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Doctoral Studies

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References

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Fields of Research

Political Economy, Economics of Migration, Development Economics

Prior Education

The University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy. Master of Public Policy (*Hons*). 2017
Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE), Mexico City. BA in Political Science and International Relations (*Hons*). 2013
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS), Seoul. Visiting student. 2012

Working Papers

The Local Reaction to Unauthorized Mexican Migration to the US (*Job Market Paper*, with Kara Ross Camarena) [[Link](#)]

We study the political impacts of unauthorized Mexican migration to the United States. We exploit exogenous variation in Mexican municipalities and migrant networks from data on over 7 million likely unauthorized migrants who obtained consular IDs. We find evidence of conservative electoral and policy responses. Unauthorized migration significantly increases the vote share of the Republican Party in federal elections, decreases spending on education, and increases relative spending on policing and on the administration of justice. We show that migrants have modest economic distributional effects. They raise poverty and decrease employment in “migrant intensive” sectors. They also increase out-migration and heighten in-group values among US natives. By contrast, unauthorized migrants have no discernible impact on wages or unemployment. Despite prompting investment in policing and courts, migrants do not impact crime, but they increase police use of deportation programs. Together, our findings suggest that narrow economic losses, underlying population changes, and shifts in values account for some of the observed political responses. These commonly discussed do not fully explain our findings.

Shocks at Destination and Households' Supply of Migrants (with Horacio Larreguy, Gustavo Fajardo and Emilio Gutiérrez)

We study how unemployment shocks in the United States affect Mexican households' decisions. We emphasize households at origin (as opposed to individuals) as the decision-making units for migration decisions. We show that negative changes in US labor conditions, which are diffused by household members at destination to those at origin, lead to heterogeneous migration responses by Mexican households that have members abroad. We argue that this heterogeneous response is driven by the relative magnitudes of income (proxied by education) and substitution effects after a negative employment shock in the United States. These results also inform the literature on selection patterns in international migration, which suggests a new channel through which negative shocks in the host economy negatively affect the skill composition of subsequent migrants.

Work in Progress

The Effects of Mexican Migration to the US (with Kara Ross Camarena)

Aid for Capacity and Infrastructure: Evidence from Bangladeshi Upazilas (with Horacio Larreguy)

Determinants of Social Protection Expansion (with Miguel Nino-Zarazua)

Pre-doctoral academic publications

Filipski, Mateusz J.; Rosenbach, Gracie; **Tiburcio, Ernesto**; Dorosh, Paul; & Hoddinott, John. 2020. “Refugees who mean business: Economic activities in and around the Rohingya settlements in Bangladesh”. *Journal of Refugee Studies*, feaa059.

Hoddinott, John F.; Dorosh, Paul A.; Filipski, Mateusz J.; Rosenbach, Gracie; and **Tiburcio, Ernesto**. 2020. “Food transfers, electronic food vouchers and child nutritional status among Rohingya children living in Bangladesh”. *PLoS ONE*, 15(4): e0230457.

Benin, Samuel and **Tiburcio, Ernesto**. 2019. “Ghana's 10 percent agriculture expenditure saga: Why reported expenditure shares are not what they seem”. *ReSAKSS Issue Note 30*. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).

Filipski, Mateusz J.; **Tiburcio, Ernesto**; Dorosh, Paul A.; Hoddinott, John F.; and Rosenbach, Gracie. 2019. “Modelling the economic impact of the Rohingya Influx in Southern Bangladesh”. *IFPRI Discussion Paper 1819*. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).

Rosenbach, Gracie; **Tiburcio, Ernesto**; Filipski, Mateusz J.; Dorosh, Paul A.; and Sen, Binayak. 2018. “Economic activities of forcibly displaced populations: An analysis of enterprises in Southern Bangladesh”. *IFPRI Discussion Paper 1763*. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).

Teaching Experience

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

(PhD) *Development Economics* (Esther Duflo and Abhijit Banerjee) Co-Teaching Assistant. Fall 2022

Tufts University

(Masters) *Development Economics: Macroeconomic Perspectives* (Steven Block) Teaching Assistant. Fall 2021

(Masters) *Stata Workshop* Instructor. Spring 2021-Spring 2023

Harris School of Public Policy

(Masters) *International Policy Practicum* (Alicia Menendez) Teaching Assistant. Fall 2016

(Masters) *Analytical Politics II: The Developed World* (Peter Buisseret) Teaching Assistant. Winter 2017

(Masters) *Refugees, Security, and Forced Migration* (Kara Ross Camarena) Teaching Assistant. Spring 2017

Professional Experience

Inter-American Development Bank. Research Consultant. 2023

UNU WIDER. Research Consultant. 2021

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Development Strategy and Governance Division.

Research Analyst. 2017- 2019 and Research Consultant. Summer 2021

International Labour Office (ILO). Social Protection Department. Research Intern. Summer 2016

Consulate General of Mexico in Chicago. Research Assistant to the Consul General. 2014-2015

Presentations (including scheduled)

2023 Harvard Political Economy Workshop, Bocconi University Reading Group in Political Economy (virtual), Tufts EPP Workshop, Humans LACEA Network, The Economics of Migration Junior Seminar (virtual)

Refereeing

American Journal of Health Economics

Skills

Stata, R, LaTeX, Survey CTO

Spanish (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (fluent), Italian (beginner)

Extracurricular Activities

Y20 Russia 2013 - G20 official youth summit. Mexican delegate. 2013

Colegio Marista Dom Silverio, Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Exchange student. 2008