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Academic Positions

2021 – Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
2016 – 2021 Associate Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
2014 – 2016 Post-doctoral Researcher, IAE-CSIC
2008 – 2014 Assistant Professor, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2008 – 2016 Affiliated Professor, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics

Education

2008 Ph.D. Economics, Columbia University
2002 M.A. International Economics, Graduate Institute of International Studies
2000 License in International Relations, GIIS, Switzerland

Teaching and Research Fields

Development, Health, Education, and Political Economics, Microeconometrics

Professional Affiliations

2014 – Associate Editor, *The Journal of Human Resources*

Publications

1. “Are Rules-based Government Programs Shielded from Special-Interest Politics? Evidence from Revenue-Sharing Transfers in Brazil,” *Journal of Public Economics*, 2012, 96: 1047-1060.
2. “The Impact of Intergovernmental Transfers on Education Outcomes and Poverty Reduction,” with Kevin M. Morrison, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2013, 5(4): 206-240.
3. “Saving Lives: Evidence from a Conditional Food Supplementation Program,” with Marian Meller, *Journal of Human Resources*, 2014, 49(4): 1017-1055.
4. “Adapting the Supply of Education to the Needs of Girls: Evidence from a Policy Experiment in Rural India,” with Marian Meller, *Journal of Human Resources*, 2016, 51(3): 760-802.

5. “Audit Risk and Rent Extraction: Evidence from a Randomized Evaluation in Brazil,” with Yves Zamboni, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2018, 134: 133-149.
6. “Which Tail Matters? Inequality and Growth in Brazil,” with María Lombardi, *Journal of Economic Growth*, 2019, 24(2): 155-187.
7. “Policy Choices in Assembly vs. Representative Democracy: Evidence from Swiss Communes,” with Patricia Funk, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2020, 182.
8. “Long-run Impacts of Intergovernmental Transfers,” with Irineu de Carvalho Filho, *Journal of Human Resources*, *forthcoming*.

Working Papers

1. “Judicial Presence and Rent Extraction,” with Yves Zamboni, *Revise & Resubmit at Economic Development and Cultural Change*.
2. “Distortion by Audit: Evidence from Public Procurement,” with Maria Paula Gerardino and Dina Pomeranz.

Work in Progress

1. “Measuring Corruption in Public Works Projects: Evidence from Contractors' Internal Records,” with Amer Shahid.
2. “Subgroup Analysis in Regression Discontinuity Designs,” with Alvaro Carril, Andre Cazor, Maria Paula Gerardino and Dina Pomeranz.

Refereeing

American Economic Review; American Economic Review: Insights; American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy; Asia Pacific Education Review; BioMed Central Pregnancy and Childbirth; Canadian Journal of Economics; Econometrica; Economica; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Economic Inquiry; Economic Journal; Economics Letters; Economics of Governance; Education Economics; European Economic Review; International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, International Tax and Public Finance; Journal of African Economies; Journal of Comparative Economics; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Economic Growth; Journal of Economic Issues; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; Journal of Politics; Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Population Economics; Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics; Public Management Review; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Economic Studies; Scandinavian Journal of Economics; World Development

Invited Seminars

- 2020 Melbourne Institute
- 2019 University of Tokyo, Hitotsubashi University, Keio University
- 2018 Osaka University
- 2017 University of Tokyo, Institute of Developing Economics Tokyo, Kyoto University
- 2016 GRIPS Tokyo, Hitotsubashi University, University of Tokyo
- 2015 FGV-EESP São Paulo, Università della Svizzera Italiana, GRIPS Tokyo, University of Heidelberg, Universitat de Barcelona
- 2014 University of Michigan, University of Gothenburg, Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam
- 2013 Stockholm University
- 2012 Paris School of Economics, Toulouse School of Economics, University of Namur, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- 2011 BeNA Leibnitz Seminar Berlin, Universidad de Alicante
- 2010 Bocconi University, Trinity College Dublin, Institut d’Economia de Barcelona
- 2009 LSE (CEP), University of Bristol

Conference Presentations and Discussions

- 2021 Hayami Conference at GRIPS
- 2018 Hayami Conference at GRIPS
- 2017 Hayami Conference at GRIPS
- 2016 Political Economy of Development and Conflict Workshop Barcelona
- 2015 RIDGE/LACEA-PEG Montevideo, IPEA Workshop on Public Procurement Rio de Janeiro, Political Economy of Development and Conflict Workshop Barcelona, IEB Workshop on Political Economy and Public Finance Barcelona, NSEA University of Fribourg
- 2014 ASSA Philadelphia, NEUDC Boston University, LACEA Sao Paulo, RES Conference Manchester, COSME – Fedea IV Workshop on Gender Economics, Political Economy of Development and Conflict Workshop Barcelona, Research and Innovation in Governance Conference Nairobi, EEA Toulouse, ASWEDE Stockholm, NSEA Swiss National Bank
- 2013 ASSA San Diego, NEUDC Harvard University, QURE Workshop Reus, V Fiscal Federalism Workshop at IEB, Political Economy Workshop Bristol, SITE Stockholm
- 2012 NEUDC Dartmouth University, EEA Málaga, SAEe Vigo, NSEA University of Lucerne
- 2011 NEUDC Yale University, V Fiscal Federalism Workshop at IEB, Rotterdam Political Economy Workshop, Petralia Workshop
- 2010 NEUDC MIT, CEPR Development Economics Barcelona, NSEA Studycenter Gerzensee
- 2009 NEUDC Tufts University, NSEA University of Basel
- 2008 NEUDC Boston University, NSEA University of Zürich
- 2007 NEUDC Harvard University, NSEA University of St. Gallen, IGERT Columbia University
- 2006 NEUDC Cornell University, NSEA University of Lausanne, IGERT Columbia University

Teaching Experience

- 2016 – Applied Econometrics, GRIPS MA programs
- 2018 – Advanced Econometrics I, GRIPS PhD programs
- 2011 – 2021 Policy Evaluation Barcelona GSE Summer School
- 2016 – 2021 Quantitative Methods for Policy Evaluation, Università della Svizzera Italiana
- 2015 – 2016 Graduate Econometrics, IDEA PhD program, UAB

2012 – 2016 Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Evaluation, BGSE MA degrees
 2009 – 2016 Graduate Microeconometrics, GPFEM PhD program, UPF
 2009 – 2014 Undergraduate Econometrics

Seminar and Conference Organization

2016 – Co-Organizer, GRIPS Applied Micro and Graduate Seminars
 2013 – 2016 Co-Organizer, BGSE Summer Forum Workshop *Political Institutions*
 2014 – 2016 Co-Organizer, BGSE Summer Forum Workshop *Advances in Micro Development*
 2011 – 2013 Co-Organizer, UPF Labor/Public/Development External Seminar
 2012 Co-Organizer, Barcelona Development Economics Workshop
 2010 – 2011 Co-Organizer, UPF Labor/Public/Development Internal Seminar

Grants

2015 Co-PI, research grant, J-PAL Governance Initiative
 2014 Co-PI, research grant, Contraloría General de la República de Chile
 2014 Co-PI, research grant, J-PAL Governance Initiative
 2014 Co-PI, research grant, Corporación Andina de Fomento
 2013 Co-Investigator, research grant, Swiss National Science Foundation
 2012 Co-Investigator, research grant, Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation
 2010 Co-Investigator, research grant, Swiss National Science Foundation
 2010 Co-Investigator, research grant, Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation

PhD Supervision

Dissertation Sponsor: María Lombardi (Torcuato di Tella University), Aamer Shahid (National Accountability Bureau of Pakistan), Abinash Dash (Ministry of Finance of India), Shahida Pervin (GRIPS Policy Analysis program), Piyakul Somsiriwong (GRIPS Policy Analysis program), Ayana Abebe Ambachew (GRIPS Policy Analysis program)

Dissertation Co-Sponsor: Marian Meller (Particip GmbH), Antony Mwangangi Mbithi (GRIPS G-cube program), Claire Lwasa Nakawesi (GRIPS G-cube program), Cherry Wyle Garcia Layaoen (GRIPS G-cube program), Polinel Peouv (GRIPS G-cube program), Chien Le Quang (GRIPS PA program)

Dissertation Reader: Shikeb Farooqui, Marta Curto Grau, Yoko Oishi (GRIPS Policy Analysis program), Adu Boahen (GRIPS Policy Analysis program), Tomoe Naito (GRIPS Policy Analysis program), Masaru Nagashima (GRIPS Policy Analysis program), Raphael Edem Ayibor (GRIPS Policy Analysis program)