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Research Fields

Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics, Labor Economics

Academic Positions

- Lecturer in Development Economics, University of Oxford, since 2024
- Teaching and Research Fellow, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2022-24
- Adjunct Professor, Sciences Po, 2021-22

Other Positions

- Consultant for Social Protection and Labor, World Bank, since 2023

Other Affiliations

- Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP)
- Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE), University of Oxford
- St Antony's College, University of Oxford

Education

- PhD in Economics, Paris School of Economics, 2024
- MA in Economics, Paris School of Economics, 2019
- BA in Economics, University of São Paulo, 2014
- BA in Journalism, University of São Paulo, 2007

Other Academic Activities

- Summer School in Epistemology of Econometrics, University of Vienna, 2025
- Summer School in Labor Economics, IZA, Germany, 2023
- Research visit at the Department of Economics, University of Chicago, 2023

Research: 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>

Research: Working Papers

- [Worker's Preferences over Payment Schedules](#)

Research: Projects in Progress

- The Effects of Financial Inclusion for Gig Workers
- The Demand for Social Security Among Platform Workers
- Evaluating a Training Program in the Subnational Public Administration

Research: Grants

- International mobility grant, Paris School of Economics, 2023
- Research grant, Paris School of Economics, 2022-23
- PhD scholarship, French Minister of Higher Education and Research, 2019-22

Research: Awards

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

Research: Media and General Audience Materials

- [Understanding self-employment in Brazil: Can people afford to search for jobs?](#), *VoxDev*, 2025
- [The issue of payment timing](#), *Economics for Everybody*, 2024
- [The next generation of research](#), *VoxEU Podcast*, 2023

Research: Conferences and Invited Seminars

- RIDGE-LACEA Workshop on Labor, Peru, 2025
- Catalan Economic Society Congress, Spain, 2025
- IFS-UCL-IOE Human Capital and Labor Markets Seminar, UK, 2025
- FEA Applied Economics Seminar, University of São Paulo, Brazil, 2025
- EESP Applied Economics Seminar, Faculdade Getúlio Vargas, Brazil, 2025

- Meeting of the European Association of Labor Economists (EALE), Norway, 2024
- Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA-ESEM), Netherlands, 2024
- International Conference on Development Economics (ICDE), France, 2024
- Applied Economics Seminar, University of Valencia, Spain, 2024
- Meeting of the Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), US, 2024
- Télécom Paris Applied Economics Seminar, CREST, France, 2024
- PSE-CEPR Policy Forum, France, 2023
- Applied Economics Seminar, IÉSEG School of Management, France, 2023
- Meeting of the European Association of Labor Economists (EALE), Italy, 2022
- International Conference on Development Economics (ICDE), France, 2022
- Journées de Microéconomie Appliquée (JMA), France, 2022
- Meeting of the Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), US, 2022
- IZA & World Bank Conference on Jobs and Development, Poland, 2020

Teaching: University of Oxford

- Development Economics (grad.), 2025
- University of Oxford, Microeconomic Theory (grad.), 2024

Teaching: Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

- Introduction to Econometrics (undergrad.), 2020, 21, 24
- Statistics (undergrad.), 2019, 22, 23
- Applied Econometrics (grad.), 2020, 21
- Descriptive Statistics (undergrad.), 2020, 21

Teaching: Sciences Po

- Statistics Applied to Social Sciences (undergrad.), 2020, 21

Graduate Dissertation Supervision: University of Oxford

Alexia Lowe. 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.

Chelysea Irakoze. 2025. “Shadows of Power: An Updated Spatial Perspective of Regional Favouritism.” MSc in Economics for Development.

Emily Miranthen (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.

Jed Michael. 2025. “Good Intentions, Bad Incentives: A Theoretical Framework for Aid and Corruption.” MSc in Economics for Development.

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

Virginia Ballesteros Kisielewska (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.

Service: Journal Referee

- Journal of International Development
- Revue d'économie politique

Service: Conference Organiser

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

Service: Conference Submissions Reviewer

- Meeting of the European Association of Young Economists, King's College London, 2025

Languages

English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian (intermediate), and German (intermediate)

References

- David Margolis, Paris School of Economics
- John List, University of Chicago
- Sanjay Jain, University of Oxford
- Luc Behaghel, Paris School of Economics

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