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## EDUCATION

- **Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)** Mexico City, Mexico  
*Master of Science - Economic Theory* August 2022 - Present
- **Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)** Mexico City, Mexico  
*Bachelor of Arts (with Special Mention) - Economics* August 2017 - June 2022

## FIELDS OF INTEREST

Development Economics, Political Economy, Labour Economics, Causal Inference, Applied Microeconometrics

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Centro de Investigación Económica - ITAM with Ph.D. E. Seira & Ph.D. A. Simpser** Mexico City, Mexico  
*Pre-doctoral Research Fellow (Part-time)* August 2023 - Present
  - **Econometric analysis:** Project to understand whether attitudes toward democracy predict behaviour towards democracy. Project to study whether promoting civic education affects democratic behaviour.
  - **Qualtrics surveys:** Design survey to measure civic education in Mexico
  - **Econometric analyses:** Project for testing the contact hypothesis on political polarization
  - **Grants:** Search for research grants that finance projects related to our research agenda
  - **IAT Tests on Qualtrics:** Implement an IAT using Qualtrics
- **Centro de Investigación Económica - ITAM with Ph.D. Enrique Seira** Mexico City, Mexico  
*Research Assistant (Full-time)* September 2022 - July 2023
  - **Econometric analyses:** Regression analysis and overall statistics for projects studying the effects of Public Insurance on health and informality.
  - **Database creation:** I've built datasets for studying the effects of Public Insurance on health outcomes.
  - **Visualizations:** Create figures and tables to visually summarise key components of our analyses.
- **Centro de Investigación Económica - ITAM with Ph.D. Sadka & Ph.D. Gomberg** Mexico City, Mexico  
*Research Assistant (Part-time)* August 2020 - March 2023
  - **Econometric analysis:** Conduct econometric analysis for the paper "Framing information justice" by A. Caplin, J. Sadka and A. Gomberg (Working paper)
  - **Econometric training:** Provide R and Stata training for new assistants.
- **Banorte** Remote  
*Summer Intern (Full-time)* June 2021 - August 2021
  - **Meta-analysis:** Conducted a meta-analysis to evaluate the performance of behavioural biases in RCT's conducted by the bank.
  - **Supervisors:** BA Sofía Terrazas & BA Vivian Garcíacano

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Introduction to Economics (Economics 1)** ITAM, Mexico  
*Lecturer, Undergraduate* Spring 2024

## MY RESEARCH

- **Do social insurance and medical attention improve health? Evidence from Seguro Popular in Mexico:** I study whether Seguro Popular, a mexican social insurance scheme, helped in reducing the mortality rates for some causes of death. Out of the five outcomes I measure, Seguro Popular reduced mortality in only one of them, namely, high blood-pressure related deaths. This project is my undergraduate thesis.
- **First-child preference and inequality:** I study whether there exists evidence of parents differentially over-investing on first-child rather than investing equally across children. In the context of Mexico, which is a patriarchal society, I am also interested in studying whether these effects differ according to first-child gender. (*Work in progress*)
- **The price externalities of a junk food ban.:** I study whether *mom—and—pop's* stores increased their junk food prices due to the government prohibiting the sale of these items within schools in Mexico. (*Work in progress*)

## PUBLICATIONS FOR WHICH I WAS AN RA

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- Seira, Enrique, Isaac Meza, Eduardo González-Pier and Eduardo Alcaraz Prous. 2023 Did Mexico's Seguro Popular Universal Health Coverage Programme Really Reduce Formal Jobs?: WIEGO Working Paper No. 46. Manchester, UK: WIEGO
- Martin Dufwenberg, Paul Feldman, Maroš Servátka, Jorge Tarrasó, Radovan Vadovič, Honesty in the city: , Games and Economic Behavior, Volume 139, 2023, Pages 15-25, ISSN 0899-8256, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geb.2023.01.007>.

## SKILLS SUMMARY

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Malcolm Gladwell states that mastery over a skill can only be achieved by 10,000 hours of work on it. I summarise my software skills in hours of work on that skill because I find this as a good proxy for expertise.

- **Software:** R ( $\approx$  4150 hrs), Stata ( $\approx$  5600 hrs), Markdown ( $\approx$  1500 hrs), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X( $\approx$  3300 hrs)), Qualtrics ( $\approx$  60 hrs)
- **Microsoft:** Word (Advanced), Excel (Intermediate), Powerpoint (Advanced)
- **Languages:** Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), German (Advanced), French (Basic)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- First place at “Concurso de Ensayo Emily Greene by ITAM” - December, 2021

## OTHER COURSEWORK

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- **Mixtape Sessions** Online  
*Demand Estimation* February, 2024
- **Mixtape Sessions** Online  
*Difference-in-Differences* April, 2022
- **University of Essex** Remote  
*Exploring Economics in the Current Climate* February 2021
- **MITx** Online  
*The Challenges of Global Poverty* April, 2020 - June, 2020
- **MITx** Online  
*Data Analysis for Social Scientist* February, 2020 - April, 2020
- **HarvardX** Online  
*U.S. Public Policy: Social, Economic and Foreign Policies* April, 2019 - June, 2019
- **MITx** Online  
*Microeconomics* October, 2016 - December, 2016

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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- **FIFA World Cup, Russia 2018** Ekaterinburg, Russia  
*Seat plan accomodation for VVIP & VIP guests* June, 2018 - July, 2018