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### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Primary: Urban Economics, Development Economics

Secondary: Political Economy

### **EDUCATION**

#### **PhD in Economics (Expected April 2026)**

*Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia*

#### **MA in Economics**

*Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), 2017*

Master thesis: "The politics of government advertising: evidence from Brazil"

Advised by Professor Claudio Ferraz (PhD UC Berkeley 2006)

#### **BA in Economics**

*Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), 2014*

Senior thesis: "The returns of politics in Brazil" (in Portuguese)

Advised by Professor Claudio Ferraz (PhD UC Berkeley 2006)

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **Teaching Assistant**

*Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia*

Classes: The Process of Economic Development (undergraduate level), 2023

Economic Analysis of the Law (undergraduate level), 2024

Introduction to Macroeconomics (undergraduate level), 2021-2023, 2024

*Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)*

Classes: Political Economy (undergraduate level), 2016

Introduction to Macroeconomics (undergraduate level), 2011

#### **Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia**

Research Assistant under the supervision of Professor Victor Couture, November 2021 – August 2023

#### **Development Research Group, World Bank, Washington, DC**

Research Assistant under the supervision of Xavier Giné and David McKenzie, April 2017 – August 2020

#### **Climate Policy Initiative (CPI), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

Research Assistant, February - October 2013 and May – June 2018

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Efficiency and Equity of Input Subsidies: Experimental Evidence from Tanzania**

with Xavier Giné, Shreena Patel and Ildrim Valley

*American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 104(5): 1625-1655, 2022

## WORKING PAPERS

### **Beyond the S-curve: Insurance Penetration, Institutional Quality and Financial Market Development**

with Xavier Giné, Fiona Stewart and Peter Wrede.

[World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 8925](#), June 2019

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

### **Public housing and intergenerational mobility: evidence from Brazil**

*How does public housing affect the economic opportunities of adults and children of low-income families?*

with Gabriel Leite Mariante

### **Effects of homeownership: preliminary evidence from Brazil**

*How do the impacts of public housing are due to new homeownership vs switching neighborhoods?*

### **Accessibility, city size, and economic development**

*How does accessibility vary with economic development? Are developing cities inefficiently large?*

with Prottoy Akbar, Victor Couture, Gilles Duranton, and Adam Storeygard

### **Standardization and simplification of credit card statements: evidence from a lab experiment**

*Does displaying information in a simpler and standardized way help customers understand their credit card statements better?*

with Xavier Giné, Edgar Cortés, Paúl de la Cruz, Pedro León and José Luis Negrin

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

### **Development Economics Challenge**

USD 4,542 for project “Designing public housing: evidence from cities in Brazil” with Gabriel Mariante

*Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA)*, 2024

### **Graduate Fellowship in Gambling Research**

CAD 35,000 for project “Impacts of at-scale public housing: evidence from public lotteries in Brazil”

*BC Lottery Corporation*, 2024

### **Call for small research grants**

GBP 19,000 for project “Measuring urban accessibility: evidence from Kampala” with Prottoy Akbar, Victor Couture, Gilles Duranton, and Adam Storeygard

*International Growth Centre (IGC)*, 2023

### **Center for Innovative Data in Economic Research (CIDER)**

CAD 6,000 for project “Spatial Sorting of Informal Firms: Evidence from Brazilian cities”

*Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia*, 2023

### **Four Year Doctoral Fellowship (4YF)**

*Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia*, 2020-2023

**CAPES Scholarship for Graduate Students**

*Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), 2015*

**HONORS****Best summer article written by Economics MA student**

*Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), 2016*

Article: "Government advertising and distributive politics in Brazil" (in Portuguese)

Advised by Professor Claudio Ferraz (PhD UC Berkeley 2006)

**OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE****Exchange undergraduate student**

*University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), 2012*

**PRESENTATIONS IN SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES****2019**

Advances with Field Experiments (AFE), University of Chicago

**OTHER SKILLS****Field Work**

Manage Successful Impact Evaluations, Field Coordinator Workshop

*Development Impact Evaluation (DIME), World Bank, 2019*

**Languages**

Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent)

**Programming Languages and Software Skills**

Stata (advanced), R (advanced), LaTeX (advanced)

Matlab (intermediate), Julia (intermediate), Python (beginner)

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September 2025