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EDUCATION

University of Mannheim

2018 - 2023

PhD Economics

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

2013 - 2015

MA Economics

University of Paris Dauphine

2012 - 2014

MRes Development Economics

2009 - 2012

BS Applied Economics

RESEARCH FIELDS

Macroeconomics, Family, Public, Urban and Development Economics

JOB MARKET PAPER

Why Don't Poor Families Move? A Spatial Equilibrium of Parental Decisions with Imperfect Information

Abstract: United States parents' neighborhood choices shape their childrens economic opportunities. However, most children raised in bottom-quality neighborhoods still live in low-quality neighborhoods in adulthood. Do parents' neighborhood choices also affect their children's future choices? After providing empirical evidence on this relationship, I develop a quantitative spatial model of parental decisions that incorporates a novel mechanism: community learning about the technology of skill formation. Segregation generates information frictions that systematically distort parents' subjective beliefs and behavior. Using several United States representative datasets, I calibrate the model to the average commuting zone in the country. The calibrated model helps understand targeted and non-targeted parental behavior across socioeconomic groups. Under perfect information, inequality decreases by 3 %, and social mobility increases by 13 %. Housing vouchers improve neighborhood quality and earnings of eligible low-income children. At scale, however, general equilibrium responses in local prices and subjective beliefs dampen the policy effects on inequality and social mobility.

OTHER RESEARCH

Published Paper

Machine Learning and Mobile Phone Data Can Improve the Targeting of Humanitarian Assistance, with Emily Aiken, Dean Karlan, Christopher R. Udry and Joshua Blumenstock. Nature 2022.

Working Papers

The Impact of Cash Transfers in Togo: Digital Data Do Not Recover Treatment Effects Found in Survey Data, with Emily Aiken, Dean Karlan, Christopher R. Udry and Joshua Blumenstock.

Teacher Training Program, Teacher Practices and Student Performance in Science: Evidence from a Randomized Study in French Primary Schools, with Adrien Bouguen, Marc Gurgand, Valerie Munier and André Tricot

Work in Progress

Macroeconomic Consequences of Early Education Tracking, with Lukas Mahler

Employment Transitions: Mechanisms For Gender Earnings Gap, with Valentina Melentyeva

RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD

Teaching Assistant

STEG Virtual Course

2021, Demographic Transition and Development lecture

J-PAL Europe, Executive Education Programs

2018 - 2019, Randomized Control Trials

Sciences Po Paris

2016 - 2017, Public Economics

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

2014, Macroeconomics

Research

University of Mannheim

2019 - ... , Research assistant to Professor Michèle Tertilt

J-PAL Europe

2015 - 2018, Senior Research Manager

J-PAL Latin America and the Caribbean

2015, Research Associate

SCHOLARSHIP, WORKSHOP AND AFFILIATION

CRC Member

since 2019

DAAD Scholarship

2019 - 2023

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2019 - 2020

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