

Thiago Scarelli

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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 POSITIONS	World Bank 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 ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES	University of Vienna 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	<p>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.” <i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i> 73 (4): 1605–1657. https://doi.org/10.1086/732162</p> <p>Scarelli, Thiago. 2022. “Occupations and Wealth in Developing Countries.” <i>Revue d’économie du développement</i> 30 (2): 127–135. http://doi.org/10.3917/edd.362.0127</p>
WORKING PAPERS	<p>Scarelli, Thiago. 2025. “Worker’s Preferences over Payment Schedules”. WP</p>
ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS	<p>Financial Inclusion for Gig Workers</p> <p>The Demand for Social Security Among Platform Workers (with Josefina Posadas and Matteo Morgandi)</p> <p>Evaluating a Training Program in the Subnational Public Administration (with Marcela Alonso Ferreira)</p>
RESEARCH GRANTS	<p>International mobility grant, Paris School of Economics, 2023</p> <p>Research grant, Paris School of Economics, 2022-23</p> <p>Full PhD scholarship, French Minister of Higher Education and Research, 2019-22</p>
AWARDS	<p>Young Economist Award (2nd Prize), Inter-American Development Bank, 2024</p>
SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATION	<p>Understanding self-employment in Brazil: Can people afford to search for jobs? (with David N. Margolis), VoxDev, 2025</p> <p>The issue of payment timing, Economics for Everybody, 2024</p> <p>The next generation of research, VoxEU Podcast, 2023</p>
REFeree SERVICE	<p>Journal of International Development; <i>Revue d’économie politique</i></p>
CONFERENCE SERVICE	<p>CSAE Conference: Economic Development in Africa, University of Oxford, 2026 Submissions reviewer</p> <p>Meeting of the European Association of Young Economists, King’s College London, 2025 Submissions reviewer</p> <p>Doctorissimes Conference, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2020, 22 Conference organizer</p>

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 Appliquée (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. Kisiełowska, 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.)	<p>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.</p> <p>Michael, Jed. 2025. "Good Intentions, Bad Incentives: A Theoretical Framework for Aid and Corruption." MSc in Economics for Development. University of Oxford.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
LANGUAGES	<p>Full working proficiency in English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese</p> <p>Intermediate working proficiency in Italian and German</p>
REFERENCES	<p>David N. Margolis Paris School of Economics, CNRS, IZA</p> <p>Sanjay Jain University of Oxford, IZA</p> <p>Luc Behaghel Paris School of Economics, INRAE, J-PAL, IZA</p> <p>John List University of Chicago, NBER, IZA</p>

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