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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION	<i>Ph.D.</i> in Economics Advisor: Monica Martinez-Bravo CEMFI, Madrid, Spain	2020 - July 2024 (Expected)
	<i>M.A.</i> in Economics and Finance CEMFI, Madrid, Spain	2018 - 2020
	<i>B.Sc.</i> in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics <i>B.Ec.</i> in Finance Renmin University of China, Beijing, China	2014 - 2018 2014 - 2018
	International Exchange University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA	2016 - 2017

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FIELDS	Development Economics, Political Economy, Public Economics
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WORKING PAPERS	Government Audits and Talent Allocation (Job Market Paper) <i>Abstract:</i> Does political corruption drive talent allocation into the public sector? I answer this question by exploiting a randomized anti-corruption audit program in Brazil together with rich micro-data on prospective college students. Under a generalized difference-in-difference research design, I find that students exposed to audits are less likely to end up majoring in business administration and law, which is more tailored toward public sector careers. In the meantime, students are more likely to opt for a degree in engineering. Tracking students to the labor market demonstrates that audits also lead to a rise in private-sector employment yet have no overall impact on employment in the public sector. However, a closer investigation into workforce composition reveals that civil servants from audited municipalities tend to be of lower ability as measured by standardized test scores. I provide supportive evidence that the effects of audits on equilibrium talent allocation are driven by changes in talent supply rather than talent demand. Taken together, these findings highlight an under-studied negative consequence of corruption on the economy: the distortion of a society's talent allocation towards the state sector.

WORK IN PROGRESS	Economic Integration and Political Dispute Across the Taiwan Strait (with Chi Man Cheung and Tzu-Ting Yang)
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Immigration and Assimilation of the Chinese Diaspora in Indonesia

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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