaz)

Global Value Chains and Industrial Upgrading in Local Labor Markets: Lessons from the Copper Industry

Commodity Price Shocks and Illicit Supply Chains: Evidence from the Gold Rush in the Peruvian Amazon  
 Supply Chain Disruptions, Innovation, and Firm Performance: Evidence from Japanese Firms  
 (with Y. Li)

## Research Grants

- 2016–2019    National Fund for Scientific and Technological Development (FONDECYT), Chile  
 With M. Vargas and J. Berdegúe (Principal Researcher) (US\$ 125,000)  
 Project: *“Cities and Development in Chile.”*
- 2016–2017    National Institute for Agricultural Development (INDAP), Chile  
 With J. Berdegúe (Principal Researcher), C. Cazzuffi, M. Vargas and D. López (US\$180,000)  
 Project: *“Baseline for the Impact Evaluation of Rural Development Policies.”*

## Honours and Fellowships

- 2018–2022    Ph.D. Scholarship, National Commission for Scientific Research (Conicyt/ANID), Chile
- 2017           PRSCO Award for the Best Paper by a Young Regional Scientist, Taiwan
- 2014           Andrew Isserman Prize for Best Young Scholar Paper, SOCHER, Chile
- 2013–2014    Department of Economics Scholarship, UCN, M.Sc. Studies, Chile
- 2008–2012    Academic Excellence Scholarship, UCN, B.A. Studies, Chile
- 2008–2012    Scholarship Bicentenario, MINEDUC, B.A. Studies, Chile

## Relevant Positions Held

- 09/2021–08/2022    Subwarden (pastoral student support), LSE Bankside Hall, UK
- 05/2020–06/2020    Consultant, Jobs and Development Group, World Bank, USA
- 04/2015–12/2017    Research Associate, Latin American Center for Rural Development, Chile
- 06/2014–12/2014    Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Universidad Católica del Norte, Chile

## Referee Service

Journal of Regional Science; Resources Policy; Annals of Regional Science; Social Indicators Research;  
 Socio-Economic Planning Sciences; Journal of Urban Technology; Asian Geographer

## Teaching Experience

- Universidad Católica del Norte (UCN – Chile)
- EC600 Industrial Organization                      2014
  - EC400 Econometrics                                    2013
  - EC201/EC300 Statistics                                2013–2015

## References

[Riccardo Crescenzi](#) (supervisor)  
Professor of Economic Geography  
LSE, Department of Geography & Environment  
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[J. Vernon Henderson](#) (second-year examiner)  
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[Carlo Pietrobelli](#) (examiner)  
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## Computer Skills

STATA, R, and ArcGIS; some experience with Matlab

## Personal

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent)