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## EDUCATION

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PhD in ECONOMICS, <b>University College London (UCL)</b>	<i>2018 - Present</i>
Exchange Scholar in ECONOMICS, <b>Yale University</b>	<i>2021 - 2022</i>
MRes in ECONOMICS, <b>University College London</b>	<i>2017 - 2018</i>
MSc in ECONOMICS ( <i>with distinction</i> ), <b>University College London</b>	<i>2015 - 2016</i>
BSc in ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES ( <i>final grade: 110/110</i> ), <b>Bocconi University</b>	<i>2012 - 2015</i>
Visiting Exchange Student in ECONOMICS ( <i>award: Dean's list</i> ), <b>Northwestern University</b>	<i>Fall 2014</i>

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Labor Economics, Development Economics, Economics of Education

## REFERENCES

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**Professor Pedro Carneiro**  
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Department of Economics  
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**Professor Orazio Attanasio**  
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Department of Economics  
Yale University

**Professor Áureo de Paula**  
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Department of Economics  
University College London

**Dr. Samuel Berlinski**  
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Research Department  
Inter-American Development Bank

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Skill Formation with Siblings**, Job Market Paper.

**Intergenerational Mobility in Socio-emotional Skills**, with Orazio Attanasio and Áureo de Paula.

**Socioeconomic Gradients in Test Scores across Latin American and the Caribbean**, with Pedro Carneiro - CAF Working Paper 2022/07.

**Parental Beliefs, Perceived Health Risks, and Time Investment in Children: Evidence from COVID-19**, with Gabriella Conti and Michele Giannola - IFS Working Paper W22/51.

**Interest-Based Negotiation over Natural Resources**, with Darin Christensen, Alexandra Hartman and Cyrus Samii.

**Voting from Abroad: Assessing the Impact of Local Turnout on Migrants' Voting behavior**, with Divya Dev and Rubén Pobleto-Cazenave - Tinbergen Institute Discussion Paper 2021-087/V.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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**The Malleability of Parental Beliefs: Learning the Production Function**, with Orazio Attanasio, Flavio Cunha, Pamela Jervis and Costas Meghir.

**The Evolving Geography of Learning Mobility in Europe**, with Pedro Carneiro and Hugo Reis.

**Dynamic Complementarities in Education: Evidence from Two Randomized Experiments**, with Samuel Berlinski and Michele Giannola.

**The Persistence of Skills: Life Cycle Evidence**, with Orazio Attanasio and Áureo de Paula. The analysis in this paper appeared previously as part of the manuscript "The Persistence of Socio-Emotional Skills: Life Cycle and Intergenerational Evidence" - *NBER WP 27823*.

**Local Labor Market Shocks and Learning About the Returns to Schooling**, with Alex Armand and Pedro Carneiro.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Teaching Assistant for HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS (ECON0115), <b>UCL</b>	<i>Fall 2022</i>
Teaching Assistant for ECONOMETRICS (ECON0019), <b>UCL</b>	<i>Spring 2022</i>
Teaching Assistant for INTRODUCTORY MICROECONOMICS (ECON115 01), <b>Yale</b>	<i>Fall 2021</i>
Teaching Assistant for ECONOMIC POLICY ANALYSIS (ECON0024), <b>UCL</b>	<i>Fall 2020, Spring 2021</i>
Teaching Assistant for ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION (ECON0056), <b>UCL</b>	<i>Spring 2019, 2020, 2021</i>
Teaching Assistant for ISSUES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ECON0030), <b>UCL</b>	<i>Spring 2020</i>
Teaching Assistant for ECONOMICS OF LABOUR (ECON0047), <b>UCL</b>	<i>Fall 2018 and 2019</i>
Teaching Assistant for PARTIAL IDENTIFICATION IN PRACTICE, <b>UCL/CEMMAP</b>	<i>Spring 2019</i>
Instructor for INTRO TO MATLAB (MSC RESEARCH METHODS), <b>UCL</b>	<i>Spring 2019</i>

## SEMINAR / CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2022: Yale Labor Lunch seminar; Labor/Family workshop, KU Leuven; Novafrica conference Lisbon; CESifo Venice Summer Institute on Personality and Attitudes in Economics, EcHo workshop, RHUL; Bank of Portugal seminar; Institute for Fiscal Studies.

2021: LSE PSPE; SEEK Workshop on Social Mobility, ZEW Mannheim; CESifo Workshop on Opportunities, Mobility, and Well-Being; IFS-UCL-LSE/STICERD Development Economics Seminar; IAAE Congress Rotterdam; Econometric Society Summer School in Dynamic Structural Econometrics, Bonn University; 6th IZA Workshop The Economics of Education; Oxford Development Economics Workshop, Yale Development Economics Seminar.

2020: Bank of Italy Human Capital workshop; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum Workshop on Human Capital Formation; EEA Congress Rotterdam; EALE/SOLE/AASLE World Labour Conference. Cancelled due to Covid-19: CEPR/TIME Development Workshop Tokyo.

2019: ENTER Jamboree, Tilburg University (Discussant); CINTIA Workshop on Expectations and Risks affecting Households and Firms, Ca' Foscari University of Venice; Munich Young Economists Meeting; HCEO/FAIR Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality, Norwegian School of Economics; 3rd IZA/HSE workshop, Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg.

## AWARDS

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FELLOWSHIP IN ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION FTC-CUBE	<i>2022 - 2023</i>
YALE-UCL BURSARY AWARD	<i>2021</i>
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (ESRC) STUDENTSHIP with Advanced Quantitative Methods Award	<i>2019 - 2021</i>
LINO VENINI DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP Fondazione Banca Popolare di Novara	<i>2018 - 2019 &amp; 2021 - 2022</i>
BEST TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD Teaching on a 3rd year UG course, UCL	<i>2020</i>
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION (EEA) conference grant	<i>2020</i>

## AFFILIATION

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PhD Scholar, **Centre for Microdata Methods and Practice (CeMMAP)** *2022 - Present*

## SHORT ACADEMIC VISITS

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Bank of Portugal - Research Department *One week - July 2022*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Research Consultant, **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)** *2018 - 2019*

Research Assistant for Professor Pedro Carneiro, **University College London** *2017 - 2019*

Junior Researcher, **Politecnico di Milano University** *2016 - 2017*

## POLICY REPORTS

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**Technical Report: Impact Evaluation of the Fund for Innovation and Technology Development (FITD) Grant**, with Pedro Carneiro. Republic of North Macedonia, 2020.

**Technical Report: UNHCR India, Iran and Tunisia - Targeting and Allocation of Humanitarian Aid**, with Alexandra Hartman and Nils Metternich. Geneva, Switzerland: UNHCR, 2019.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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ENTER STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE, **University College London** *2019 - 2021*

Co-organizer of the UCL APPLIED MICROECONOMICS READING GROUP *2018 - 2020*

## MISCELLANEOUS

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**Languages:** Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), French (beginner).

**Computational skills:** Stata, R, Matlab,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ .