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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
AFFILIATIONS	Brazilian organizations Lab for Economics and Applied Philosophy (FGV LEAP) Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP) British organizations Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Oxford Centre for Economic and Social History St Antony's College, University of Oxford
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 (USP) BA in Economics 2014
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	Scarelli, Thiago. 2025. “Worker’s Preferences over Payment Schedules.”
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>Paris School of Economics International mobility grant 2023</p> <p>Research grant 2022</p> <p>French Minister of Higher Education and Research PhD scholarship 2019–22</p>
AWARDS	<p>Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Young Economist Award (2nd Prize) 2024</p>
SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATION	<p>Scarelli, Thiago, and David N. Margolis. 2025. “Understanding Self-Employment in Brazil: Can People Afford to Search for Jobs?” <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"> – 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 (USP), Brazil – EESP Applied Economics Seminar, Faculdade Getúlio Vargas (FGV), Brazil <p>2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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

CONFERENCES AND INVITED SEMINARS (CONT.)	2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – PSE-CEPR Policy Forum, France – Applied Economics Seminar, IÉSEG School of Management, France
	<p>2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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
	<p>2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – IZA and World Bank Conference on Jobs and Development, Poland

REFEREE SERVICE	Journal of International Development Revue d'économie politique
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CONFERENCE SERVICE	<p>CSAE Conference, University of Oxford Submissions reviewer 2026</p> <p>European Association of Young Economists' Meeting, King's College Submissions reviewer 2025</p> <p>Doctorissimes Conference, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne Conference organizer 2020-22</p>
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TEACHING	<p>University of Oxford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Bureaucracy and Development (graduate) 2026 – Economics of Developing Countries (undergraduate) 2025 – Quantitative Methods 1 (graduate) 2025 – Development Economics 2 (graduate) 2025 – Microeconomic Theory (graduate) 2024, 25 <p>University College London (UCL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Public Management: Theories and Innovations (graduate, guest lecturer) 2026 <p>Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Introduction to Econometrics (undergraduate) 2020, 21, 24 – Statistics (undergraduate) 2019, 22, 23 – Applied Econometrics (graduate) 2020, 21 – Descriptive Statistics (undergraduate) 2020, 21 <p>Sciences Po</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Statistics Applied to Social Sciences (undergraduate) 2020, 21
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GRADUATE DISSERTATION SUPERVISION	<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>
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE	<p>University of Oxford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Deputy Chair of Admissions for the MPhil in Economics since 2026 – Exam Board member for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) since 2024
LANGUAGES	<p>Advanced working proficiency: English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese</p> <p>Intermediate working proficiency: Italian and German</p>
REFERENCES	<p>David N. Margolis Paris School of Economics</p> <p>Stefano Caria University of Oxford</p> <p>Sanjay Jain University of Oxford</p> <p>John List University of Chicago</p>

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