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## **EDUCATION**

PhD in Economic Analysis, 2019 - present

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

Thesis: Essays on Child Development | expected graduation: Summer 2023

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 INTERESTS

Applied Micro, Development economics, Labor economics

## RESEARCH

## Job Market Paper

How to close the skill gap? Parental background and children's skill development in Indonesia

#### Work in Progress

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

Early life shocks and human capital: skill development among Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

with Jacek Barszczewski

## **SEMINARS & CONFERENCES**

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)) (presenter)

2021 BSE PhD jamboree (presenter and discussant), Applied Seminar (UAB) (presenter),

ENTER jamboree (discussant), PhD school SAEe (attendee)

2020 Applied Seminar (UAB) (presenter)

## **TEACHING**

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

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

2021-22 The World Bank

Short-term consultant, Development Research Group, remotely

2019-22 UNIVERSITAT AUTÒNOMA DE BARCELONA, INSTITUT D'ANÀLISI ECONÒMICA (IAE (CSIC))

Research assistant, Barcelona, Spain to Prof. Joan Llull (2022, 2019-20)

to Prof. Matthew Ellman (2021) to Prof. Hannes Mueller (2020)

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 4-year 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)

## SERVICE

2019-present 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

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

## REFERENCES

2014-15

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UAB, MOVE, BSE

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