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## Research Fields

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Development Economics, Labor Economics, Public Economics

## Education

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

**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

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

## Working Papers

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**Colonna, Agustina** and Aldeco Leo, Lorenzo Rodrigo, “Outsourcing, Labor Regulations and Profit-Sharing: Evidence from Mexico” January 2024. SSRN <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4718813>

## Work in Progress

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

## Teaching

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**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) <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**, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Lecturer: Economics 1 (BA)	Fall 2019, Spring 2020
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**University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain**

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Microeconomics (BA)

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

Fall 2017

Spring 2018

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

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Macroeconomics (BA)

Teaching Assistant: History of Economic Thought (BA)

Fall 2016

Spring 2017

**Conferences and Seminars**

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**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

**Professional Experience**

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**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**

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

**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

**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>

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**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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