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## FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION

Major: • Development Economics • Applied Microeconomics  
Minor: • Health Economics • Economic Geography

## EDUCATION

<b>IQS School of Management   Ramon Llull University</b>	Barcelona, Spain
• Ph.D. in <b>Economics and Territorial Competitiveness</b> (interdisciplinary program)	10/2020–08/2023
– Dissertation Title: Three Essays on Human Mobility and Child Development in China	
– Visiting PhD student, Peking University	(expected) 05/2023–08/2023
– Visiting PhD student, Heidelberg University	10/2022–12/2022
<b>University of Konstanz</b>	Konstanz, Germany
• M.Sc. in Economics	10/2016–03/2019
– Erasmus student, University of Essex	09/2018–01/2019
<b>Shanghai Lixin University of Accounting &amp; Finance</b>	Shanghai, China
• B.Sc. in Insurance	09/2012–06/2016

## PUBLICATIONS

### First Authored:

Wang-Lu, H. & Valerio Mendoza, O. M., “**Job Prospects and Labour Mobility in China,**” *The Journal of International Trade & Economic Development* [JCR SSCI Q2 in Economics, 5-Year IF: 2.141], forthcoming.

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

<b>IQS School of Management   Ramon Llull University</b>	Barcelona, Spain
Research Assistant	09/2020–present

- Researched Chinese labor migration, child development, and travel dynamics for the Horizon 2020 CHINEQUALJUSTICE and PoPMeD-SuSDeV projects.
  - ◇ Created a unique quasi-panel of 66,427 individuals from 283 Chinese cities during 1997–2017, synthesized virtues of prospect theory and dynamic discrete choice models, drew empirical specifications with theoretical micro-foundations, and employed **fixed effects, multilevel logistic regression and two-step system GMM** to study the effects of job prospects on individual migration decisions.
  - ◇ Assembled a panel of 8,422 children and adolescents surveyed during 2012–2018, constructed novel indicators according to the emphasis of the Capability Approach on informational pluralism and Human Development Index, and used **fixed effects, linear mixed effects and heteroskedasticity-based IVs** to quantitatively provide a composite analysis of children’s academic development.
  - ◇ Identified human mobility trajectories of 368 Chinese cities using Phillips and Sul’s (2007) clustering algorithms, mapped the results onto **an interactive dashboard**, and applied **difference-in-difference estimators** to examine the causal effects of exposure to high COVID-19 risk in the city on different travel behaviors.

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Barcelona, Spain

Teaching Assistant

02/2022–present

- Trained, taught and graded 3rd-year double-degree undergraduate students in Econometrics and Forecasting, and proctored their exams.
- Trained and graded 1st-year undergraduate students in Applied Mathematics, and proctored their exams.

## WORKING PAPERS

First Authored:

1. [submitted] **Valuing Children in China: Parents’ Perceptions, Spending Priorities and Children’s Capabilities**, with Flavio Comim and Octasiano M. Valerio Mendoza
2. **Intra-City Mobility Dynamics and Commuting Behaviors Surrounding the Zero-Covid Policy and Reopening in China**, with Mihály Tamás Borsi and Octasiano M. Valerio Mendoza

## WORK IN PROGRESS

First Authored:

1. **Inbound Mobility and COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in China**, with Simiao Chen and Octasiano M. Valerio Mendoza

*Titles of other projects are pending.*

## FUNDED PROJECTS

### PoPMeD-SuSDeV

2023–2026

Horizon Europe | Grant ID: 101086139 (co-PI: Prof. Simiao Chen & Octasiano M. Valerio Mendoza)

– Type of Participation: First-Stage Researcher

### CHINEQUALJUSTICE

2020–2022

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions | Grant ID: 838534 (PI: Prof. Octasiano M. Valerio Mendoza)

– Type of Participation: Research Assistant

### Identifying Opportunities in the Future Chinese Consumer Market

2020–2022

Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities | Grant ID: EIN2019-102931 (PI: Prof. Octasiano M. Valerio Mendoza)

– Type of Participation: Researcher

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

### Presentations at Conferences & Workshops

2023: The CES 2023 Annual Conference

2022: 14th International Symposium on Human Capital and Labor Markets; 1st International Workshop on the Chinese Development Model; 15th RGS Doctoral Conference in Economics

2021: 46th Symposium of the Spanish Economic Association (SAEe); 13th Chinese Economic Association & 32nd CEA UK Annual Conference; Inequality Conference, International Centre for Economic Analysis; 9th International Conference on Applied Research in Economics and Finance; The Chinese Economists Society (CES) 2021 Annual Conference

### Presentations at Seminars

Research Seminar [\*3], IQS SM; [invited speaker] Research Seminar, AQR-IREA, University of Barcelona; Journal Club Seminar, Deusto Business School

## REFeree FOR PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

The Journal of International Trade & Economic Development; Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

**Summer School:** Axel Leijonhufvud – Advanced School 2022

**Organizing Committee:** 1st International Workshop on the Chinese Development Model

**Writings:** “Should you prolong your predoc life?”. In: INOMICS.

Non-Academic Work:

**YITU Technology**

Shanghai, China

Data Analyst

04/2019–12/2019

- Operated databases, prepared SQL and Qlik Sense scripts for business analyses, visualized data with interactive dashboards, wrote weekly reports and assisted in product development, etc.

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

<b>Research Mobility Grant</b> (4,200€), Societat Econòmica Barcelonesa d'Amics del País	2022
Fellowship for Ph.D. students presenting at SAEe, Fundación Ramón Areces	2021
Three-Year Doctoral Fellowship (tuition waiver & salary), IQS SM	2020
Erasmus+ Grant, University of Konstanz	2018

## SKILLS AND OTHERS

**Programming & Software:** Stata (used often),  $\text{\LaTeX}$  (used often), SQL (used often), R (less often, complement the use of Stata), Matlab/Octave (basic), Python (basic – learning; complement the use of Stata & R)

**Languages:** Chinese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (basic)