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## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Applied microeconomics, political economy, migration, economic history.

## CURRENT POSITION

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**Assistant Professor**, Instituto de Economia, School of Economics & Management, May 2017/-  
Universidad de la Republica (Uruguay).

## EDUCATION

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**PhD in Economics**, Queen Mary, University of London September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Advisors: Marco Manacorda (1st), Francesco Fasani (2nd)  
**M.Sc. in Economics and Finance**, Universitat Pompeu Fabra July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
**B.Sc. in Economics**, Universidad de la Republica July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## REFERENCES

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## RESEARCH PAPERS

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**Italian Migration to the United States: The Role of Pioneers' Locations** Job Market Paper  
**Do dictatorships affect people's long term beliefs and preferences? An empirical assessment of the Latin American case** R&R, *Journal of Development Economics*  
**Italian Migration to the United States: The Role of Migrant Networks**

## TEACHING

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*Graduate*  
**Lecturer**, *Applied Microeconometrics*, Universidad de la Republica 2018/-  
*Undergraduate*  
**Lecturer**, *Microeconomics I*, Universidad de la Republica 2017/-  
**Lecturer**, *Economics of Social Issues*, Queen Mary, University of London 2015/2016  
**Teaching Assistant**, *Economics of Social Issues, Game Theory*, 2012/2016  
*Econometrics II, Macroeconomics I*, Queen Mary, University of London  
**Teaching Assistant**, *Introduction to Economics*, Universidad de la Republica 2008/2010

## PRESENTATIONS

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Economic History December Forum, RIDGE (Uruguay)	2019
31st European Association of Labour Economics Conference, Uppsala (Sweden)	
Workshop on Migration and Mobility, University of Glasgow (UK)	
IV Workshop on Migration, Health and Well-Being, University of Pittsburgh (US)	
Labour in History & Economics Conference, Oxford University (UK)	
Economics Seminar, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (Chile)	
Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), Guayaquil (Ecuador)	2018
Applied Micro seminar, Queen Mary, University of London (UK)	2016
Power & Change in the Americas in the Modern Era Conference, Univ. College London (UK)	2015
IMT Institute of Advanced Studies, Economics Seminar, IMT Lucca (Italy)	2014
New Directions in Welfare Congress, OECD (France)	2011

## PUBLICATIONS (PRE-PHD)

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**Wage inequality on the rise: The role of workers' characteristics** (with G. Alves & M. Yapor). *Journal of Income Distribution*, 2013, 22(2).

**Income mobility and poverty traps: new evidence for Southern Cone countries** (with R. Arim, A. Dean, M. Leites & G. Salas). *Estudios Economicos*, 2013, 28(1).

## OTHER TRAINING

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Workshop on Econometrics for Public Policy, Methods and Applications, cemmap (UK)	2016
Summer School in Social Economics, HCEO/Cambridge-INET (UK)	2014
Microeconomic Applications of Social Networks Analysis Workshop, cemmap/PEPA (UK).	
Econometrics of Cross Section and Panel Data Workshop, cemmap/PEPA (UK).	
Models and Analysis of Social and Economic Networks Workshop, cemmap/PEPA (UK).	
Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshop, Economics Network, Univ. of Birmingham (UK)	2012
Summer School in Cultural Economics, CREARE Foundation (Netherlands).	2010

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

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<b>Research Assistant</b> for Prof. Marco Manacorda.	2012
<b>Research Assistant</b> , School of Economics & Management, Universidad de la Republica.	2009/2011
<b>Research Assistant</b> , School of Social Sciences, Universidad de la Republica.	2010
<b>Short term consultant</b> , Ministry of Industry (Uruguay).	2009
<b>Project assistant</b> , United Nations Development Programme (Uruguay).	2008/2009
<b>Junior consultant</b> , Ministry of Economics and Finance (Uruguay).	2007

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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Award for Excellence in Teaching, Queen Mary University of London	2015
Departmental PhD scholarship, Queen Mary University of London.	2012/2017
Best research paper based on undergraduate dissertation in Economics in 2007/2009.	2009
School of Economics & Management, Universidad de la República.	

## OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

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Journal Referee: *Journal of Income Inequality*.  
Grant Referee: CSIC, ANII (Uruguay), FONDECYT (Peru).  
M.Sc. in Economics Examiner, Universidad de la Republica: Horacio Rueda, Guillermo Lezama.

## LANGUAGES & SKILLS

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Languages: English (fluent), Spanish (native). IT Skills:  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Stata.

### **Italian Migration to the United States: The Role of Pioneers' Locations** Job Market Paper

Does the location and fortune of pioneering migrants have an effect on the size and concentration patterns of further migratory waves from the same origin communities? Filling a gap in the historical data, I focus on Italian mass migration to the US at the turn of the 20th century and combine scarcely used data with a surname matching technique to generate the first estimates of the yearly flow of migrants from each Italian municipality to each US county. I exploit variation across time, origins and destinations, and use instrumental variables based on settlement decisions of other non-italian immigrants to address the potentially endogenous location of Italian pioneers. I find that positive economic shocks in a county with high concentration of migrants from a given origin led to an increase in flows from that origin to that county *and* to the US as a whole. The former effect is smaller than the latter, which implies greater diversification of further migrants from the same origins across US counties.

### **Do dictatorships affect people's long term beliefs and preferences? An empirical assessment of the Latin American case** R&R, *Journal of Development Economics*

Does the political regime experienced during youth have long lasting effects on political beliefs and preferences? I exploit time and country variation in political regimes in Latin America using data from the 1995 to 2010 Latinobarometer and find that exposure to non-democratic regimes during youth reduces subsequent preference for democracy, satisfaction with democracy and confidence in institutions. These results suggest exposure to dictatorships during formative years permanently eroded democratic values. Exposure to non-democratic regimes also affects self-location in an ideology scale, reducing identification with the Right and increasing identification with the Left; which suggests dictatorships also shaped the political orientation of voters.

### **Italian Migration to the United States: The Role of Migrant Networks**

This paper investigates the effect of network size on literacy levels of Italian migrants to the US at the turn of the twentieth century. I exploit barely used ship manifest micro data and reconstruct migratory flows to the US by municipality of origin. This allows me to evaluate self-selection patterns at the sub-national level and by cohort, which shows positive selection for the lower tail of the literacy distribution. I exploit cross-sectional variation in the size of the migrant stock across municipalities of origin, and use instrumental variables to assess measurement error. I find that increased migrant network size by municipality of origin is associated with a reduction in literacy for later migrants. Moreover, larger network size is also associated with lower immigrant age, and a higher proportion of women and agricultural workers in subsequent migratory flows. Results are consistent with migrant networks reducing migration costs and increasing emigration rates for lower quality (prospective) migrants.

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## OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION

Gender: Male. Citizenship: Uruguay, Italy (in progress).