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Employment

2023 - Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Bonn

Education

2023	PhD in Economics, European University Institute. Expected Graduation: May 2023 Advisors: Sule Alan, Alessandro Tarozzi
2018	MRes in Economics, European University Institute
2014	Msc in Economics, Double Degree Program between EESP-FGV, Brazil, and NovaSBE, Portugal
2012	BA in Economics, NovaSBE

Research Fields

Development Economics and Applied Microeconomics

Research Interests

Child Development, Education, Poverty, Gender, Discrimination

Job Market Paper

The Effect of a Conditional Cash Transfer on Child Marriage: Evidence from Mexico, 2022

I study the effect of a conditional cash transfer program in Mexico on early marriage. First, I estimate the impact of the program leveraging its staggered implementation. The program provides monetary benefits to households, conditional on children's school attendance. I find that exposure to the conditional cash transfer *increases* girls' probability of getting married. After five years of exposure to the program, beneficiary girls are, on average, almost 7 p.p more likely to be married than the control group. I find no effect for boys. These findings contrast with the previously documented positive effects of the program on education, which is usually associated with decreases in child marriage. I reconcile the simultaneous increase in marriage and education in a conceptual framework wherein agents treat marriage as a normal good. Finally, I test the hypothesis that these results are driven by an income effect. I exploit the variation in household composition and find that non-eligible children in beneficiary households - who were only exposed to the increase in household income - were between 10 and 18p.p more likely to be married than their counterparts in non-treated villages.

Ongoing Projects

Experiment on Test Performance and Implications for Fairness - pilot ongoing (with Lucas Finamor)

The Effect of Land Rights on Children's Health (with Alessandro Tarozzi)

Presentations

2021	19th Nordic Conference Development Economics, Bavarian Young Economists' Meeting
2022	RIDGE May Forum: Inequality and Poverty Workshop, EUI MWP Multidisciplinary Research Workshop: Causality Across the Social Sciences, 35th annual conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), 15th Annual Meeting of the Portuguese Economic Journal, EEA-ESEM, 3rd Brazilian Meeting on Family and Gender Economics, European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society
2023	ASSA, Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Laboratory for Effective Anti-poverty Policies (LEAP), Navarra Center for International Development (NCID), University of Barcelona, University of Bath, MPI Bonn - CREED Meeting, FGV EESP Clear

Refereeing Activity

Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Economic Journal, Economic Development and Cultural Change

Grants

2020-2021	European University Institute PhD Grant
2019	European University Institute: Early Stage Researchers Grant
2017-2020	PhD Grant, Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia, Portugal

Past Employment

2014 - 2017	Researcher and Project Manager, FGV/EESP Clear, Center for Learning in Evaluation and Results for Brazil and Lusophone Africa
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Personal Information

Nationality: Portuguese

Languages: Portuguese (native), English (proficient), Italian (intermediate)