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JOB MARKET PAPER

Does Free Childcare Improve Mothers' Careers? Evidence from São Paulo

with Marcela Mello and Rafael Latham-Proença

Despite the extensive literature on the effect of childcare on mothers' labor market outcomes, evidence in developing countries is still limited. This paper estimates the impact of a rapid expansion of public childcare on mothers' careers in the city of Sao Paulo. We leverage the rollout and expansion of childcare facilities, coupled with detailed data on the labor market and household characteristics to identify effects on mothers' labor force participation and earnings. Our results show that an additional seat per child leads to an increase of 6 p.p. (20%) in the mothers' formal employment after the first child's birth and an increase of one month's minimum wage on yearly earnings. Effects are stronger for migrants, educated mothers and in areas with more women as household heads. We do not detect any effect of this expansion on mothers-to-be or fathers.

WORKING PAPERS

Optimizing Incentives for Solar: Accounting for Regional Differences in Emissions

Child Disability and Mothers' Work: Evidence from the Zika Virus Outbreak

With Marcela Mello and Rafael Latham-Proença

TEACHING

- Teaching excellence award in 2021
- Brown Graduate: Macroeconomics, Econometrics
- Brown MPA: Microeconomics, Statistics, Econometrics, Public Policy
- Brown Undergraduate: Environmental Economics, Public Economics

EDUCATION

Brown University

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics

Providence, RI, USA

2018 – May 2024 (Expected)

Fundacao Getulio Vargas

M.A. Economics

Sao Paulo, Brazil

2015 – 2015

University of Sao Paulo

B.A. Economics

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2012 – 2013

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Research Assistant:** Professor David Weil (2018–2019)
- **Pre-Doctoral Research Assistant:** Professors Dave Donaldson, Dina Pomeranz, Monica Singhal and Paul Carrillo (2016–2017)
- **Summer Internship:** Wayfair Inc. (2022)

OTHER

- **Nationality:** Brazilian
- **Languages:** Fluent English, Native Portuguese, Advanced Spanish
- **Conferences:** NEUDC 2022; Monash Environmental Economics Workshop 2023 (expected December)