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## CURRENT AND PRIOR POSITIONS

2022 IMF, Economist Program: Asia and Pacific Department

## EDUCATION

2022 Ph.D., Economics, University of Rochester.  
2018 M.A. Economics, University of Rochester.  
2015 M.A. Economics, Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Argentina  
2014 B.Sc. in Economics, Universidad del Salvador, Argentina.

## RESEARCH FIELDS

International Trade, International Finance and Macroeconomics.

## WORKING PAPERS

“International Trade, Volatility, and Income Differences” [Link](#)

“Real Exchange Rate Uncertainty Matters: Trade, Shipping Lags, and Default” [Link](#)

“Fighting Income Inequality with International Trade” [Link](#)  
with Victor Hernandez and Nicholas Kozeniauskas

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Pricing to Clients and the Pass-Through of Shocks”  
with Armen Khederlarian

## CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2023: ASSA meetings\*

2022: University of Wisconsin–Madison, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, EAFIT, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Federal Reserve Bank Board of Governors, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, University ORT, Universidad del Rosario, Society of Economic Dynamics, Universidad del Salvador, Ridge Forum (International Macro), Ridge Forum (Growth and Development in Macroeconomics)

2021: Minneapolis Fed Junior Scholar Conference, Brown Bag Seminar Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Ph.D. Interns Workshop Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Lacea-Ridge Job Market Showcase

2020: GISPE workshop, Centro de Estudios Macroeconomicos Argentina (CEMA University), KERIC conference, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

\*scheduled

## HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

2021-2022	Dean's Post-Field Research Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Rochester.
2021	Tapan Mitra Prize, Best 5th-Year Paper, Empirical Economics, University of Rochester.
2021	Dissertation Intern, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.
2021	Americas Center Graduate Dissertation Intern, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.
2016-2021	Economics Department Ph.D. Fellowship and Scholarship, University of Rochester.
2020-2021	Ronald Jones Scholar, University of Rochester.
2021	Human Studies Fellowship, Institute for Human Studies.
2020	River Campus Data Grant, University of Rochester.
2020	Human Studies Fellowship, Institute for Human Studies.
2019-2020	The Wallis Institute of Political Economy Fellowship, University of Rochester.
2019	The Conibear Prize for the Best Third Year Paper, University of Rochester.
2018	Summer Research Grant, University of Rochester.
2014	Best GPA in the Bsc in Economics, Universidad del Salvador, Argentina.
2014	Summa Cum Laude, Universidad del Salvador, Argentina.
2014	Best Undergrad Thesis, Universidad del Salvador, Argentina.

## REFeree SERVICES

Journal of Money, Credit and Banking

## PUBLICATIONS

Pre-graduate work: "A Balance-of-Payments-Constrained Growth Model for a Small Commodity Exporting Country: Argentina Between 1971 and 2016" (with Juan M Massot), International Review of Applied Economics, 36(4), 2022

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### INSTRUCTOR

2020	<i>Principles of Economics (Undergraduate)</i> , University of Rochester. Summer.
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## TEACHING ASSISTANT

- 2018-2020     *Macroeconomics (Graduate)*, University of Rochester. Fall.  
Instructor: Prof. George Alessandria.
- 2019           *Money, Credit and Banking (undergraduate)*, University of Rochester. Spring.  
Instructor: Prof. Narayana Kocherlakota.
- 2018           *Intermediate Macroeconomics (undergraduate)*, University of Rochester. Spring.  
Instructor: Prof. Dan Lu.
- 2018-2019     *Pricing Policies (Graduate)*, Simon Business school, University of Rochester. Fall.  
Instructor: Prof. Greg Shaffer.
- 2015-2016     *Introduction to Statistic and Probability (undergraduate)*, Torcuato Di Tella University.  
Instructor: Prof. Andrea Rotnitzky.
- 2015-2016     *Macroeconomics (undergraduate)*, Torcuato Di Tella University. Fall.  
Instructor: Prof. Emilio Espino.
- 2014           *Microeconomics 1 (undergraduate)*, Torcuato Di Tella University. Fall.  
Instructor: Prof. Hernán, Ruffo.

## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

- 2013           Analyst of the Telecommunication market in Latin America, “Convergencia Research”

## OTHERS

- Computer Skills: Julia, Stata, Matlab,  $\LaTeX$
- Languages: English (Fluent), Spanish (Native), Italian (Basic)

## REFERENCES

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