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Employment

Teaching Associate, University of Nottingham	2022-2023
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Education

PhD Economics , University of Nottingham	(exp) 2023
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Job Market Paper: Migration and Trust: Evidence on Migrants Assimilation

Supervisors: Facundo Albornoz – Simon Gächter – Devesh Rustagi

Visiting PhD student, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid	January 2021 - May 2022
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Host: Antonio Cabrales

M.A. Economics , Duke University	2017
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M.A. Economics , Universidad de San Andres	2013
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B.S. Economics , Universidad Nacional del Nordeste	2013
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Research Fields

Primary: Applied Microeconomics, Culture, Migration

Secondary: Behavioural and Experimental Economics, Cooperation, Social Preferences

References

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Publications

Migration and Social Preferences. **Economics Letters**, 110773, 2022.– with Matias Morales

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

Working papers

Migration and Trust: Evidence on Assimilation from Internal Migrants in Switzerland

- Job Market Paper

Abstract: Free migration has the potential to increase global efficiency and output. However, it might create tensions between the natives and the immigrants, especially if the latter do not assimilate culturally. I exploit a panel of internal migrants in a regionally diverse country in terms of culture (Switzerland) to study migrants' assimilation. In particular, I focus on how migrants' trust in strangers is affected by the average trust level at the destination. I use a difference-in-differences and an event-study-like approach to show that migrants close half of the gap in trust with the locals in approximately 6 years. This happens both when moving to higher and lower trust cantons, and for men and women alike. I run a battery of robustness tests including a placebo, exploring a potential reflection problem, attrition, and survey implementation effects. Finally, I study heterogeneity with a machine learning method and find that the migrants who adapt the most are more likely to be female, younger, have spent at least one more year in the host canton and are poorer but with a higher increase in income and education after migration.

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

Applied Econometrics using Stata with Ricardo Perez Truglia

Assimilation in trust and trustworthiness (pre-analysis plan)

Teaching

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

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

University of Nottingham International College: Economics, Statistics, Mathematics. Pre-graduate level. (2018-2020)

Universidad de San Andrés: Behavioral 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)

Scholarships and Grants

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

PhD Economics Scholarship School of Economics, University of Nottingham.

First Year PhD Scholarship, Duke University.

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

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).

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

Participant in the [Multi100 Project](#).

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

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

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

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)

Other Information

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

Software: Stata, R, Python, Qualtrics