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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics, Labor Economics

EDUCATION

PHD IN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS, 2023

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) and Barcelona School of Economics (BSE), Spain

Thesis: Essays on Human Capital and Development

VISITING STUDENT, *University of Minnesota, USA*, Spring 2022

JOINT MASTER IN MODELS & METHODS OF QUANTITATIVE ECONOMICS, 2019

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, Italy, Universität Bielefeld, Germany

BACHELOR IN ECONOMICS, 2017

Universität Bayreuth, Germany

EXCHANGE SEMESTER, *University of New South Wales, Australia*, Fall 2015

RESEARCH

Working Papers

Income and the Demand for Food Among the Poor - *submitted*
with Marc F. Bellemare and Eeshani Kandpal

Parenting and Children's Skill Development
with Jacek Barszczewski

How to Close the Skill Gap? Parental Background and Children's Skill Development in Indonesia
single-authored

Work in Progress

Gender Norms and Adolescents' Educational and Career Aspirations and Expectations: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Ghana
with Elisabetta Aurino and Chukwunonye Emenalo

Developing and Piloting a Context-driven Intervention for Adolescent Development in Ghana: The Pem-pamsie Family Program
with Elisabetta Aurino, Noelle M. Suntheimer, Richard Appiah, Sharon Wolf, Esinam Ami Avornto, Jessica Fishman, Katie Brennan, David Djani and Eric Howusu-Kumi

Pre-school Education and Long-Run Human Capital Formation
with Elisabetta Aurino, Sergi Quintana and Sharon Wolf

Food Prices, Program Saturation and Cash Transfers
with Jed Friedman, Eeshani Kandpal and Patrick Premand

Ongoing projects

The Origins of Parenting: the Role of Beliefs, Preferences and Constraints
with Elisabetta Aurino, John Eggir and Sharon Wolf

SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

2024	IWAE (Catanzaro, Italy), Advances with Field Experiments (LSE), Internal seminar (UB)
2023	Doctorissimes (Paris School of Economics), SEHO conference (University of Copenhagen), Nordic Conference in Development Economics (University of Gothenburg), ESPE Conference (Institute of Economic Sciences, Belgrade), ECINEQ Meeting (Aix-Marseille School of Economics), EEA-ESEM congress (BSE)
2022	NEUDC Conference (Yale University, presenter and discussant), Macro Micro Workshop (University of Minnesota), Essex-Barcelona Labor Workshop, ENTER jamboree (UAB), Inequality Workshop (University of Minnesota), Applied Seminar (UAB), Internal Seminar (IAE (CSIC), PhD-Economics Virtual Seminar (PhD-EVS))
2021	BSE PhD jamboree, Applied Seminar (UAB)
2020	Applied Seminar (UAB)

TEACHING

2021, 2020	Master Projects Course (tutorial on thesis writing), Teaching assistant (BSE)
2021	Structural Empirical Methods for Labor Economics, Teaching assistant (UAB)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

since 2023	UNIVERSITAT DE BARCELONA Postdoctoral Researcher, Barcelona, Spain
2019-23	UNIVERSITAT AUTÒNOMA DE BARCELONA, INSTITUT D'ANÀLISI ECONÒMICA (IAE (CSIC)) Research assistant to Stefano Falcone (2023), Prof. Joan Llull (2022, 2019-20), Prof. Matthew Ellman (2021), Prof. Hannes Mueller (2020), Barcelona, Spain
2021-22	THE WORLD BANK Short-term consultant, Development Research Group, remotely
2020-21	THE ECONOMIC JOURNAL (ROYAL ECONOMIC SOCIETY) Replication checks, remotely
2018, 2017, 2016	BASF SE Working student/intern, Trade and Bank Risk Management, Ludwigshafen, Germany
2017	GERMAN FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE Intern, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2016	MISEREOR E.V. (ORGANISATION FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION) Intern, Aachen, Germany

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2024	Co-Principal Investigator, Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation, Proyectos de Generación de Conocimiento (~ EUR 116.000)
2020-23	FPI Predoctoral Fellowship, Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation
2017-19	QEM Consortium scholarship, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

SKILLS

SOFTWARE	STATA, Python, Latex, Git, MS Office, R
LANGUAGES	German (native), English, French (proficient), Spanish (advanced), Polish (beginner)

REFEREE SERVICE

Demography, Oxford Economic Papers

SERVICE

since 2024	Volunteer, Project Coordination Team, CorrelAid - Data4Good, remotely
2019-23	Volunteer, Fundació Gavina (organization for disadvantaged children), Barcelona, Spain
2020-22	Co-founder and co-organizer, Econisers (initiative for PhD candidates), Barcelona, Spain
2017	Volunteer, Ferrando Children's Home, Mysore, India
2013-17	Mentor and volunteer, VUB e.V. (student organization), Bayreuth, Germany
2015-16	Student representative for Economics, Universität Bayreuth, Bayreuth, Germany