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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

2016-2021 (*expected*)

Ph.D. Candidate

Haas School of Business (Business and Public Policy)

Principal Advisor: Professor Ernesto Dal Bó

Other References: Professors Frederico Finan, Reed Walker and Guo Xu

Pontifícia Universidade Católica (PUC-Rio) - Brazil

M.A., Economics

2011-2013

B.A., International Relations

2005-2009

DESIRED RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Development Economics; Public Economics; Organizational Economics

WORKING PAPERS & WORK IN PROGRESS

Corporate Taxation and Evasion Responses: Evidence from a Minimum Tax in Honduras (Job Market Paper) (with Felipe Lobel and Pedro Zuniga)

Selecting Top Bureaucrats: Admission Exams and Performance in Brazil (with Laura Schiavon and Ricardo Dahis)

Political Selection and Bureaucratic Productivity (with James Habyarimana and Stuti Khemani). World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 8673

Targeting in Tax Compliance Interventions: Experimental Evidence from Honduras (with Giselle Del Carmen and Edgardo Enrique Hernandez)

Strengthening Public Health Systems: Policy Ideas from a Governance Perspective (with Stuti Khemani and Sarang Chaudhary). World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 9220

Estimates of Top Income Inequality using Administrative Data in Honduras (with Santiago Garriga and Edgardo Enrique Hernandez)

Building State Capacity: What is the Impact of Development Projects? (with Vincenzo di Maro, David Evans and Stuti Khemani)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistance

Professors Ernesto Dal Bo and Frederico Finan (UC Berkeley) (Summer 2017)

Stuti Khemani (World Bank Development Research Group) (Summer & Fall 2017)

Professors Ketki Sheth (UC Merced) and Aprajit Mahajan (UC Berkeley) (Fall 2018)

Teaching

Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley: Global Growth and Inequality (Spring 2018);
Economics Analysis - Microeconomics (Spring 2019); Ethics and Responsibility in Business
(Fall 2019)

Pre-Doctoral

The World Bank, Washington, DC 2014-2016
Consultant at Poverty and Inequality Global Practice (Latin America)

Opus Asset Management 2013
International Economist

PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF); Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics; Berkeley Public Finance Seminar; Berkeley Development Seminar
- 2019 NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development in Africa
- 2018 World Bank ABCDE Conference

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2020 International Tax and Public Finance PhD Student award at IIPF 2020
- 2019 UC Berkeley's 2019 Outstanding GSI Award (awarded to top 10% of TAs)
- 2017 Weiss Family Fund Exploratory Grant
- 2012 Winner of ANBIMA Capital Markets Award for best Masters thesis project in Brazil

PRE-DOCTORAL POLICY RESEARCH

Investing in people to fight poverty in Haiti: reflections for evidence-based policy making (Haiti Poverty Assessment) *(with Federica Marzo, Pablo Facundo Cuevas and Natalia Garbiras)*. December 2014

But what is the poverty rate today? Testing poverty nowcasting methods in Latin America and the Caribbean *(with German Caruso, Leonardo Lucchetti, Eduardo Malasquez and Andres Castaneda)*. World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 8104.

Sifting through the Data: Labor Markets in Haiti through a Turbulent Decade (2001-2012) *(with Aude- Sophie Rodella and P. Facundo Cuevas)*. World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 7562

Cyclical Variations in Participation and Employment in Urban Brazil *(with Emmanuel Skoufias and Renata Gukovas)*. No 24952, World Bank Other Operational Studies, May 2016.

LANGUAGES

Portuguese (native); English (fluent); French (fluent); Spanish (fluent)

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Proficient in STATA, R, Python, Tableau.