

# AGUSTÍN BENASSI

Data Architect & Product Owner

## ABOUT ME

I work in the intersection between data, technology and policy.

I serve as Public Data Director at the Secretariat of Modernisation, part of the Argentina's Cabinet Office.

I craft digital products, code and help organisations manage their data through developing policy, strategy and guidelines.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EXPERIENCE

### Undersecretary of Open Government and Public Innovation - Cabinet Office of Argentina

Public Data Director (Jun 2019 - current)

Open Data Policy Coordinator (Jan 2018 - May 2019)

Technology for Public Policy Adviser (Jan 2016 - Dec 2017)

I coordinate the design and implementation of the Open Data Policy at the national level, and assist government units in improving their data management skills. Published open source projects from the [Public Data Direction](#) are at [Argentina's Data Team Github](#).

Products I have managed:

- **[Time Series API](#)** and related tools. A practical API to query time series data - following [FRED](#)'s inspiration - and its ecosystem of tools to transform data into time series, validate time series catalogs and visualize time series on the web.  
[Github repository](#)
- **[Georef API](#)**. An API to normalize geographical names in Argentina, geolocate addresses and expand coordinates associated data.  
[Github repository](#)
- **[Portal Andino](#)**. The technology behind the National Open Data Portal of Argentina.  
[Github repository](#)
- **[API Gateway](#)**. A tool to manage public APIs.

## **Buenos Aires City Government Laboratory**

**Resident Innovator (Sep 2015 – Dec 2015)**

Developed the prototype "Transport Oriented Development" at Buenos Aires City Government Laboratory.

## **Recurse Center**

**Participant (Feb 2015 – May 2015)**

The Recurse Center is a community-driven educational retreat for programmers in New York City.

## **Center of Studies of the Situation and Perspectives of Argentina (CESPA) · University of Buenos Aires**

**Research Assistant (Aug 2012 – Feb 2015)**

Researched about freight transportation networks.

- Un Modelo de Costos para el Transporte Terrestre de Cargas en Argentina | [PDF](#)
- Transporte Automotor de Cargas en Argentina: una Estimación de Orígenes y Destinos - 2010 | [On-line version](#) | [PDF](#) | [Github repository](#)

## **Center for the Implementation of Public Policies for Equity and Growth (CIPPEC)**

**Applied Research Assistant (Jun 2013 – Dec 2013)**

Modelling and analyzing data bases about transportation and economics.

## **Faculty of Economics · University of Buenos Aires**

**Teaching Assistant (Jan 2012 – Dec 2017)**

Compared Economic Systems, Projects Evaluation and Industrial Organisation.

## **MiNU**

**Volunteer (Jan 2007 – Jun 2010)**

Organizing events at civil association doing UN and legislative participative models for young people.

## **STUDIES**

### **University of Buenos Aires, Economics Science Faculty**

**Economics Degree (2007 – 2013)**

# Colegio Nacional de Buenos Aires

Bachelor's Degree (2002 – 2006)

## SELECTED TALKS

### Regional Conference of Open Data in Latin America and the Caribbean (CONDATOS 2019)

Participation on panel "Open Data Public Policies in the Region".

### International Open Data Conference (IODC 2018)

Participation on panel "Open Data Infrastructure: The Importance of Data Governance".

### Belize Open Week (BOW 2018)

Talks and workshops over a week of training in Open Government and Open Data organized by the Organization of American States for the Government and civil society of Belize.

### Regional Conference of Open Data in Latin America and the Caribbean (CONDATOS 2016)

Talk in the "Smart Cities" workshop about Open Data applied in urban contexts.

### Regional Conference of Open Data in Latin America and the Caribbean (CONDATOS 2015)

Workshop "Xlseries: a python package to scrape time series from Excel files".

## CERTIFICATIONS

### Certified Scrum Product Owner (CSPO 2017)

2 day workshop on PO topics and techniques.

## SKILLS

#### The strongest

Python – Jupyter Notebooks – Product Management – Agile Development – Data Design

#### The rest

JavaScript – HTML – CSS – SQL – PostGIS – Git – Github – PEGs – Travis CI – Coveralls