

# Thiago de Gouvêa Scot de Arruda

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## CURRENT APPOINTMENT

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Economist at World Bank Research Group, Development Impact Evaluation Unit 2021-

## EDUCATION

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University of California, Berkeley 2016-2021  
Ph.D.  
Haas School of Business (Business and Public Policy)

Pontifícia Universidade Católica (PUC-Rio) - Brazil  
M.A., Economics 2011-2013  
B.A., International Relations 2005-2009

## WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

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

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

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

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

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

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

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

Opus Asset Management 2013  
International Economist

## LANGUAGES

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

## PRESENTATIONS

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2021 World Bank DIME, Tulane University, Center for Global Development, PUC-Rio, Insper, NBER Public Economics Spring Meeting [Job Market year]

2020 International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF); Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (SIOE); Berkeley Public Finance Seminar; Berkeley Development Seminar; NTA 113th Annual Conference; EGSC at Washington University

2019 NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development in Africa

2018 World Bank ABCDE Conference

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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- 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 Master's thesis project in Brazil

## PRE-DOCTORAL AND POLICY RESEARCH

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Strengthening Public Health Systems: Policy Ideas from a Governance Perspective (with Stuti Khemani and Sarang Chaudhary). World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 9220, 2020.

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.