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## RESEARCH FIELDS

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**Primary:** Labor Economics, Development Economics

**Secondary:** Firms, Public Economics

## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Zurich</b> , Zurich, Switzerland PhD in Economics Supervisors: David Dorn, Lorenzo Casaburi	09/2020 – Present
<b>MIT, Department of Economics</b> , Cambridge, USA Visiting PhD Student Host: David Atkin	09/2024 – 07/2025
<b>Barcelona Graduate School of Economics</b> , Barcelona, Spain Master in Economics GPA: 9.26/10. Ranking 2/90 of 2018 Economics program	09/2017 – 09/2018
<b>University Torcuato Di Tella</b> , Buenos Aires, Argentina Bachelor in Economics GPA: 9.7/10. Highest GPA of 2017 Economics program	02/2013 – 08/2017

## JOB MARKET PAPER

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**Profit-Sharing, Wages, and Worker Compensation: Evidence from Mexico** (*with Lorenzo Aldeco*) ([Link](#))

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Outsourcing and Labor Adjustment Costs** ([Link](#))

**Violation and Enforcement of Workplace Regulations: Evidence from Mexican Firm Inspections** (*with L. Rodrian and J Pérez Pérez*) ([Link](#))

## TEACHING

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### University of Zurich:

#### 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) <i>Lecturer: Simon Žužek</i>	Fall 2022, 2023
Policy implications of rising inequality (MA) <i>Lecturer: Florian Scheuer</i>	Spring 2022, Fall 2023

#### Thesis supervision

Remo Agovic (MA), Ilkim Aylin Aydin (BA), Lorenzo Nicchiotti (MA)	2023, 2024
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**University Torcuato Di Tella:**

Lecturer: Economics 1 (BA)

Fall 2019, Spring 2020

**University Pompeu Fabra:**

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Microeconomics (BA)

Fall 2017

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Economics for Law Students (BA)

Spring 2018

**University Torcuato Di Tella:**

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Macroeconomics (BA)

Fall 2016

Teaching Assistant: History of Economic Thought (BA)

Spring 2017

**CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

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**2025:** PacDev 2025 (Los Angeles), MIT Labor Lunch, Boston University Empirical Micro Seminar, AIEL 2025 (Bologna), Conference on Data Access for Microdata Laboratories 2025 (Mexico City), DENS 2025 (Zurich)

**2024:** Labor Lunch University of Zurich, 19th Doctorissimes (Paris), SOLE 2024 (Portland), EAYE Conference (Paris), Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) Conference, SED Winter Meeting (Buenos Aires)

**2023:** Labor Lunch University of Zurich, Development Lunch University of Zurich

**GRANTS**

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- University of Zurich Director's Grant (2000 CHF)
- Swiss Re Travel Grant - Fall 2022 (2500 CHF)
- Swiss Re Pilot Grant – Fall 2023 (6000 CHF)
- UZH Doc Mobility Scholarship – Fall 2023 (62000 CHF)

**AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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- 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

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Research Center for Transformation (CENIT), University of San Martín, 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**

09/2018 – 11/2018

Economic consultant of Juan Carlos Hallak, President of the Commission

**University Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina**

03/2017– 09/2017

Research Assistant. Director: Dr. Hernan Ruffo

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

## LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE SKILLS

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

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

## PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS

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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

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- Organizer of UZH PhD reading group of Labor and Public Economics 02/2022 – 12/2023
- 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
- Citizenship: Argentina, Italy

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