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Education

Princeton University, 2014 to present
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Thesis Title: “Information Frictions in Migration”
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M.A. in Economics, Sciences Po and ENSAE, France, 2014

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

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Teaching and Research Fields

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

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

“Social Learning in Migration” (Job Market Paper)

We investigate the role of local information sharing about economic opportunities on migration decisions. First, using administrative data from Brazil, we show that migrants’ connections to other cities through their network of coworkers previously in these cities increase their responsiveness to economic opportunities. Second, we develop a quantitative dynamic general equilibrium model of migration with costly information acquisition and information sharing at the local level. Agents are rationally inattentive, leading to an expression of migration shares akin to the multinomial logit structure typical in dynamic discrete choice models, with a clear role for endogenous information frictions. Using approximated dynamic programming methods, we then simulate the model over 137 Brazilian commuting zones and find that a decrease of 10% of information frictions would raise aggregate welfare by 4% and decrease spatial inequality by 5%, while a decrease of 10% of migration costs would raise aggregate welfare by 3% and decrease spatial inequality by 3%.

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

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

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