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Academic Appointments

2021 -present Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Alicante

Education

2021 Ph.D. in Economics, Georgetown University
2013 M.A. in Economics, New York University
2011 B.A. in Economics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain

Research Fields

Applied Microeconomics • Development Economics • Household Economics • Crime Economics • Demographic and Labor Economics

Publications

“Women’s land rights and village institutions in Tanzania.”

Co-author: Garance Genicot

World Development, Vol 153, May 2022

Working Papers & Work in Progress

“This is a Man’s World: Crime and Intra-Household Resource Allocation”

Submitted

“Female Firstborn and Family Structure: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa”

Co-authors: Garance Genicot

“COVID-19 and Gender: Experimental Evidence from a Youth Employment Program in Kenya”

Co-authors: Francisco Campos, Julian Jamison, Abla Safir, and Bilal Zia

“Boosting Youth Self-Employment and Intimate Partner Violence”

Co-authors: Francisco Campos, Yanina Domenella, Julian Jamison, and Bilal Zia

“The Long-Term Effects of Violent Crime on Marriage Markets and Intimate Partner Violence”

Co-authors: Andrea Velasquez and Paloma Moyano

“Female Criminal Paths and the Role of Prisons in the Cycle of Violence”

Co-authors: Arantxa Rodriguez-Urbe and Andrea Velasquez

“Measuring psychological constructs in developing countries”

Co-authors: Clare Clingain, Aletheia Donald, and Greg Seymour

Policy Reports

“Measuring Women’s Goal-Setting and Decision-Making. ”

Gender Innovation Lab, World Bank Group 2021.

“Measuring Women’s Control Over Assets. ”

Gender Innovation Lab, World Bank Group 2021.

“Measuring Women’s Sense of Control and Efficacy. ”

Gender Innovation Lab, World Bank Group 2021.

“The interplay of statutory and customary laws on land rights in Tanzania.”

Co-author: Garance Genicot. EDI Research Insights 2019.

Honors, Fellowships & Research Grants

2022	Juan de la Cierva
2022	IPA’s Intimate Partner Violence Research Grant (\$49,181.97)
2022	IPA’s Women’s Work, Entrepreneurship, and Skilling (WWES) Research Grant (\$100,000)
2021	Razin Prize, Georgetown University Economics Department
2020	Premio Nada es Gratis to Job Market Papers in Economics
2020, 2021	Maloof Fellowship, Georgetown University
2015-2020	PhD Fellowship, Georgetown University
2012	Academic Award for Excellence in Microeconomics, New York University
2011-2013	Graduate Studies Scholarship, Bank of Spain
2010-2011	Research Assistant Scholarship at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Conferences & Talks

2022	(including scheduled) German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA); Virtual Crime Economics (ViCE) seminar; Spanish Economic Association Symposium (SAEe); NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development; European Society for Population Economics (ESPE); Center for the study of African economies (CSAE); American Economic Association Annual Meeting (ASSA)
2021	University of Exeter; Pontificia Universidad Javeriana; Navarra Center for International Development; Université de Montréal; Universidad de Alicante; University of Surrey; Abt Associates; Universidad del Rosario; University of Vienna; CUNEF; North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC); European Association of Labour Economists (EALE); International Conference on Globalization and Development (GlaD); Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC); International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE)
2020	Georgetown University; Spanish Economic Association Symposium (SAEe); Ridge Political Economy of Conflict and Crime workshop; Southern Economic Association (SAE); Economics PhD Conference, University of Warwick; Bolivian Conference on Development Economics (BCSD); IPWSD, Columbia University
2019	Center for Global Development; Mortara Seminar, Georgetown University; WZB Berlin Social Center, IPI Brownbag Series; Southern Economic Association (SAE); Sustainability and Development Conference, University of Michigan; SEBOL Development Studies Workshop; GCER conference

Professional Activities

Referee:

The Quarterly Journal of Economics; Quantitative Economics; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Demography; PLOS ONE; Oxford Development Studies.

Professional Memberships:

European Economic Association; American Economic Association; Households in Conflict Network

Teaching Experience

Spring 2023	Econometrics II (masters), Universidad de Alicante
Spring 2022	Development Economics, Universidad de Alicante
Summer 2020	Economic Statistics, Georgetown University
2017-2020	Teacher Assistant in Economic Statistics, Econometrics (masters), Data Analysis, Development Economics; Georgetown University
2016-2017	PhD 1st year official tutor, Georgetown University

Other Employment Experience

2021	Short Term Consultant, Gender Innovation Lab, World Bank
2020-2021	Senior Research Associate, Innovations for Poverty Actions
2017-2019	Research Assistant, Georgetown University
2017-2018	Field work in Tanzania, Georgetown University
2013-2015	Analyst, NERA Economics Consulting (New York, USA)
2012-2013	Economics Intern, Latam. Roubini Global Economics (New York, USA)
2012	Summer Analyst at Market Risk Management and Analysis, Goldman Sachs (New York, USA)
2010-2011	Research Assistant, Universidad Carlos III Madrid (Spain)
2010	Microfinance and Social Business Internship, Hindusthan Microfinance LTD (Mumbai, India)

Other Skills

STATA, R, SAS, Latex, GIS, Survey Solutions, MS Office.

Spanish (native speaker); English (advanced proficiency); French (medium proficiency).

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