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Research Interests	Environmental, Labor, Development, and Urban Economics		
Doctoral Studies	Simon Fraser University (SFU) Ph.D. in Economics	Canada (Expected completion 2023)	
Prior Education	University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) Tilburg University (cum laude) Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru (PUCP)	M.A. in Economics MSc. in Economics BSc. in Economics	2015 2011 2008
References	Prof. Fernando Aragon faragons@sfu.ca +1(778)782-9107	Prof. Hendrik Wolff h.wolff@lse.ac.uk +1(510)220-7961	Prof. Kevin Schnepel kevin_schnepel@sfu.ca +1(303)520-6816
Publications	“The Persistent Effects of COVID-19 on Labor Outcomes: Evidence from Peru” with Carlos Ospino and Fernando Aragon. <i>Applied Economics Letters</i> , 2022.		
Research in Progress	“Traffic Congestion and Labor Supply: Evidence from Smartphone Big Data in Mexico.” JOB MARKET PAPER. “Who Works Outdoors? Implications for Climate Change and Pandemics using Machine Learning and Text-as-Data” with Jose Incio and Carlos Ospino. “Unexpected Population Growth and Environmental Quality: Evidence from Facebook Data in Colombia” with Pablo Ordonez and Julieth Santamaria. “COVID-19 and the Amazon Rainforest” with Jerico Fiestas and Javier Montoya. “Temperature, Work Time, and Intertemporal Labor Substitution: Evidence from Peru.”		
Prior Research Experience	SFU , Research Assistant (Prof. F. Aragon, Prof. P. Mouganie) Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) , Research Consultant IDB and GRADE , Research Consultant International Labor Organization (ILO) , Research Consultant Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) , Intern Ministry of Labor , Research Advisor to the Deputy Minister Carleton University , Research Assistant (Prof. A. Dammert) PUCP , Research Assistant (Prof. J. Rodriguez)	2018 – 2021 2016 – 2017 2013 – 2014 2012 – 2013, 2014 2012 2011 – 2012 2009 – 2010 2008 – 2010	

Teaching Experience	Instructor, Simon Fraser University 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECON260: Environmental Economics
	Teaching Assistant, Simon Fraser University 2017 – Present <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECON836: Applied Econometrics ECON334: Data Visualization and Economic Analysis ECON333: Statistical Analysis of Economic Data ECON383: Environmental Economics and Policy ECON260: Environmental Economics ECON220W: Communications in Economics ECON201: Microeconomic Theory I: Competitive Behavior ECON103: Principles of Microeconomics
Presentations at Conferences	CREEA Annual Conference, TWEEDS. 2022 UNU-WIDER Development Conference, NAREA Annual Meeting, 2021 Canadian Economics Association (CEA) Annual Meeting, CIREQ conference for Climate Change. Environment for Development (EfD) Annual Meeting, 2020 SEEDS Annual Workshop. UC Berkeley/Sloan Summer School in Environmental and 2019 Energy Economics (Egg-timer presenter).
Honors, Grants and Scholarships	Shiva and Elizabeth Nanda Fellowship, SFU 2022 GSS Professional Development Grant, SFU 2022 SFU Data Fellowships: AI Essentials Grant, SFU 2021 Lang Wong Memorial Endowment Scholarship, SFU 2020 Student Community Engagement Competition Grant, SFU 2020, 2022 Travel and Research Award, SFU 2020, 2022 Graduate Fellowship, SFU 2017 – 2022 Special Graduate Entrance Scholarship, SFU 2017 Departmental Andron Fellowship, UCSB 2014 – 2015 Departmental Block Grant Fellowship, UCSB 2014 – 2015 Tilburg University Scholarship 2010 – 2011 Annual Research Grant Contest, 1st place, CIES and IDRC 2009 Young Environmental Envoy, thesis finalist, UNEP-Bayer 2008
Computing Skills	R, Python, SQL, GIS, Amazon AWS, Stata, and LaTeX
Languages	English (fluent), Spanish (native)
Volunteering	Mentor: Econthaki 's mentoring program to promote diversity 2022 in economic research in LAC. Co-organizer and grant writer: Math Walks , Empowering the village , 2020, 2022 Connecting to Indigenous Culture . Diverse roles: mentoring microentrepreneurs of scarce resources Before Ph.D. (<i>Accion Emprendedora</i>), help spreading scholarship information for low-income students (<i>Ankay</i>), building dwellings for poor families in Chile (<i>Techo</i>).