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Date of birth: 26/04/1995
Citizenship: Argentina, Italy

RESEARCH FIELDS

Development Economics, Labor Economics, Public Economics

EDUCATION

University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland 09/2020– Present
PhD in Economics
Supervisors: David Dorn, Lorenzo Casaburi

Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Barcelona, Spain 09/2017– 09/2018
Master in Economics
GPA: 9.26/10. Ranking 2/90 of 2018 Economics program
Thesis: “Equal Opportunities: Do Integrated Schools Affect Intergenerational Educational Mobility and Inequality? Evidence from Germany” Supervisor: Libertad González

University Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina 02/2013 – 08/2017
Bachelor in Economics
GPA: 9.7/10. Highest GPA of 2017 Economics program
Thesis: “The relevance of income in university choice: the case of Argentina”

TEACHING

University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland
Lecturer
Seminar on Labor, Firms and Development (MA) Spring 2023
Seminar on Labor, Public Economics and Development (BA) Fall 2022
Programming practices for PhD students – Intro. to R (PhD) Fall 2022
Teaching assistant
Intro to Dynamic Programming and Optimal Control (PhD) Lecturer: Simon Žužek Fall 2022, 2023
Policy implications of rising inequality (MA) - Lecturer: Florian Scheuer Spring 2022, Fall 2023
Thesis supervision (BA, MA) 2023, 2024

University Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Lecturer: Economics 1 (BA) Fall 2019, Spring 2020

University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain
Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Microeconomics (BA) Fall 2017
Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Economics for Law Students (BA) Spring 2018

University Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Macroeconomics (BA) Fall 2016
Teaching Assistant: History of Economic Thought (BA) Spring 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Center for Transformation (CENIT), University of San Martin, Buenos Aires, Argentina 12/2018 – 07/2020
Research Assistant. Director: Dr. Valeria Arza

Projects:

- World Bank Group. 2018: “Productivity in Argentina. Evaluating returns to investment in innovation”. 12/2018 – 06/2019
- UNDP-UKRI. 2019: “How Science, Research and Innovation can best contribute to meeting the Sustainable Development Goals for developing countries” 06/2019 –07/2020

International Trade Commission, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Economic consultant of Juan Carlos Hallak, President of the Commission

09/2018 – 11/2018

University Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Research Assistant. Director: Dr. Hernan Ruffo

03/2017– 09/2017

- Inter-American Development Bank Group and Ministry of Transportation. 2017: “Impact analysis. Comprehensive improvement project of train Gral. Roca, Branch Constitución – La Plata”

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Domestic Outsourcing, Labor Regulations and Profit Sharing: Evidence from Mexico (*with L. Aldeco*)

Violation and Enforcement of Labor Regulations: Evidence from Mexican Labor Inspections (*with L. Rodrian, L. Fernández Bujanda and J Pérez Pérez*)

LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE SKILLS

Language skills: Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Advanced), French (Basic)

Software skills: R, Python, Stata, SQL, ArcGIS

GRANTS

- University of Zurich Director’s Grant (2000 CHF)
- Swiss Re Travel Grant - Fall 2022 (2500 CHF)
- Swiss Re Pilot Grant – Fall 2023 (3900 CHF)
- UZH Doc Mobility Scholarship – Fall 2023 (62000 CHF)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- UBS Scholarship for doctoral studies at University of Zurich, 2020-2024
- Tuition fee waiver scholarship based on academic merit, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, 2017/18
- 50% tuition reduction scholarship based on academic merit and city of residence, University Torcuato Di Tella, 2013/17
- Top GPA of 2017 Economics program, University Torcuato Di Tella

PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS

Arza, Valeria; Cirera, Xavier; Colonna, Agustina; Lopez, Emanuel (2022) “Explaining Differences in the Returns to R&D in Argentina: The Role of Contextual Factors”. *Economics of Innovation and New Technology*.
DOI: [10.1080/10438599.2021.2024075](https://doi.org/10.1080/10438599.2021.2024075)

Arza, Valeria and Colonna, Agustina (2021) “Exploring the Links Between Research Demand and Supply: The Case of Chagas” SWPS 2021-01 <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3774937>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Organizer of UZH PhD reading group of Labor and Public Economics 02/2022 - Present
- Volunteer leading weekly school support program for children at Villa 31, City of Buenos Aires. 2013 – 2019
- Private tutor for undergraduate economics students at University Torcuato Di Tella. 2014 – 2016
- Participation in several running events including Marathon and Half Marathons

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