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Education

Doctoral Studies

London School of Economics (LSE)
MPhil./PhD. (c) Economic Geography (2018 – dissertation submitted 09/2022)
DISSERTATION: “*Essays on Globalization, Commodities, and Local Economic Development*”
Specialization: Spatial Economics, International Trade, Development Economics, Resource Economics

University College London (UCL), Department of Economics, Visiting PhD Student (Lent Term 2022)

References:

Professor [Riccardo Crescenzi](#) (supervisor)
LSE, Department of Geography & Environment
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Professor [Andrés Rodríguez-Pose](#) (co-supervisor)
LSE, Department of Geography & Environment
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Professor [J. Vernon Henderson](#)
LSE, Department of Geography & Environment
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Prior Education

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

Publications

Journal Articles (pre-doctoral)

[Technology, Geography, and Diversification in a Small Mineral Economy](#)
(with M. Lufin)
The Extractive Industries and Society, 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)

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

When Does Illegal Mining Pay? Evidence from the Gold Rush in the Peruvian Amazon

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)

Research Grants

2016–2019 National Fund for Scientific and Technological Development (FONDECYT), Chile
With M. Vargas and J. Berdegue (Principal Researcher) (US\$ 125,000)
Project: *“Cities and Development in Chile.”*

2016–2017 National Institute for Agricultural Development (INDAP), Chile
With J. Berdegue (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

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

Teaching Experience

Universidad Católica del Norte (UCN – Chile)

- EC600 Industrial Organization 2014
- EC400 Econometrics 2013
- EC201/EC300 Statistics 2013–2015

Computer Skills

STATA, R, and ArcGIS; some experience with Matlab

Personal

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent)

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