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CURRENT POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Alicante	Fall 2021 (Expected)
Research Coordinator, Measures for Advancing Gender Equality, GIL World Bank	2021 - Present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Georgetown University, Washington DC	2015 - 2021
Dissertation title: <i>Essays on gender and development economics</i>	
Committee: <i>Garance Genicot, Martin Ravallion, Andrew Zeitlin</i>	
MA Economics, New York University, NY	2011 - 2013
BS Economics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain	2007 - 2011

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary fields: applied microeconomics, development economics
Secondary fields: household economics, gender, crime, labor and demographic economics

WORKING PAPERS

The Effect of Violent Crime on Intra-household Resource Allocation and Bargaining Power
The Persistence of Customary Norms: Women's Land Rights and Village Institutions in Tanzania (with Garance Genicot)
First Born Girls and Family Structure: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa (with Garance Genicot)

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Gendered Impacts of COVID-19 on Small Businesses: Evidence from Kenya (with Julian Jamison, Abba Safir, and Bilal Zia)
Violent Crime and Marriage Markets: Evidence from the Mexican Drug War

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Senior Research Associate: COVID-19 Gendered Impacts, Innovations for Poverty Actions	2020 - 2021
Research Assistant, Prof. Garance Genicot, Georgetown University	2017 - 2019
Field work in Tanzania, Georgetown University	2017 - 2018
Analyst, NERA Economics Consulting (New York, USA)	2013 - 2015
Economics Intern, Latam. Roubini Global Economics (New York, USA)	2012 - 2013
Summer Analyst at Market Risk Management and Analysis, Goldman Sachs (New York, USA)	2012
Research Assistant, Prof. Luis C. Corchon, Universidad Carlos III Madrid (Spain)	2010-2011
Microfinance and Social Business Internship, Hindusthan Microfinance LTD (Mumbai, India)	2010

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Razin Prize, Georgetown University Economics Department	2021
Premio Nada es Gratis to Job Market Papers in Economics	2020
Maloof Fellowship, Georgetown University	2020 - 2021
Doctoral Candidate Fellowship, Center for Global Development	Summer 2019
PhD Fellowship, Georgetown University	2015 - 2020
Academic Award for Excellence in Microeconomics, New York University	Spring 2012
Graduate Studies Scholarship, Bank of Spain	2011 - 2013
Research Scholarship at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain Ministry of Education	2010 - 2011

SEMINARS

Pontificia Universidad Javeriana	2021
Navarra Center for International Development	
Université de Montréal	
Universidad de Alicante	
University of Surrey	
Abt Associates	
Universidad del Rosario	
University of Vienna	
CUNEF	
Georgetown University	2020
Center for Global Development	2019
WZB Berlin Social Center, IPI Brownbag Series	
Mortara International Georgetown University	

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Midwest International Economic Development Conference	2021
International Association for Feminist Economics	
Spanish Economic Association Symposium	2020
Ridge Political Economy of Conflict and Crime workshop	
Southern Economic Association	
Economics PhD Conference, University of Warwick	
Bolivian Conference on Development Economics	
IPWSD, Columbia University	
Southern Economic Association	2019
Sustainability and Development Conference, University of Michigan	
SEBOL Development Studies Workshop	
GCER, Georgetown University	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Economic Statistics, Instructor, Georgetown University	Summer 2020
Economic Statistics, Teacher Assistant, Georgetown University	Spring 2019, Spring 2020
Econometrics (masters), Teacher Assistant, Georgetown University	Fall 2019
Data Analysis (masters), Teacher Assistant, Georgetown University	Fall 2018
Development Economics, Teacher Assistant, Georgetown University	Spring 2018
Introduction to Econometrics, Teacher Assistant, Georgetown University	Fall 2017

JOURNAL REFEREE ACTIVITIES

Economic Development and Cultural Change; PLOS ONE; Oxford Development Studies; Quantitative Economics

SKILLS

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

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