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Education

PhD Economics, University of Nottingham (exp) 2023

Job Market Paper: Migration and Trust: Evidence on Migrants Assimilation

Supervisors: Facundo Alborno – Simon Gächter – Devesh Rustagi

Visiting PhD student, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid January 2021 - May 2022

Host: Antonio Cabrales

M.A. Economics, Duke University 2017

B.S. Economics, Universidad Nacional del Nordeste 2013

Research Fields

Primary: Behavioural Economics, Economics of Culture

Secondary: Experimental Economics, Labour Economics

References

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Publications

[Migration and Social Preferences](#). **Economics Letters**, 110773, 2022.– with Matias Morales

Migration and Trust: Evidence on Assimilation from Internal Migrants - JMP

Abstract: I study whether internal migrants assimilate culturally to the locals. In general, investigating this question with observational data is challenging because we need to disentangle assimilation from sorting, especially because data on the migrants before migration is typically not available. I overcome this challenge by studying the Swiss context, which provides an ideal setting for two main reasons. First, as a result of its history, Switzerland presents substantial cultural differences between its regions. Second, the Swiss Household Panel tracks individuals for a long period before and after they move. This provides a unique opportunity to compare early versus late migrants using a difference-in-differences framework. For the analysis, I focus specifically on trust in strangers, one of the most important components of culture. In particular, this cultural trait is also important because it predicts growth and other desirable economic, social and political outcomes. I find statistically and economically significant evidence for cultural assimilation in a relatively short period after migration. Finally, using the Sorted Effects Method, I find that assimilation is driven by the youngest immigrants, which is in line with the impressionable years hypothesis in psychology.

Using the Strategy Method and Belief Elicitation to Explain Group Size and MPCR Effects in Public Good Experiments - with Simon Gächter

Abstract: We introduce a new incentive-compatible version of the strategy method to elicit preferences for conditional cooperation in public goods game that is scalable to any group size. We compare our method to the one proposed by Fischbacher et al. (2001, FGF). Our method performs at least as well as FGF in in-sample and out-of-sample predictions of cooperation. We then use our methodology to revisit the question of how group size and MPCR affect cooperation. We find that elicited preference types are similar across group sizes of 3 and 9 and MPCRs of 0.4 and 0.8. Further experiments comparing group sizes of 3 and 30 again find similar distributions of conditional preferences. Finally, we show that controlling for elicited preferences, differences in cooperation levels observed across the various games are mostly due to differences in beliefs.

Work in progress

Beliefs in beauty contests (data analysis) with Simon Gächter and Patrick Maus

Hate Speech in Bolsonaro's Brazil (data collection) with Agustina Matinez

Assimilation in trust and trustworthiness (pre-analysis plan)

Applied Econometrics using Stata with Ricardo Perez Truglia

Scholarships and Grants

Vice-Chancellor Scholarship for Research Excellence, University of Nottingham.

PhD Economics Scholarship School of Economics, University of Nottingham.

Grant for graduate thesis: Centre for Decision Research and Experimental Economics (CEDEX), Nottingham. US £4,000. (2021)

Grant for graduate thesis: Center for Distributive, Labor and Social Studies (CEDLAS) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC-Canada). US \$4,000. (2015)

Master in Economics Scholarship (2013), Universidad de San Andrés.

Research Scholarship: Universidad Católica Argentina (2014-2015), Consejo Interuniversitario Nacional (2011), Universidad Nacional del Nordeste (2009 and 2011).

Other

Presentations: Nottingham School of Economics (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022), CCC Meeting (2021), Universidad Catolica Argentina (2021), University of East Anglia (2022), University of Copenhagen (2022).

Discussant: Junior Migration Seminar (October 2022).

Research assistant for Alex Possajenikov (2022), Maria Garcia-Vega (2021), Alejandro Graziano (2021), Valeria Rueda (2020), Devesh Rustagi (2021), Lina Song (2019), Facundo Albornoz (2018-2019) and Ricardo Perez Truglia (2015-2017).

Participant: [Multi100Project](#), [ManyDesigns](#), [OsloReplicationGames](#), [ManyEconomistsProject](#).

Initiator and organizer of the [Behavioural Meetings](#) (2021-present). Organizer of the CCC meeting (2021). Moderator in Econometric Society Winter Meeting 2020 (virtual).

Created a subject pool for online experiments in Argentina (2022).

PhD Rep: CEDEX Management Group (2020-2021), Facilities Committee (2019-present).

Participant: Oxford Summer School in Networks (2019).

Impact Evaluation analyst, Ministry of Production, Argentina, first semester of 2016.

Referee Work

European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (Excellent reviewer by Publons), Scientometrics, Annual Meeting of the Argentinean Association of Political Economy, The Center for Growth and Opportunity (Utah)

Teaching

Lectures

University of Nottingham: Big Data Economics (2023).

Tutorials

University of Nottingham: Econometrics (postgraduate), Microeconomic Theory, Mathematical Economics and Econometrics, Growth and Development, Foundations of Economics, Labour Economics, Behavioural and Experimental Economics, and undergraduate dissertation supervision. (2019-present) **Tutor Teaching Excellence Award, University of Nottingham (2019,2021).**

Nottingham Trent University: Economics and Data Analysis for Managers. (2020)

Nottingham International College: Econ, Stats, Maths. (pregraduate) (2018-2020)

Universidad de San Andrés: Behavioural Economics, Econometrics, Introductory Economics, Labour Economics (graduate and postgraduate level). (2014-2016)

Universidad Torcuato di Tella: Econometrics. (2014)

Universidad Nacional del Nordeste: Econometrics, Economic History, Statistics II. (2008-2013)

Other Publications

[Write Better, Publish Better](#). *Scientometrics*, 122(3), 1671-1681, 2020.

[The Effects of Emergency Housing on Wellbeing: Evidence from Argentina's Informal Settlements](#). *The European Journal of Development Research*, 31(3), 504-529. 2019. – with Ann Mitchell and Jimena Maccio

Other Information

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), Italian (intermediate), German (basic)

Software: Stata, R, Python, Qualtrics

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