

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Situation

Regional coordinator for Latin America at the World Inequality Lab, Paris School of Economics. Data architect for the GC Wealth Project at the City University of New York. Consultant for the United Nation's Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Statistics Division.

1 Positions and Training

Fixed positions

Oct. 2019 – Present: Regional coordinator at World Inequality Database, Paris School of Economics

At WID.world, we provide open access to comprehensive global income and wealth distribution data. My contributions include data production and analysis for Latin America and the Caribbean, engaging in public discourse, and representing the institution across various platforms. I have also developed methodological improvements that are now essential to the database.

Nov. 2023 – Present: Data architect at GC Wealth project, Roma Tre

I contribute to expanding access to data on wealth inequality, wealth accumulation and

wealth taxation. I have led the development of data processing architectures, encompassing data collection from various sources, organization, analysis, validation and visualization.

Aug. 2021 – Aug. 2023: Research associate at City University of New York

At the Stone Center, I engaged in research focusing on economic and environmental inequalities. I developed and led research projects, starting my collaboration with the GC Wealth Project.

Feb. 2019 – May 2021: Postdoctoral Researcher at INSEAD Europe

I focused on income and wealth inequality, conducting my own research. There, I also initiated big scale projects on land concentration and resiliency to climate change.

Consultancy

Jan. 2020 – Present: Consultant, United Nations, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

I advise statistical offices across the region, including the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Chile on enhancing distributional statistics. I also have contributed to the creation of regional guidelines for statistical improvement.

Mar. 2022: External Consultant, Ministry of Economics of Chile

I calculated potential impacts from various wealth tax proposals, made by the incoming government of that time, based on administrative sources, aiding in fiscal planning and policy development.

Education

2014 – 2019: PhD in Economics at Sorbonne University, Paris 1. Jury: Facundo Alvaredo, François Bourguignon, Emmanuel Flachaire, Jérôme Gauthier, Elvire Guillaud, Julian Messina, Nora Lustig

2012 – 2014: Master in Applied Economics at Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

2009 – 2012: *Licence* in Economics at Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

2 Research

Job Market Paper

1. Does Land Consolidation Increase Vulnerability to Climate Change? Evidence from

French Agriculture, with Dylan Glover

Abstract This paper investigates the consequences of land consolidation on agriculture's vulnerability to extreme temperatures. Combining quasi-weekly satellite data on land productivity with farm-level cadastral data, we show that while highly consolidated land provides the majority of the country's food production, it suffers disproportionately from extreme weather events. We find that a key driver of resilience is the negative relation between land consolidation and biological diversity, which helps buffering the adverse effects of heat-shocks. This implies a trade-off between productivity and resilience, which becomes critical as heat-shocks grow stronger and more frequent.

Working Papers

1. The Inequality (or the Growth) we Measure: Data Gaps and the Distribution of Incomes, with Facundo Alvaredo, Mauricio De Rosa y Marc Morgan, Stone Center Working Paper Series, Mar. 2022. R&R at *Economia LACEA*

Peer reviewed and accepted publications

1. Top Incomes in Chile: A Historical Perspective on Income Inequality (1964-2017), with Jorge Atria, Claudia Sanhueza and Ricardo Mayer, *Review of Income and Wealth*, 66(4), p. 850-874, 2020.
2. Measuring the Capital Share and Inequality: Increasing Gaps between National Accounts and Micro-data *Journal of Economic Inequality* 19(4), 685-706, 2021.
3. The Weight of the Rich: Improving Surveys Using Tax Data, with Thomas Blanchet and Marc Morgan, *Journal of Economic Inequality* 20, 119–150, 2022. (*) *This paper was awarded the Atkinson Prize 2023*
4. More Unequal or Not as Rich? Distributing the Missing Half of National Income in Latin America, with Mauricio De Rosa and Marc Morgan, *World Development*, 184, (2024)
5. Wealth Inequality in Latin America, with Rafael Carranza and Mauricio De Rosa, *Oxford Open Economics*, forthcoming (2024)
6. Firms and inequality in Latin America with Marcela Eslava, Marcela Meléndez, Gabriel Ulyssea and Nicolás Urdaneta, *Oxford Open Economics*, forthcoming (2024)

Chapters in Books

1. Riqueza en Chile: Medición y Tributación, with Pablo Gutierrez, in *Impuestos justos para el Chile que viene: desafíos y propuestas para un nuevo pacto fiscal* ed: Jorge Atria and Cristobal Otero, Sep. 2021.
2. Desigualdad y Distribución del Crecimiento Económico en Chile, in *Impuestos justos para el Chile que viene: desafíos y propuestas para un nuevo pacto fiscal* ed: Jorge Atria and Cristobal Otero, Sep. 2021.

Guidelines and Reports

- Distributional National Accounts guidelines. In: WID.world Working Paper Series, Jun 2021.
- Diagnóstico Distributivo de Ingreso y Patrimonio, y Análisis de la Propuesta de Reforma Tributaria en Materia de Renta y Riqueza, with Pablo Gutierrez and Damián Vergara, wealth section only. In: Publicaciones Ministerio de Hacienda de Chile, Jul 2022.
- Desigualdad del ingreso en la República Dominicana 2012-2019: una revisión a partir de la combinación de fuentes de datos, with Facundo Alvaredo, Mauricio De Rosa and Marc Morgan. In: publicaciones CEPAL, Oct. 2022.

3 Teaching

Paris School of Economics - Summer school

Global Inequality (with Thomas Piketty)

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne - TA

Financial and Monetary Economics

Comparative Economics Theory

4 Outreach

Selected Presentations

2024: *Keough – NDI Conference: Poverty, inequality, and environmental justice: Developing a policy relevant research agenda*, Notre Dame, London Gateway, Jan. 2024. *Public Economics* seminar Mannheim University, May 2024. *Seminaire Economie Politique et Changement Institutionnel (EPCI) PSE*, May 2024.

2023: *Workshop on Measuring Wealth in Household Surveys in Low and Middle Income Countries*, Bank of Italy, Rome, Dec 2023. *Seminario Desigualdad*, CEPAL, Santiago, Chile, Oct. 2023. *Wealth concentration in Latin America: Data sources, methods and evidence*, World Bank Latin America, Apr. 2023. *Can Biodiversity Mitigate the Effect of Climate Change? Evidence from France*, CUNY, New York, Mar. 2023. *Conferencia LACIR*, Cartagena, Colombia, Feb. 2023.

2022: *Workshop on Wealth Inequality & Intergenerational Mobility*, WU Vienna, Nov 2022. *Cuentas nacionales y distribución del ingreso, una forma alternativa para medir la desigualdad*. 70th birthday of the Economics faculty in Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Feb. 2022, Bogotá. *Las cadenas de la inequidad*. Congreso Futuro 2022, Jan. 2022, Chile.

2021-2020 *More Unequal or Not as Rich: On the Missing Half of Latin-American Income*. 2nd world inequality conference, Paris School of Economics, Dec. 2021. *Perspectivas sobre la desigualdad en América Latina y Costa Rica* at Universidad de Costa Rica, Dec. 2020. *Charlas de los Viernes* at Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia, Nov. 2020.

2019 and earlier: Keynote speaker at the *Seminario Desigualdad*, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC-UN), Santiago, Sep. 2019. *Seminaire Travail en Economie Politique (STEP)* at Sorbonne Paris 1, Paris, Jun. 2018. Workshop on harmonization of household surveys, fiscal data and national accounts at the Paris School of Economics, Paris, May 2018. COES-LSE *Desigualdades* conference at *Universidad de Chile*, Santiago, Nov. 2016.

Refereeing

Journal of Public Economics. Journal of Economic History. Journal of Economic Inequality. International Tax and Public Finance. Socio-Economic Review. Journal of Income Distribution. Journal of Development Studies. Economics of Transition. Empirical Economics.

Organisation of Events

2021 – 2023 Co-organiser of the Stone Center Friday Seminars at the City University of New York, with a special series on wealth inequality in 2021 spring semester.

Member of the scientific comitee for the second World Inequality Conference in Dec. 2021 at the Paris School of Economics.

Media Outreach

1. “Colombia, es la hora de la redistribución” *Portafolio*, Colombia, with Oscar Barrera and Thomas Piketty, Feb 22nd 2022
2. “¿Quién crece cuando Chile crece?” *Tercera dosis*, Chile, Dec 2021
3. “Measuring Inequality in Latin America” *Stone center interviews*, United States, Nov 2021
4. “La letra chica del impuesto a la fortuna” *La Tercera*, Chile, with Thomas Piketty, May 10th 2021
5. “Chileno que trabaja con Piketty en datos de desigualdad: Chile se ubica en el podio a nivel mundial de los países más desiguales” *La Tercera*, Chile, Nov 24 2020
6. “La crisis es inevitable en América Latina, la desigualdad no” *El País*, Spain, May 31, 2020
7. “Apesar da crise da Covid-19, América Latina pode conter aumento da desigualdade” *Folha de São Paulo*, Brazil, May 5, 2020
8. “Rage against the system: From Chile to Lebanon, why the sudden wave of protests?” *France 24 – The Debate*, Oct. 22, 2019
9. “Au Chili, deux pays coexistent au sein d’un même” *Le Monde*, France, Oct 5, 2019

5 Further Information

Research Interests

Environmental inequality, climate change resilience, income and wealth distribution, taxation, economic history.

Prizes and Scholarships

2023: Atkinson Prize, which rewards the quality of papers published in the Journal of Economic Inequality, biannually.

2014 – 2017: Contrat Doctoral, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. *A three years long contract with the French State to finance a PhD, selection is based on grades and the presentation of a research project.*

2009 – 2014: Bourse excellence major, Campus France AEFE: *A five years long scholarship by the French State to finance tertiary education for foreign students. Selection is based on grades and the presentation of an educational project.*