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CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

Behavioral Scientist / Research Associate Luxembourg Institute of Socio-economic Research	2023 -
Scientific Director Social Behavior and Experimental Economics Laboratory	2021 -
Research Fellow Center for Behavioral Institutional Design (CBID) – NYU Abu Dhabi	2020 -

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology University of Groningen (Netherlands)	2010 – 2015
MSc., Economics, <i>*with distinction</i> University of Valencia (Spain)	2008 – 2010
BSc., Economics Industrial University of Santander (Colombia)	2001 – 2006

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Adjunct Lecturer Social Science Division / CBID New York University Abu Dhabi	2022 – 2023
Behavioral Scientist / Researcher Center for Behavioral Institutional Design (CBID) New York University Abu Dhabi	2020 – 2022
Postdoctoral Associate Social Science Division New York University Abu Dhabi	2017 – 2020
Postdoctoral Fellow (Juan de la Cierva) Economics Department University of Valencia	2016 – 2017

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Behavioral and experimental economics; Economic inequality and access to opportunities;
Group identities, social connections and inter-group processes; Economic mobility.

PUBLISHED PAPERS

- Identity Change and Economic Mobility: Experimental Evidence* 2024
Games and Economic Behavior (single authored)
- Promoting Physical Activity Among Seniors in Abu Dhabi: An Experimental Test of the “Forever Fit” Nudge* 2024
Journal of the Economic Science Association
(with N. Nikiforakis, L. Alhyas, U. Afzal, A. Agiostratitis, E. Alfalacy, A. Dariel, M. Monney, E. Reuben)
- The Role of Personal and Impersonal Relational Contracts on Partner Selection and Efficiency* 2023
Journal of Law, Economics & Organization (with E. Reuben)
- Experimental Evidence Shows that Negative Motive Attribution Drives Counter-punishment* 2023
Journal of the Economic Science Association (with N. Nikiforakis)
- The Limits of Transparency in Reducing Corruption* 2021
Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics (with D. Parra, L.A. Palacio)
- Web of lies: A Tool for Determining the Limits of Verification in Preventing the Spread of False Information on Networks* 2021
Scientific Reports (with K. Makovi)
- Integration and Diversity* 2020
Experimental Economics (with S. Goyal, P. Hernández, G. Martínez, F. Moisan, A. Sánchez)
- Collaborative Production Networks among Unequal Actors* 2020
Network Science (with J. Dijkstra, R. Wittek, A. Flache)
- Equilibrium Characterization of Networks under Conflicting Preferences* 2017
Economic Letters (with P. Hernández, G. Martínez, A. Sánchez)
- The Bargaining Power of Commitment: An Experiment on the Effects of Threats in the Hawk-Dove Game* 2015
Rationality & Society (with L. A. Palacio, A. Cortés)
- Heterogeneous Network Games: Conflicting Preferences* 2013
Games and Economic Behavior (with P. Hernández, A. Sánchez)

WORKING PAPERS

- The Recency Bias in the Attribution of Responsibility for Joint Work* (with A. Baranski)
R&R Economic Journal
- How Publicly Targeting by Group Identities Impacts Take-Up of Educational Opportunities* (single authored)
Submitted
- Do Equal Opportunity Statements Increase Access to Opportunities? Evidence from Two Field Experiments* (single authored)
Available upon request

WORK IN PROGRESS

Gender Bias in Job Referrals (with F. Moisan, E. Reuben)

Manuscript in preparation

Can Peer-Referrals Promote Take-Up of Training Programs: A Field Experiment (with. M. Acampora)

Data collection stage

The Impact of Health and Productivity Focus on the Demand of Sleep Training in College: A Field Experiment (with M. Suhrcke)

Design stage

Using Peer-Referrals to Promote Take-Up of Beneficial but Stigmatizing Opportunities: A Field Experiment on the Demand for Mental Health Support (with M. Acampora)

Design stage

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Innovation Projects Grant - LISER 2024

(co-PI together with B. Verheyden)

64,000 Euros

Fonds National de la Recherche Luxembourg (CORE) 2024

(co-Investigator. PI: M. Morelli)

682,931 Euros

Experimental and Participatory Research (ExPar) - Seed Grant 2024

(PI - single authored)

6,000 Euros

Ayudas Juan de la Cierva - Spanish Ministry of Economics and Competitiveness 2017

60,000 Euros

Traveling grant - Max Plank Institute for Human Development 2011

1,500 Euros

TEACHING INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE

Interests: Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics, Social Networks, Microeconomics

Strategic Goals (U. Autónoma de Bucaramanga) 2022 - 2025

*Average evaluation: 4.7/5.0

Strategic Goals (Universidad de San Gil) 2024

*Average evaluation: 4.7/5.0

Fairness (NYU Abu Dhabi) 2022 – 2023

*Average evaluation: 4.9/5.0

Application of Theories (U. Groningen) 2011 – 2014

*Average evaluation: 3.3/4.0

Social Networks (Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst, Germany) 2015

*Average evaluation: 1.81 in 1-5 (*inverted*: 1 is highest)

PhD SUPERVISION

Reha Tuncer (PhD student - U. Luxembourg)

Jhon Díaz (PhD student - U. Jaume I, Castellón)

CONSULTING

Specialist consultant: Debiasing performance evaluations 2022 - 2023
KPMG Middle East

Subject matter expert in Behavioral Sciences 2022
KPMG Middle East – Dubai Executive Council

POLICY REPORTS

An Experimental Evaluation of the Forever Fit Program 2021

Policy Report - Department of Community Development Abu Dhabi, UAE
(with N. Nikiforakis, E. Reuben, A. Dariel, U. Afzal)

Exploring Nudges to Promote Physical Activity Among Senior Adults in Abu Dhabi 2020

Policy Report - Department of Community Development Abu Dhabi, UAE
(with N. Nikiforakis, E. Reuben, A. Dariel, U. Afzal)

Physical Activity for Senior Adults in Abu Dhabi 2020

Policy Report - Department of Community Development Abu Dhabi, UAE
(with N. Nikiforakis, E. Reuben, A. Dariel, U. Afzal)

SERVICE

Referee for: Journal of Labor Economics; Management Science; Games and Economic Behavior; European Economic Review; Experimental Economics; J. Economic Behavior & Organizations; PlosOne; Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics; J. Economics Psychology; Theory & Decision; Mathematical Social Science; Rationality & Society; Advances in Complex Systems

Seminar Organization: Seminar series on Ethics, Economics and Experiments - LISER (2023 - 2025); PhD mentoring group on experimental research - LISER (2023 - 2025)

Conference Organization: 14th Field Days - Experiments Outside the Lab (2025); International Symposium on Experimental Economics - NYU Abu Dhabi (2018), International Symposium on Experimental Economics - NYU Abu Dhabi (2017), Workshop on the Frontiers of Network Science - NYU Abu Dhabi (2017), Dynamics & Collective Phenomena of Socio-Economic Systems - U. Valencia (2009), International Meeting on Exp. Behavioral Economics - U. Granada (2008)

Committees: Member of the Ethics Review Committee (since 2024); Member of the competence center on Experimental and Participatory Research (since 2023)

RESEARCH VISITS

2022. Visiting Scholar, ESADE Business School (July - Aug)

2018. Visiting Scholar, University of Cologne (June – July)

2014. Visiting Scholar, Columbia Business School (April – May)

2013. Visiting Scholar, Columbia Business School (August - November)

INVITED SEMINARS

- 2025. U. Konstanz, ESADE, U. Valencia.
- 2024. U. Frankfurt, NYU Abu Dhabi, Utrecht U.
- 2023. LISER-Luxembourg, Loyola U. Córdoba, FAU-Nuremberg.
- 2022. U. Castellon, U. East Anglia, IMT Lucca.
- 2021. U. Paris Nanterre.
- 2019. U. Tilburg, LISER-Luxembourg, WZB-Berlin, Maastricht U.
- 2018. U. Cologne, Central Bank Colombia.
- 2015. UIS-Bucaramanga, UNAB-Bucaramanga.
- 2014. UIS-Bucaramanga, Maastricht U.
- 2012. U. Castellón, U. Utrecht.
- 2011. U. Valencia, Maastricht U.

CONFERENCES

- 2025. Workshop on the Frontiers of Network Science (NYU Abu Dhabi), 14th Field Days - Experiments Outside the Lab (Luxembourg).
- 2024. 4th Virtual Discrimination and Diversity workshop (UEA, U. Exeter, Loughborough U.), Advances with Field Experiments (LSE), 3rd Workshop on Field Experiments in Economics and Business (Tech. U. Munich), 4th Experimental Sociology Workshop (Online), 13th Field Days - Experiments Outside the Lab (Amsterdam U), WoBE@E on Governance and Behavior (Valencia)
- 2023. iSee (NYU Abu Dhabi), Workshop on the Frontiers of Network Science (NYU New York), ESA World Meeting (Lyon), 2nd Workshop on Field Experiments in Economics and Business (Dusseldorf), Matterhorn Symposium on Behavior, Institutions and Cooperation (Brig), 5th Dondena Workshop on Public Policy (U. Bocconi)
- 2022. iSee (NYU Abu Dhabi), BiNoMa workshop on Economic Networks (U. Navarra), Inaugural Meeting of the MENA Network of Experimental Social Scientists (NYU Abu Dhabi)
- 2021. Bogotá Exp. Econ. Conf. (U. Rosario), 7th Annual Workshop on Behav. Game Theory (U. East Anglia, Norwich), 6th Behav. Econ. Policy Symp. (Maastricht U.)
- 2020. ESA Global Conference.
- 2019. Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute (Abu Dhabi), ESA Asia-Pacific Meeting (Abu Dhabi), Workshop in the Frontiers of Network Science – WTFNS (Abu Dhabi), IMEBESS (Utrecht U.)
- 2018. Bogotá Exp. Econ. Conf. (U. Rosario), iSee (NYU Abu Dhabi), Workshop on the Frontiers of Network Science (NYU Abu Dhabi), 4th Conf. on Network Science in Econ. (Vanderbilt U.), IMEBESS (E.U.I. Florence), ESA World Meeting (Berlin), 4th

Annual Workshop on Behav. Game Theory (U. East Anglia, Norwich), 1st Workshop on Exp. Econ (UNAB)

- 2017.** IMEBESS (U. A. Barcelona), 1st Workshop on Industrial Econ. (U. Valencia), 2nd Annual Research Poster Day (NYU Abu Dhabi)
- 2016.** 26th Game Theory Festival (SUNY at Stony Brook, New York)
- 2013.** Annual Conf. of the American Sociol. Assoc. (New York), Pre-conference Rat. Choice Sec. (Am. Sociol. Assoc., New York)
- 2012.** U4 Workshop (University of Ghent), 23rd Game Theory Festival (SUNY at Stony Brook, New York)
- 2011.** 10th Workshop on Networks in Econ. and Sociol. (U. Utrecht), 3rd UECE Lisbon Meetings - Game Theory and Applications (U. Lisbon)
- 2010.** 2nd UECE Lisbon Meetings - Game Theory and Applications (U. Lisbon)
- 2009.** 6th Int. Meeting on Exp. & Behavioral Econ. (U. Basque Country), Dynamics & Collective Phenomena of Socio-Economic Systems (U. Valencia)

MISCELLANEOUS

Programming/Software: zTree, oTree, LaTeX, Python, HTML5, CSS

Languages: Spanish (native), English (proficient)

Citizenship: Colombian

REFERENCES

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