

# Thiago Scarelli

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	<b>University of Oxford</b> Lecturer in Development Economics   since 2024  <b>Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne</b> Teaching and Research Fellow in Economics   2022–24  <b>Sciences Po</b> Adjunct Professor   2021-22
OTHER POSITIONS	<b>World Bank</b> Consultant for Social Protection and Labor   since 2023
AFFILIATIONS	<b>Brazilian organizations</b> <a href="#">Lab for Economics and Applied Philosophy (FGV LEAP)</a> <a href="#">Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP)</a>  <b>British organizations</b> <a href="#">Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE)</a> <a href="#">Oxford Centre for Economic and Social History</a> <a href="#">St Antony's College, University of Oxford</a>
EDUCATION	<b>Paris School of Economics &amp; Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne</b> PhD in Economics under the supervision of David N. Margolis   2024  <b>Paris School of Economics &amp; École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales</b> MA in Economics   2019  <b>University of São Paulo (usp)</b> BA in Economics   2014
ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES	<b>University of Vienna</b> Summer School in the History and Epistemology of Econometrics   2025  <b>University of Chicago, Department of Economics</b> Visiting researcher under the supervision of John List   2023  <b>Institute of Labor Economics (IZA)</b> 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. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1086/732162">https://doi.org/10.1086/732162</a></p> <p>Scarelli, Thiago. 2022. "Occupations and Wealth in Developing Countries." <i>Revue d'économie du développement</i> 30 (2): 127–135. <a href="http://doi.org/10.3917/edd.362.0127">http://doi.org/10.3917/edd.362.0127</a></p>
WORKING PAPERS	Scarelli, Thiago. 2025. " <a href="#">Worker's Preferences over Payment Schedules</a> ."
ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS	<p>"Financial Inclusion for Gig Workers"</p> <p>"The Demand for Social Protection 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><b>Paris School of Economics</b> International mobility grant   2023 Research grant   2022</p> <p><b>French Minister of Higher Education and Research</b> PhD scholarship   2019–22</p>
AWARDS	<p><b>Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)</b> Young Economist Award (2nd Prize)   2024</p>
SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATION	<p>Scarelli, Thiago, and David N. Margolis. 2025. "<a href="#">Understanding Self-Employment in Brazil: Can People Afford to Search for Jobs?</a>" <i>VoxDev</i>.</p> <p>"The next generation of research: Thiago Scarelli, Carmen Villa, and Duncan Webb interviewed by Tim Phillips." 2023. <i>VoxEU Podcast</i>.</p>
CONFERENCES AND INVITED SEMINARS	<p>2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– RIDGE-LACEA Workshop on Labor, Peru</li> <li>– Catalan Economic Society Congress, Spain</li> <li>– IFS-UCL-IOE Human Capital and Labor Markets Seminar, UK</li> <li>– FEA Applied Economics Seminar, University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil</li> <li>– EESP Applied Economics Seminar, Faculdade Getúlio Vargas (FGV), Brazil</li> </ul> <p>2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Meeting of the European Association of Labor Economists (EALE), Norway</li> <li>– Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA-ESEM), Netherlands</li> <li>– International Conference on Development Economics (ICDE), France</li> <li>– Applied Economics Seminar, University of Valencia, Spain</li> <li>– Meeting of the Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), US</li> <li>– Télécom Paris Applied Economics Seminar, CREST, France</li> </ul>

CONFERENCES AND INVITED SEMINARS (CONT.)	2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– PSE-CEPR Policy Forum, France</li> <li>– Applied Economics Seminar, IÉSEG School of Management, France</li> </ul>
	<p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Meeting of the European Association of Labor Economists (EALE), Italy</li> <li>– International Conference on Development Economics (ICDE), France</li> <li>– Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée (JMA), France</li> <li>– Meeting of the Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), US</li> </ul>
	<p>2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– IZA and World Bank Conference on Jobs and Development, Poland</li> </ul>

REFEREE SERVICE	Journal of International Development Revue d'économie politique
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CONFERENCE SERVICE	<b>csae Conference, University of Oxford</b> Submissions reviewer   2026
	<b>European Association of Young Economists' Meeting, King's College</b> Submissions reviewer   2025
	<b>Doctorissimes Conference, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne</b> Conference organizer   2020-22

TEACHING	<b>University of Oxford</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Bureaucracy and Development (graduate)   2026</li> <li>– Economics of Developing Countries (undergraduate)   2025</li> <li>– Quantitative Methods 1 (graduate)   2025</li> <li>– Development Economics 2 (graduate)   2025</li> <li>– Microeconomic Theory (graduate)   2024, 25</li> </ul>
	<b>University College London (UCL)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Public Management: Theories and Innovations (graduate, guest lecturer)   2026</li> </ul>
	<b>Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Introduction to Econometrics (undergraduate)   2020, 21, 24</li> <li>– Statistics (undergraduate)   2019, 22, 23</li> <li>– Applied Econometrics (graduate)   2020, 21</li> <li>– Descriptive Statistics (undergraduate)   2020, 21</li> </ul>
	<b>Sciences Po</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Statistics Applied to Social Sciences (undergraduate)   2020, 21</li> </ul>

<b>GRADUATE DISSERTATION SUPERVISION</b>	<p>Irakoze, Chelysea. 2025. "Shadows of Power: An Updated Spatial Perspective of Regional Favouritism." MSc in Economics for Development. University of Oxford.</p> <p>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.</p> <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>
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<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE</b>	<p><b>University of Oxford</b></p> <p>Deputy Chair of Admissions for the MPhil in Economics   since 2026</p> <p>Exam Board member for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)   since 2024</p>
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<b>LANGUAGES</b>	<p>Advanced working proficiency: English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese</p> <p>Intermediate working proficiency: Italian and German</p>
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<b>REFERENCES</b>	<p><b>David N. Margolis</b> Paris School of Economics</p> <p><b>Stefano Caria</b> University of Oxford</p> <p><b>Sanjay Jain</b> University of Oxford</p> <p><b>John List</b> University of Chicago</p>
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