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Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Positions	Postdoctoral Research Fellow University of Warwick, UK	Sept. 2024 -
Education	<i>Ph.D.</i> in Economics <i>M.A.</i> in Economics and Finance CEMFI, Madrid, Spain	2020 - 2024 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
References	Manuel Arellano CEMFI arellano@cemfi.es	Sonia Bhalotra University of Warwick Sonia.Bhalotra@warwick.ac.uk
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Research Fields	Development Economics, Political Economy, Applied Microeconomics	
Working Papers	(Job Market Paper) Corruption and Talent Allocation – Under Review <i>Abstract:</i> Leveraging an anti-corruption audit program in Brazil, I investigate whether corruption shifts the allocation of talent. I link administrative data on program roll-out with education and employer-employee registers. Following audits, high-ability students change their college major to be less aligned with public sector careers, and they become less likely to enter public sector careers later on. Investigating mechanisms, I argue that these results are driven by the perception of lower returns to public sector careers owing to reduced rents and the risk of reputation loss. My findings highlight an understudied consequence of corruption, namely, the distortionary impacts on talent sorting. The Global Health Toll of the Global Gag Rule (with Sonia Bhalotra and Damian Clarke) <i>Abstract:</i> The Global Gag Rule (GGR) is a pro-life policy that prohibits foreign non-governmental organizations receiving U.S. aid from providing or advocating for abortion-related services. First introduced by President Reagan in 1984, the policy has been reinstated by every Republican administration and rescinded by every Democrat. We examine the effects of the GGR on maternal mortality across two presidential transitions: Clinton to Bush (1993–2008) and Obama to Trump (2009–2020). Our empirical strategy employs a triple difference design that leverages cross-country	

variation in US aid dependence and within-country variation in baseline clinic access to measure exposure. We find that, on average, the reinstatement of the GGR is associated with a 16.7 percent increase in maternal mortality in aid-receiving countries. We also uncover larger effects under the Trump administration, likely due to the policy's unprecedented expansion in 2017.

Selected Work in Progress	Dating Preferences (with Sonia Bhalotra, George Beknazar-Yuzbashev, Damian Clarke, and Mateusz Stalinski) Immigration and Assimilation of the Chinese Diaspora in Indonesia Occupation Flexibility and the Graduate Gender Wage Gap in the UK (with Sonia Bhalotra, Manuel Fernández, and Fan Wang)	
Conferences and Seminars (*Scheduled)	2025 Applied Micro Workshop (Insper), Institute of Health Policy Studies (IEPS, São Paulo), CGU (Brasília), American-European Health Economics Study Group (Oxford), EYAE Annual Meeting (KCL), IEB Workshop on Political Economy (Barcelona), BSE Summer Forum Workshop on Policy Evaluation in Health and Labor, WOLFE (York), RHUL-City University Family and Health Economics Research Workshop, NEUDC (Tufts*) 2024 UiS Business School, University of Southern Denmark, CGU Ada Lovelace Hour (online), MWIEDC (University of Chicago), AYEWE (Warwick-Monash, online), Bread Asia (NUS) 2023 NEUDC (Harvard Kennedy School), EWMES (Manchester) 2022 CAGE Summer School (Warwick), ACES Political Economy Summer School (LSE)	
Teaching Experience	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Mathematics (Graduate), CEMFI Fall 2021 <i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Uncertainty and Information (Graduate), CEMFI Winter 2021, 2023	
Relevant Positions	<i>Research Assistant</i> , Dr. Yarine Fawaz, CEMFI <i>Research Assistant</i> , Prof. Manuel Arellano, CEMFI <i>Research Assistant</i> , Prof. Monica Martinez-Bravo, CEMFI	2021 - 2024 2020 - 2021 2019
Grants, Awards, and Honors	<i>Maria de Maeztu</i> Research Grant (€2000) CEMFI Ph.D. Scholarship CEMFI Master in Economics and Finance Scholarship Presidential Scholarship for International Exchange, RUC China National Scholarship China National Petroleum Corporation Scholarship	2023 2020-2024 2018-2020 2016-2017 2015 & 2016 2014
Short-term Visits	INEP, Ministry of Education Brasilia, Brazil Insper São Paulo, Brazil	Apr. 2023 Mar.-Apr. 2025
Languages	Mandarin (Native), English (Fluent), Spanish (Intermediate), Portuguese (Basic)	

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