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Curriculum Vitae

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Education	Ph.D. in Economics 2020 - July 2024 (Expected) Advisor: Monica Martinez-Bravo CEMFI, Madrid, Spain		
	M.A. in Economics and Finance 2018 - 2020 CEMFI, Madrid, Spain		
	B.Sc. in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics 2014 - 2018 B.Ec. in Finance 2014 - 2018 Renmin University of China, Beijing, China		
	International Exchange 2016 - 2017 University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA		
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Research Fields	Development Economics, Political Economy		
Working Papers	Government Audits and Talent Allocation (Job Market Paper) <i>Abstract:</i> Does political corruption shift talent allocation across public and private sectors? I answer this question by exploiting a randomized anti-corruption audit program in Brazil together with rich micro-data on educational and labor market outcomes of college students. Under a generalized difference-in-difference research design, I find that students experiencing audits in their municipality are less likely to major in business administration and law, which is more tailored toward public sector careers. Tracking students to the labor market further demonstrates that audits lead to a lower share of high-ability students obtaining their first jobs as civil servants. I provide evidence that dampened perceptions of rent-seeking in public sector careers are behind the effects of audits on equilibrium talent allocation. Taken together, these findings highlight an understudied negative consequence of corruption on the economy: the distortion of a society's talent allocation towards the state sector.		
Selected Work in Progress	Economic Integration and Political Dispute Across the Taiwan Strait (with Chi Man Cheung and Tzu-Ting Yang) Immigration and Assimilation of the Chinese Diaspora in Indonesia		

Conferences and Seminars (*Scheduled)	2023	NEUDC (*Harvard)	
	2022	CAGE Summer School (Warwick), ACES Political Economy Summer School (LSE)	
Teaching Experience		<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Mathematics (Graduate), CEMFI Fall 2022	
		<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Uncertainty and Information (Graduate), CEMFI Winter 2021, 2023	
Relevant Positions		<i>Research Assistant</i> , Dr. Yarine Fawaz, CEMFI	2021 - Present
		<i>Research Assistant</i> , Prof. Manuel Arellano, CEMFI	2020 - 2021
		<i>Research Assistant</i> , Prof. Monica Martinez-Bravo, CEMFI	2019
Grants, Awards and Honors		<i>Maria de Maeztu</i> Research Grant (€2000)	2023
		CEMFI Ph.D. Scholarship	2020-2024
		CEMFI Master in Economics and Finance Scholarship	2018-2020
		Presidential Scholarship for International Exchange, RUC	2016-2017
		China National Scholarship	2015 & 2016
		China National Petroleum Corporation Scholarship	2014
Short-term Visits		<i>INEP</i> , Ministry of Education Brasilia, Brazil	Apr. 2023
Citizenship		Chinese	
Languages		Mandarin (Native), English (Fluent), Spanish (Intermediate), Portuguese (Basic)	

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