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EDUCATION

TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

Dublin, Ireland

--Ph.D. in Economics

2018-present

Visiting period: UC3M, Madrid, Spain (Sponsored by LUIGI MINALE), *Spring 2022*

Visiting period: Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia (Sponsored by ANDRÉS MOYA), *Summer 2022*

UNIVERSITÉ PARIS XII

Paris, France

--M.A in Development Economics

2015

UNIVERSIDAD REY JUAN CARLOS

Madrid, Spain

--B.Sc Business-Economics

2013

Stays abroad: Hogeschool University of Brussel-HUB, Brussel, Belgium, *2011-2012*

--B.Sc Law

2013

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics, and Economic History

WORKING PAPERS

JOB MARKET PAPER

“[Shifting Marriage Timing for Women: Natural Disasters and Forced Displacement](#)”

Award: European Economic Association (EEA) Young Economist Award

This paper provides evidence that earthquakes can lead to girls' early marriage. Using the random occurrence of earthquakes in Indonesia, I show that an earthquake raises the annual child marriage hazard by 44%. This effect masks a substantial heterogeneity that depends on a household's strategy to adapt to the disaster: mover and non-mover. Based on individual-level longitudinal data, earthquakes increase migration probability by 49% compared to the baseline mean. Migration depends on how a household was affected by an earthquake, and, the average marriage impacts are higher among mover women. To explain this heterogeneity, I propose three main mechanisms as coping strategies for the income shock of moving: bride price, matrilocality traditions and integration with the local population at the destination.

“[Reservoir-induced displacement and social participation: Evidence from the Spanish dictatorship](#)”

REVISED AND RESUBMIT at **European Economic Review**

What are the long-term impacts of large inflows of internally displaced persons on displaced-hosting social participation outcomes? This paper examines the effects of the arrival of internally displaced persons that happened in the past on the social participation at their destination during the past 50 years. For this purpose, I exploit the construction of reservoirs during the Spanish

dictatorship (1936–1975). Infrastructures that forced thousands of people to displacement. I rely on a newly-collected historical panel data on forced displacement and social participation to implement an instrumental variable approach. The results show a long-term and sizable increase in social participation. Interestingly, the effects occurred immediately after the arrival of the displaced population and persisted for over 50 years. I propose two mechanisms for these results: social ties moving together with the displaced population and an increase in trust.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The War on Polio: Forced Displacement and Health-seeking behaviour”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN	Dublin, Ireland
<u>Lecturer</u>	
--Introduction to Economics- Microeconomics (undergra.) (100% f-2-f, 402 students and 4 TA's coordination)	Fall 2022
--Introduction to Economic Policy - Microeconomics (undergra.) (60% f-2-f/40% online, 415 students and 3 TA's coordination)	Fall 2021
<u>Teaching Assistant</u>	
--Introduction to Economic Policy - Microeconomics (undergra.) for Gaia Narciso	Fall 2018-Fall 2020
--Introduction to Economic Policy - Macroeconomics (undergra.) for Joseph Kopecky	Spring 2019-Spring 2021

WORK EXPERIENCE

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - UNDP & UN	Online
--Research Consultant	Sep.2018-Jan. 2022
<u>Research projects in:</u>	
“Understanding the consequences of Covid-19 in Costa Rica”. Costa Rica UN Resident Coordinator Office	
“Early pregnancy in Honduras (determinants and consequences)”. UNFPA and UNDP program	
“Migration and Displacement in Honduras (determinants and consequences)”. UNHCR, IOM and UNDP program	
TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN	Dublin, Ireland
--Research Assistant for Gaia Narciso	Spring 2022
UNITED NATIONS (UN) RESIDENT COORDINATION OFFICE	Tegucigalpa, Honduras
--Analyst and Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist	April 2016 – May 2018
L'ASSOCIATION FRÈRES GUISET- SOLIDAIRE	Dakar, Senegal
--Field Researcher Volunteer	March 2015-May 2015
OECD	Paris, France
--Consultant in Statistics and Economics	Dec. 2013-Jul. 2014/May-Dec. 2015
--Internship (Statistics Division)	Jul.-Nov. 2013

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS

--Oxford Development Economics Workshop, Oxford, UK	<i>September 2022</i>
--European Association of Labor Economics, Padova, Italy	<i>September 2022</i>
--European Economic Association, Milan, Italy	<i>August 2022</i>
--RES Junior Symposium, Online	<i>June 2022</i>
--COSME Workshop, Madrid, Spain	<i>May 2022</i>
--Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association-BRAIN Workshop, Online	<i>May 2022</i>
-- UC3M Applied Reading group, Madrid, Spain	<i>May 2022</i>
--NOVAFRICA Work-in-Progress Seminars, Lisbon, Portugal	<i>May 2022</i>
--Alicante University Work-in-Progress Seminars, Alicante, Spain	<i>May 2022</i>
--RES Annual Conference, Online	<i>April 2022</i>
--University of Balearic Islands, Mallorca, Spain	<i>April 2022</i>
--Navarra Center for International Development, Pamplona, Spain	<i>March 2022</i>
--PacDev Annual Conference, San Francisco, USA (pivot Online)	<i>March 2022</i>
--Conference in Forced Migration WB-UNHCR, Bogotá, Colombia (pivot online)	<i>January 2022</i>
--Spanish Economic Association Annual Conference, Barcelona, Spain	<i>December 2021</i>
--IPECE Workshop, Online	<i>November 2021</i>
--Bolivian Conference in Development Economics, Online	<i>November 2021</i>
--The 14 th Migration and Development Conference, Luxembourg, Luxembourg	<i>September 2021</i>
--Young Economists' Meeting at Masaryk University, Masaryk, Check Republic	<i>September 2021</i>
--IMISCOE Annual Conference, Online	<i>June 2021</i>
--The Migration Conference 2021, Online	<i>June 2021</i>
--Virtual Economic History Seminar (hosted by Warwick University), Online	<i>May 2021</i>
--Irish Economic Association Annual Conference, Online	<i>April 2021</i>
--TCD PhD Working Group (yearly)	

SCHOLARSHIPS, FUNDING AND AWARDS

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION	
-- European Economic Association (EEA) Young Economist Award	<i>August 2022</i>
ROYAL ECONOMIC SOCIETY	
--RES Conference Grant	<i>June 2022</i>
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION	
--EEA Grant	<i>June 2022</i>
FUNDACIÓN RAMÓN ARECES/SPANISH ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION	
--Grant awarded	<i>Dec 2021</i>
TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN	
--Trinity Research in Social Science Fellowship-Funding (€644)	<i>2021-2022</i>
--Trinity Research in Social Science Fellowship-Funding (€998)	<i>2020-2021</i>
--Department of Economics Scholarship	<i>2018-present</i>
UNIVERSIDAD REY JUAN CARLOS	
--Universidad Rey Juan Carlos Erasmus Scholarship	<i>2011-2012</i>
--Spanish Ministry of Education Scholarship	<i>2007, 2008 and 2011</i>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Organizer: PhD. Working group, TCD	<i>2019-2020</i>
Chair in Irish Economic Association Annual Conference 2021	<i>May-2021</i>

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

WHEELER INSTITUTE

--GIS for Quantitative Spatial Data Analysis workshop series

Online
May-June 2022

PHD SCHOOL from SPANISH ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION

--Data Science for Large Data by David Rossell (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)
--Data Science for Unstructured Data by Stephen Hansen (Imperial College Business School)
--Teaching by Humberto Llavador (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

Barcelona, Spain
December, 2021

UNDP

--Course in Data Collection in Humanitarian Contexts

New York, USA
Nov.-Dec. 2020/ Aug.-Sep. 2022

TRINITY IMPACT EVALUATION UNIT- TIME

--Course in Impact Evaluation

Dublin, Ireland
Aug. 2018

FIELDWORK

Spain: primary data collection in archives, interviews

Senegal: secondary data collection, voluntary work

Honduras: secondary data collection, aid program implementation, consultancy

SKILLS

QUANTITATIVE AND PROGRAMMING

Stata, LaTeX, R, Python

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

ArcGIS, QGIS, Python

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Portuguese (learning)

REFERENCES

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