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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Oxford

Lecturer in Development Economics, since 2024

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

Teaching and Research Fellow in Economics, 2022-24

Sciences Po

Adjunct Professor, 2021-22

OTHER

World Bank

POSITIONS | Consultant for Social Protection and Labor, since 2023

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

St Antony's College, University of Oxford

Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE)

Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP)

EDUCATION

Paris School of Economics & Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

PhD in Economics under the supervision of David N. Margolis, 2024

Paris School of Economics & École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales

MA in Economics, 2019

University of São Paulo

BA in Economics, 2014

University of São Paulo

BA in Journalism, 2007

OTHER

University of Vienna

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Summer School in the History and Epistemology of Econometrics, 2025

University of Chicago, Department of Economics

Visiting researcher under the supervision of John List, 2023

Institute of Labor Economics (IZA)

Summer School in Labor Economics, 2023

PUBLICATIONS

Scarelli, Thiago, and David N. Margolis. 2025. "When You Can't Afford to Wait for a Job: The Role of Time Discounting for Own-Account Workers in Developing Countries." Economic Development and Cultural Change 73 (4): 1605–1657. https://doi.org/10.1086/732162

Scarelli, Thiago. 2022. "Occupations and Wealth in Developing Countries." Revue d'économie du développement 30 (2): 127-135. http://doi.org/10.3917/edd.362.0127

WORKING PAPERS | Scarelli, Thiago. 2025. "Worker's Preferences over Payment Schedules."

ONGOING

Financial Inclusion for Gig Workers

RESEARCH **PROJECTS**

The Demand for Social Security Among Platform Workers (with Josefina Posadas and Matteo Morgandi)

Evaluating a Training Program in the Subnational Public Administration (with Marcela Alonso Ferreira)

RESEARCH GRANTS

International mobility grant, Paris School of Economics, 2023

Research grant, Paris School of Economics, 2022-23

Full PhD scholarship, French Minister of Higher Education and Research, 2019-22

AWARDS Young Economist Award (2nd Prize), Inter-American Development Bank, 2024

SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATION

"Understanding self-employment in Brazil: Can people afford to search for jobs?" (with David N. Margolis), VoxDev, 2025

"The issue of payment timing", Economics for Everybody, 2024

"The next generation of research", VoxEU Podcast, 2023

REFEREE SERVICE | Journal of International Development; Revue d'économie politique

CONFERENCE SERVICE

CSAE Conference, University of Oxford Submissions reviewer, 2026

European Association of Young Economists' Meeting, King's College London Submissions reviewer, 2025

Doctorissimes Conference, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne Conference organizer, 2020, 22

CONFERENCES AND INVITED SEMINARS

2025

RIDGE-LACEA Workshop on Labor, Peru
Catalan Economic Society Congress, Spain
IFS-UCL-IOE Human Capital and Labor Markets Seminar, UK
FEA Applied Economics Seminar, University of São Paulo, Brazil
EESP Applied Economics Seminar, Faculdade Getúlio Vargas, Brazil

2024

Meeting of the European Association of Labor Economists (EALE), Norway Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA-ESEM), Netherlands International Conference on Development Economics (ICDE), France Applied Economics Seminar, University of Valencia, Spain Meeting of the Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), US Télécom Paris Applied Economics Seminar, CREST, France

2023

PSE-CEPR Policy Forum, France Applied Economics Seminar, IÉSEG School of Management, France

2022

Meeting of the European Association of Labor Economists (EALE), Italy International Conference on Development Economics (ICDE), France Journées de Microéconomie Apliquée (JMA), France Meeting of the Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), US

2020

IZA and World Bank Conference on Jobs and Development, Poland

TEACHING

University of Oxford

- Development Economics (graduate), 2025
- Microeconomic Theory (graduate), 2024

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

- Introduction to Econometrics (undergraduate), 2020, 21, 24
- Statistics (undergraduate), 2019, 22, 23
- Applied Econometrics (graduate), 2020, 21
- Descriptive Statistics (undergraduate), 2020, 21

Sciences Po

- Statistics Applied to Social Sciences (undergraduate), 2020, 21

GRADUATE DISSERTATION SUPERVISION

Irakoze, Chelysea. 2025. "Shadows of Power: An Updated Spatial Perspective of Regional Favouritism." MSc in Economics for Development. University of Oxford.

Kisielewska, Virginia Ballesteros (co-supervised with Sanjay Jain). 2025. "Tax flight or tax flop? Evaluating the Mobility Effects of Decentralised Taxation and Fiscal Competition in Spain." MPhil in Economics. University of Oxford.

GRADUATE
DISSERTATION
SUPERVISION
(CONT.)

Lowe, Alexia. 2025. "Targeting for Success? Assessing the Impact of Gender-targeted Education Interventions on Girls' School Enrolment in Low-income Countries." MSc in Economics for Development. University of Oxford.

Michael, Jed. 2025. "Good Intentions, Bad Incentives: A Theoretical Framework for Aid and Corruption." MSc in Economics for Development. University of Oxford.

Miranthi, Emily (co-supervised with Sanjay Jain). 2025. "Exploring the Relationship Between Social Norms and the Law: NGO Proximity, TV Exposure, and the Effects of the Domestic Violence Act in Ghana." MPhil in Economics. University of Oxford.

Rothenfusser, Melchor De La Cruz (co-supervised with Sanjay Jain). 2025. "Kids and Cartels: The Effect of Drug Trafficking Organisations on Educational Outcomes in Ecuador." MPhil in Economics. University of Oxford.

LANGUAGES

Full working proficiency in English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese Intermediate working proficiency in Italian and German

REFERENCES

David N. Margolis Paris School of Economics, CNRS, IZA

Sanjay Jain University of Oxford, IZA

Luc Behaghel Paris School of Economics, INRAE, J-PAL, IZA

John List University of Chicago, NBER, IZA

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