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CONTACT

INFORMATION

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EMPLOYMENT

September 2023 -: Senior Researcher at VATT Institute for Economic Research, Finland
September 2023 -: Senior Researcher at FIT Centre of Excellence in Tax Systems Research, Finland

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Global Economics and Management 2017 - 2023
UCLA, Anderson School of Management

Bachelors Degree in Economics 2007 - 2013
Universidad de la República (UdelaR)

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Public Economics, Labor Economics, Development Economics and Behavioral Economics

PUBLICATIONS

“Where Do My Tax Dollars Go? Tax Morale Effects of Perceived Government Spending” - Giacobasso, M., Nathan, B., Perez-Truglia R., Zentner A. (Forthcoming). Where Do My Tax Dollars Go?. Tax Morale Effects of Perceived Government Spending *Forthcoming: American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*

“Dissecting Inequality-Averse Preferences” - Bergolo, M., Burdin, G., Burone, S., De Rosa, M., Giacobasso, M., and Leites, M. (2022). Dissecting Inequality-Averse Preferences. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 200, 782-802

“Tax Audits as Scarecrows. Evidence from a large field experiment” - Bergolo, M.; Ceni, R.; Cruces, G.; Giacobasso, M. and Perez-Truglia, R. (2021). Tax Audits as Scarecrows. Evidence from a large field experiment *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 15(1), 110-153

Digging into the Channels of Bunching: Evidence from the Uruguayan Income Tax. - Bergolo, M., Burdin, G., De Rosa, M., Giacobasso, M., & Leites, M. (2021). Digging into the Channels of Bunching: Evidence from the Uruguayan Income Tax. *The Economic Journal*, 131(639), 2726-2762.

“Misperceptions about Tax Audits.” - Bergolo, M., Ceni, R., Cruces, G., Giacobasso, M., and Perez-Truglia, R (2018), Misperceptions about Tax Audits. *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 108 : 83-87.

WORKING PAPERS

“Labor Income Responses of Top Incomes to Tax Changes: Evidence from a Tax Reform in Uruguay”, with Marcelo Bergolo, Gabriel Burdín, Mauricio De Rosa, Martín Leites and Horacio Rueda. *Resubmitted to Journal of European Economic Association* Available at SSRN 4007698 (2025)

“Growing Up Over the Social Safety Net: The Effects of a Cash Transfer Program on the Transition to Adulthood”

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Research Project: “Public Policy as Insurance Against Job Loss: The Intergenerational Effects ”, with Marcelo Bergolo, Mery Ferrando, and Joan Vila

Research Project: “The Consequences of Mass Suspensions in Cash Transfer Programs: Evidence from the Enforcement of Education Conditionalities in Asignaciones Familiares - Plan de Equidad”, with Marcelo Bergolo, Maria Sauval, and Mariana Zerpa

Research Project: “Attitudes and Preferences for Redistribution: Dynamics of Intergenerational Transmission and the Effect of Public Policy” with Marcelo Bergolo, Paola Giuliano, and Martin Leites

Research Project: “Perceived Signaling Effects in Higher Education” with Gedeao Locks

GRANTS FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

ANII (Uruguay’s National Research Agency) Fondo Clemente Estable, Principal Investigator: “The Consequences of Mass Suspensions in Cash Transfer Programs” 2023 - 2025

Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division	2022
Ph.D. Global Research Award, Center for Global Management	2022
Universidad de la Republica, Research Grant: “Attitudes and Preferences for Redistribution: Dynamics of Intergenerational Transmission and the Effect of Public Policy”	2021-2023
Ph.D. Global Research Award, Center for Global Management	2020
Anderson Fellowship, UCLA Anderson School of Management	2017 - 2022

PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

2025: Lofoten International Symposium on Inequality and Taxation European (Svolvaer), Society for Population Economics (ESPE) (Naples); Workshop on the Economic of Taxation (Barcelona)

2024: European Association of Labor Economists - EALE (Bergen); European Economic Association - EEA (Rotterdam); International Institute of Public Finance - IIPF (Prague); NBER Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Seminar; 2024 ZEW Public Finance Annual Conference (Mannheim); European Association of Young Economists Annual Meeting (PSE); IECON (FCEA, Uruguay); University of Tampere (FIT Seminar, Finland); Helsinki GSE Labor and Public Economic Seminar; VATT Seminar; KT-päivät Finnish Economic Association

2023: Society of Labor Economists; 20th Midwest International Economic Development Conference; PacDev; Economics Department, University of Delaware; California Policy Lab; Rockwool Foundation Berlin; VATT Institute for Economic Research; Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin; Facultad de Economía y Negocios, Universidad de Chile; Departamento de Economía, Pontificia Universidad Católica; Centro de Economía Aplicada, Universidad de Chile.

2022: NBER Public Economics Program Meeting (PEF22); 7th Zurich Conference on Public Finance in Developing Countries; NTA 115th Annual Conference; International Institute of Public Finance, Annual Congress; XV Ridge Forum, Workshop on Public Economics

2019: - International Institute of Public Finance, Annual Congress, Glasgow, Scotland, 2019

2018: - International Institute of Public Finance, Annual Congress, Tampere, Finland, 2018 - “The Impact of Public Policies on Labor Markets and Income Distribution”

2015: [Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association](#) - Labor Network Conference, Santiago de Chile, 2015 - “Are Labor Markets in Latin America Prepared for the New Challenges?”

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Refereeing: American Economic Review: Insights, American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, The Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics, International Tax and Public Finance, Public Finance Review, Economic Inquiry, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Politics, Estudios Economicos

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

University of California, Los Angeles - Anderson School of Management

- Business and Economics in Emerging Markets (Prof. Leo Feler), MBA/FEMBA - Spring, 2022
- Managerial Economics (Prof. Tricaud), FEMBA - Winter 2022
- Managerial Economics (Prof. Wasserman and Prof. Giuliano), MBA - Winter 2019 and Fall 2021
- Economic Analysis for Managers (Prof. Edwards), Executive MBA - Winter 2019-2021

Teaching Assistant

2016- 2017

Universidad de la República

- Labor Economics, Undergraduate level
- Poverty and Inequality, Undergraduate level

OTHER RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant for [Prof. Natalie Bau](#) UCLA (2020-2022); [Prof. Nico Voigtländer](#), UCLA (2021); Research Fellow [California Policy Lab](#) (Fall, 2019); [Prof. Melanie Wassermann](#), UCLA (Spring/Summer, 2019; Summer 2020); Research Assistant [Instituto de Economía \(IECON\)](#), Department of Economics, Universidad de La República (2014-2017)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<div><div>Techincal Assistant</div><div>Sep 2013 - Nov 2015</div><div>Oficina de Planeamiento y Presupuesto (Office of Planning and Budget), Presidency of the Republic</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Development of Micro-Simulating models for public policies design</div></div> <div><div>Internship</div><div>March, 2009 - June, 2009</div><div>Direccion General Impositiva (National Tax Agency)</div></div>
PRE-PHD PUBLICATIONS (IN SPANISH)	<div><div>“Pre and Post Taxes and Transfers: A fiscal equity exercise for Uruguay” with Maier, S; Mendez, N; Pineyro, L; Rijo, L; Vera, S.; Vila, J., Serie Macroeconomía del Desarrollo No.175</div><div>“Income Cash Transfers and Labor Market: How does “Asignaciones Familiares - Plan de Equidad” affects labor informality?”, with Failache E. and Ramírez, L. DIE 01/16, IECON .</div></div>
LANGUAGES	<div><div>Spanish: Native</div><div>English: Fluent</div></div>