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Education

Princeton University, 2014 to present
Ph.D. Candidate in Economics
Thesis Title: “Essays on Migration Economics”
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M.A. in Economics, Sciences Po and ENSAE, France, 2014

B.A. in Applied Mathematics, Ecole Polytechnique, France, 2012

References:

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Teaching and Research Fields

Primary fields: International Trade, Economic Geography
Secondary fields: Industrial Organization

Research Experience and Other Employment

Summer 2015, Princeton University, Research Assistant for Professor Esteban Rossi-Hansberg
Fall 2017, Princeton University, Research Assistant for Professor Eduardo Morales

Teaching Experience

Spring, 2018, 2019, International Trade, Undergraduate, Princeton University, Teaching Assistant for Professor Gene M. Grossman

Fall, 2018, Quantitative Analysis, Master in Public Affairs, Princeton University, Teaching Assistant for Professor Eduardo Morales
Spring, 2017, Urban Economics, Undergraduate, Princeton University, Teaching Assistant for Professor Walker Hanlon
Fall, 2016, Public Economics, Undergraduate, Princeton University, Teaching Assistant for Elizabeth C. Bogan

External Presentations and Seminars

2019, Urban Economics Association Conference
2018, Cepii Seminar, France

Honors, Scholarships and Fellowships

2016-2019, International Economics Section Summer Fellowship, Princeton University

Research Papers

“Migration with Costly Information” (Job Market Paper)

Information is critical for migration decisions, but individuals may face different costs of accessing information, depending, for example, on where they reside and who they interact with. How do these costs shape migration decisions, and ultimately, the geography of opportunities? To investigate this question, I develop a quantitative dynamic model of migration with costly information acquisition and local information sharing. Although agents are rationally inattentive, migration flows preserve a tractable logit structure. Information frictions affect both the magnitude and the responsiveness of migration flows to variations in local opportunities. I apply this model to internal migration in Brazil and estimate it using migration flows between 137 regions. Deciding where to go appears to be as costly as moving, with annualized average costs of information and migration both equal to 3% of earnings. The model successfully predicts the observed heterogeneous migration elasticities and delayed migration responses to local shocks. To illustrate its quantitative implications, I evaluate the counterfactual effect of the roll-out of broadband internet in Brazil. By allowing workers to make better mobility choices, expanding internet access increases average welfare by 1.6%, reduces migration flows by 1.2% and reduces the cross-sectional dispersion in earnings by 4%.

“A Revealed-Preference Approach to Measuring Information Frictions in Migration”, with Thomas Fujiwara and Eduardo Morales

“The Role of Establishment Size in the City-Size Premium in Spain”, with Hannah Rubinton and Clara Santamaria

“Monopsony in Local Labor Markets”, with Adrien Bilal and Damien Capelle

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