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## Research Fields

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Development Economics, Urban Economics

## Education

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

PhD in Economics

2026 (*expected*)

*Advisors:* Claudio Ferraz, Victor Couture, and Munir Squires

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

MA in Economics

2017

BA in Economics

2014

## Publications

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**Efficiency and equity of input subsidies: experimental evidence from Tanzania** (*with Xavier Giné, Shreena Patel, and Ildrim Valley*), *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 2022.

## Work in progress

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**Subsidized housing and intergenerational mobility: evidence from Brazil** (*with Gabriel Leite Mariante*)

*Abstract:* Housing assistance programs are among the most widely used policies to provide affordable housing to low-income families worldwide. In this paper, we study a large-scale subsidized housing program in Brazil and estimate its effects on individuals who received their homes as adults and those who were exposed as children. We find that adult beneficiaries experience small declines in formal employment. Unlike in other settings, these effects are not driven by spatial isolation, but are instead consistent with modest income effects. In contrast, the impacts on children are large and transformative. Those who receive subsidized housing at age 11 are 22 percent more likely to hold a formal job at age 25 than those who receive their homes at age 18 or older. These gains are concentrated among children of the poorest families and are driven by the proximity to high-quality schools.

**Accessibility, city size, and economic development** (*with Prottoy Akbar, Victor Couture, Gilles Duranton, and Adam Storeygard*)

**Making job training work for the youth** (*with Xavier Giné, Alejandro de la Fuente, and Meritxell Martínez*)

**Standardization and simplification of credit card statements: evidence from a lab experiment** (*with Edgar G. Cortés, Paúl A. de la Cruz, Xavier Giné, Pedro G. León-Nájera, and José Luis Negrin*)

## Work Experience

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### Analysis Group

Summer Associate | Montreal, QC, Canada

2025

### University of British Columbia

Research Assistant | Vancouver, BC, Canada

2021-2023

*Principal investigator: Victor Couture*

### The World Bank

Research Assistant | Washington, DC, USA

2017-2020

*Principal investigators: Xavier Giné and David McKenzie*

### Climate Policy Initiative

Research Assistant | Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil

2013

*Principal investigator: Dimitri Szerman*

## Teaching Experience

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### University of British Columbia

Teaching Assistant | Vancouver, BC, Canada

2021-present

- *Classes:* Introduction to Microeconomics (2025), Economic Analysis of the Law (2024), Introduction to Macroeconomics (2021-2024), The Process of Economic Development (2023).

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

Teaching Assistant | Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil

2011, 2016

- *Classes:* Political Economy (2016), Introduction to Macroeconomics (2011).

## Research Grants

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- Faculty of Arts Graduate Student Research Award, University of British Columbia 2025
- Development Economics Challenge, CEGA (with Gabriel L. Mariante) 2024
- IGC (with Prottoy Akbar, Victor Couture, Gilles Duranton, and Adam Storeygard) 2023, 2025
- CIDER Small Grants in Innovative Data, University of British Columbia 2023

## Awards and Honors

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- Graduate Fellowship in Gambling Research, British Columbia Lottery Corporation 2024
- Four Year Doctoral Fellowship (4YF), University of British Columbia 2020-2023
- CAPES Scholarship for graduate students 2015-2017

## Other writing

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**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 No. 8925*, 2019.

## Other information

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**Software:** Stata, R, Python, SurveyCTO, High-performance computing (HPC), Unix, SLURM

**Languages:** Portuguese (native), English and Spanish (fluent)

**Citizenship:** Brazil, Canada (Permanent Resident)