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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Micro, 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

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

Work in Progress

Parenting Styles and Children's Skill Development

with Jacek Barszczewski

Income and the Demand for Food

with Marc F. Bellemare and Eeshani Kandpal

Food Prices, Program Saturation and Cash Transfers

with Jed Friedman, Eeshani Kandpal and Patrick Premand

SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

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| 2023 | <i>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)</i> |
| 2022 | <i>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))</i> |
| 2021 | <i>BSE PhD jamboree (presenter and discussant), Applied Seminar (UAB) (presenter), ENTER jamboree (discussant), PhD school SAEe (attendee)</i> |
| 2020 | <i>Applied Seminar (UAB) (presenter)</i> |

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, BASF SE
2016 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

HONORS & AWARDS

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, Github

LANGUAGES German (native), English (proficient), French, Spanish (intermediate), Polish (beginner)

REFEREE SERVICE

Demography

EVENT ORGANIZATION

2020-22 Co-founder and co-organizer, Econisers (initiative for PhD candidates), Barcelona, Spain
Organization of Webinar Series

SERVICE

2019-23 Volunteer, Fundació Gavina (organization for disadvantaged children), 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

2014-15 Volunteer, Bunt statt Braun e.V. (refugee support organization), Bayreuth, Germany
