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About Me

Senior Data Scientist and Economist specializing in spatial analytics, geospatial AI, and transport economics. With 7+ years of international experience (World Bank, IDB, private consulting), I build scalable cloud-native pipelines, predictive models, and spatial econometrics frameworks to transform location data into actionable insights.

Proficient in Python, R, SQL, Spark, Sedona, and cloud platforms (AWS, GCP), with a strong background in machine learning, spatial econometrics, and mobility data science. Passionate about bridging advanced data science with real-world geospatial problems, from urban mobility and logistics to infrastructure impact evaluation.

Work Experience

REDAS Engineering — Transportation Economist & Data Scientist

Milan, Italy | Dec 2024 - Apr 2025

- Designed **feasibility and impact evaluations** for major transport infrastructure projects.
- Integrated data science and geospatial econometrics into transport economics workflows.
- Supported strategic project development and client engagement.

ALEPH SRL — Transportation Consultant

Florence, Italy | Mar 2024 - Dec 2024

- Evaluated macro and micro impacts of road and HSR projects.
- Applied data-driven models in transportation planning and engineering.
- Delivered evidence-based insights for feasibility and infrastructure policy.

World Bank Group — Transportation Planning Consultant

Remote | Nov 2022 - Present

- Built OD matrices from mobile data (Buenos Aires, Bogotá) and assessed congestion costs (Lima).
- Delivered **geospatial data products** integrating Waze, GTFS, and GPS.
- Coordinated with governments in Latin America and Africa, ensuring real-world policy impact.

World Bank Group — Development Data Partnership

Remote | Mar 2022 - Jun 2023

- Developed **spatial data pipelines in Spark** + **Sedona** for global development use cases.
- Built production-ready analytical workflows in R/Python deployed on AWS & GCP.
- Provided scalable geospatial solutions for partner organizations.

Inter-American Development Bank — External Consultant

Remote | Apr 2022 - Jun 2023

- Processed GPS + mobile data (Veraset, Facebook) to generate OD matrices and modal splits.
- Applied spatial econometrics and ML models across 17 Latin American cities.
- Created **reproducible R/Python pipelines** for visualization and reporting.

Uber — External Consultant

Buenos Aires, Argentina | 2021 – 2022

• Evaluated Uber's impact on congestion using econometric ML models in R.

INDEC (Statistics Institute) — Product Owner

Argentina | 2021 - 2022

• Modernized national statistics workflows using **SQL**, **R**, and **C**#.

City of Buenos Aires — Transportation Economist

Argentina | 2017 - 2019

• Led feasibility studies and **urban transport policy analysis**.

Education

MSc in Transport Economics, Planning & Operations University of Pablo de Olavide – Seville, Spain | 2023

BA in Economics (Honors) University of Buenos Aires

• GPA: 8/10 | Thesis on congestion economics (10/10)

Skills

Spatial & Cloud Data Science

Python (GeoPandas, PyTorch, Scikit-learn), R (Tidymodels, INLA, sf), SQL (PostGIS, Big-Query), Spark, Apache Sedona, Docker, Kubernetes, AWS, Google Cloud, Databricks.

Spatial Analysis & Visualization

Spatial Econometrics, Machine Learning, GeoAI, OD Matrix Estimation, Shiny, Power BI, QGIS, Leaflet, CARTO, Blender.

Languages

• English: C2 (Proficient)

Spanish: Native Italian: Intermediate

Selected Publications

- Stokenberga, A., Ivarsson Molina, L. & Fulponi, J. I. (2025). A Net Cure or Curse ? Tracking the Impact of E-Commerce on Urban Freight Transport Intensity in Bogotá and Buenos Aires (English). Policy Research working paper no. WPS 10485; COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Washington, D.C.: World Bank Group.
- Fulponi, J.I., Ivarsson, E., & Stokenberga, A. (2023). The COVID-19 Mark on Urban Mobility: A Tale of Two Cities' Journey to Recovery. World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 10484.
- Fulponi, J.I., Ivarsson, E., González, K., & Stokenberga, A. (2024). Leveraging Big Data to Understand Women's Mobility in Buenos Aires. World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 10662.
- Abad, J., Moleres, C., Fulponi, J. I., Dobrusky, F., Pérez Martín, J., Sánchez, J., Fiadone, R., Suyai Mendiberri, L., Parisi, M., Spadaro, P., & Pipicello, T. (2022). Distribución urbana de mercancías en la Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires: propuestas para la innovación en políticas públicas en infraestructura, marco regulatorio y procesos logísticos. https://doi.org/10.18235/0004466.
- Fulponi, J.I. & Moleres, C.J. (2022). Facebook data for OD matrix estimation in Latin America. *IADB & CAF*.
- Fulponi, J.I. (2022). Traffic congestion in Buenos Aires: diagnosis and public policy recommendations. AIIT Conference, Rome.
- Fulponi, J.I. (2021). Socioeconomic costs of road accidents in Buenos Aires. XVIII Argentine Roads Congress, Mendoza.
- Fulponi, J.I. (2016). The Creation of the BCRA in Context. FACES Journal, ISSN 0328-4050. Link.
- Fulponi, J.I. (2016). Impact of PRO.CRE.AR on Construction and Employment. Jornadas de Economía Crítica, Córdoba. Link.
- Fulponi, J.I. & Lupín, B. (2015). Differential equations in the Samuelson-Solow model. XV IADCOM Conference, Buenos Aires.

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Interests

- Spatial Data Science & GeoAI
- Transport Infrastructure & Urban Mobility
- Open-Source Development
- Academic Research & Teaching