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RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary: Labor Economics, Development Economics

Secondary: Public Economics

EDUCATION

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

MIT, Department of Economics, Cambridge, USA 09/2024 – 07/2025
Visiting PhD Student
Host: David Atkin

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

University Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina 02/2013 – 08/2017
Bachelor in Economics
GPA: 9.7/10. Highest GPA of 2017 Economics program

JOB MARKET PAPER

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

WORKING PAPERS

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

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

TEACHING

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) *Lecturer: Simon Žužek* Fall 2022, 2023

Policy Implications of Rising Inequality (MA) *Lecturer: Florian Scheuer* Spring 2022, Fall 2023

Thesis supervision

Remo Agovic (MA), Ilkim Aylin Aydin (BA), Lorenzo Nicchiotti (MA) 2023, 2024

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

Lecturer: Economics 1 (BA)

Spring 2019, Fall 2020

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Macroeconomics (BA)

Fall 2016

Teaching Assistant: History of Economic Thought (BA)

Spring 2017

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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

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

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- University of Zurich Director's Grant – Fall 2022 (2000 CHF)
- Swiss Re Travel Grant – Fall 2022 (2500 CHF)
- Swiss Re Pilot Grant – Fall 2023 (6000 CHF)
- UZH Doc Mobility Fellowship – 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
- Award for top GPA of 2017 Economics program, University Torcuato Di Tella

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

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>

LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE SKILLS

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

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

PUBLIC SERVICE

- 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

Updated: October 2025