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Education

Ph.D. in Economics (candidate), Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)	2018–present
M.Res. in Development Economics, Université Paris XII (France)	2015
BSs in Business–Economics, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid (Spain)	2013
Stays abroad: Hogeschool University of Brussel–HUB (Belgium)	
BSs in Law, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid (Spain).	2013

Research Area

Applied Microeconomics

Fields of interest

Development Economics, Economic History and Public Economics with focus in Forced Migration

Working Papers

“Reservoir-induced displacement and social participation: Evidence from the Spanish dictatorship”

Abstract: By 2018, 70.8 million people worldwide had been forced to flee from their home (UNHCR, 2019). This paper explores how variation in exposure to internally displaced population that happened in the past affect social participation in host municipalities during the last 40 years. To measure forced displacement, 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 dataset on forced displacement and social participation to then implement an instrumental variable approach. I find that exposure to internally displaced population inflows has a long-term and sizable benefit on social participation. Interestingly, the effects occurred right after the arrival of displaced population and persisted over 50 years. I propose two mechanisms for these results: social ties moving together with the population displaced and an upward shift in trust. Results are robust to potential confounding effects of violence during the dictatorship.

Work in progress

“Displacement, a step on *early marriage*? Natural disasters and bride price tradition”

Research Professional Experience

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – UNDP

Research Consultant

Sep.2018–Oct.2020

Research projects in:

“Early pregnancy in Honduras (determinants and consequences)”. UNFPA and UNDP program

“Migration and Displacement in Honduras (determinants and consequences)”. UNHCR, IOM and UNDP program

UNITED NATIONS (UN) RESIDENT COORDINATION OFFICE

Analyst and Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist, Honduras

April 2016 – May 2018

L'ASSOCIATION FRÈRES GUISET- SOLIDAIRE

Field Researcher Volunteer, Senegal

March 2015-May 2015

ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT- OECD

Consultant in Statistics and Economics, France

Dec. 2013-Jul. 2014/May-Dec. 2015

Internship (Statistics Division), France

Jul.-Nov. 2013

Teaching Experience

TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

Introduction to Economic Policy – Microeconomics (undergra., TA)

from Fall 2018-

Introduction to Economic Policy – Macroeconomics (undergra., TA)

from Spring 2019-

Scholarships and Awards

Trinity Research in Social Science Fellowship

2020-2021

Department of Economics Scholarship, Trinity College Dublin

2018-present

Universidad Rey Juan Carlos Erasmus Scholarship

2011-2012

Spanish Ministry of Education Scholarship

2007, 2008 and 2011

Conferences and Seminars

2021 (scheduled): Irish Economic Association Annual Conference 2021; The Migration Conference 2021; International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe- IMISCOE Annual Conference 2021

Workshops Organization

Ph.D. Working group, Trinity College Dublin, Department of Economics

2019-2020

Fieldwork

Senegal: secondary data collection, voluntary work

Honduras: secondary data collection, aid program implementation, consultancy

Other

Computer Skills: Stata (proficient), LaTeX (proficient), QGIS (intermediate), R (basic)

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (fluent)

Citizenship: Spanish