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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2019-.. Assistant professor, NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
2014-19 Assistant professor, UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

2020-.. Research affiliate, CEPR
2019-.. Resident member, NOVAFRICA
2019-.. Research fellow, NOVA CENTER FOR THE ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION
2016-.. International research fellow, INSTITUTE FOR FISCAL STUDIES
2014-.. Research fellow, NAVARRA CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
2011-15 Visiting scholar, INSTITUTE FOR FISCAL STUDIES

EDUCATION

2014 PhD in Economics, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON
2006 MSc in Economics with honors, UNIVERSITAT POMPEU FABRA
2005 BSc in Economics, UNIVERSITY OF TURIN
- Erasmus Visiting Student, COPENHAGEN BUSINESS SCHOOL

PUBLICATIONS IN JOURNALS

Does Information Break the Political Resource Curse? Experimental Evidence from Mozambique (with A. Coutts, P. Vicente and I. Vilela), [American Economic Review](#), vol. 110, n. 11 (2020), pp. 3431–53.

The Effect of Gender-Targeted Cash Transfers on Household Expenditures: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment (with O. Attanasio, P. Carneiro and V. Lechene), [The Economic Journal](#), vol. 130, n. 631 (2020), pp. 1875—1897.

The Reach of Radio: Ending Civil Conflict through Rebel Demobilization (with P. Atwell and J. Gomes), [American Economic Review](#), vol. 110, n. 5 (2020), pp. 1395–1429.

Measuring and Changing Control: Women Empowerment and Targeted Transfers (with I. Almás, O. Attanasio and P. Carneiro), [The Economic Journal](#), vol. 128, n. 612 (2018), pp. 609–639.

Demand Drops and Innovation Investments: Evidence from the Great Recession in Spain (with P. Mendi), [Research Policy](#), vol. 47, n. 7 (2018), pp. 1321–1333.

Do Public Health Interventions Crowd Out Private Health Investments? Malaria Control Policies in Eritrea (with P. Carneiro, A. Locatelli, T. Ghebremeskel and J. Keating), [Labour Economics](#), vol. 45 (2017), pp. 107—115.

WORKING PAPERS AND ON-GOING PROJECTS

The Ocean and Early-Childhood Mortality and Development (with I. Kim Taveras) - [Latest draft - CEPR DP n.15680](#) - *Submitted*

Can Subsidized Employment Tackle Long-Term Unemployment? Experimental Evidence from Macedonia (with P. Carneiro, F. Tagliati and Y. Xia) - [Latest draft - CEPR DP n. 15192 - IZA DP n. 13478](#) - *Submitted*

Intra-household resource control, subjective expectations and human capital investment, [NCID WP 03/2015](#)

Work in Progress

Local labour market shocks and subjective returns to schooling: Evidence from panel data (with P. Carneiro and A. Toppeta) - Previously circulated as "*Are Parental Perceived Returns to Schooling predicting Future Schooling Decisions? Evidence from Macedonia*" [NCID WP 02/2015](#)

Improving Infrastructure in Developing Cities: Experimental Evidence from India (with B. Augsburg and A. Banalari) - [AEA RCT Registry 3087](#)

Food Prices and Climate Change (with I. Kim Taveras)

Corruption in the field (with A. Coutts, I. Vilela, and P. Vicente)

Fake news and religious tensions: Experimental evidence from India (with B. Augsburg and A. Banalari) - [AEA RCT Registry 6564](#)

On the effect of ceasefires (with G. Vysotskaya)

Countering Islamic Radicalization in Northern Mozambique (with F. Cunha, I. Vilela and P. Vicente)

Identifying the Effect of Targeted Money Transfers on Women's Empowerment (with I. Almås, O. Attanasio and P. Carneiro)

The chance to be first: identification of individual children resource shares and children inequality in Rural India

MEDIA COVERAGE

Articles in press or online media

COVID-19: Debunking fake news among slum-dwellers, [Ideas for India](#), 2021.

COVID-19 and the willingness to vaccinate: Evidence from India, [IGC – Ideas for India](#), 2020.

Challenges of adopting coronavirus precautions in low-income countries, [IFS Observation](#), 2020.

Natural resource discoveries: information campaigns for local communities, [GlobalDev](#), 2019.

Safe toilets are important—so why don't people use them?, [IFS Observation](#), 2018.

Are women's empowerment programs failing—or are we measuring wrong?, [Apolitical](#), 2018.

Targeted transfers and the assessment of women's empowerment, [VoxEu](#), 2016.

Press articles covering my work: [El Pais 1 2 3](#), [World Bank Development Impact](#), [El Diario Exterior](#), [The Times of India](#), [The Hindustan Times](#), [2is - Ideas and Innovation](#).

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021-22 **UNU-WIDER** - Measuring the effect of ceasefire agreements – US\$10,000 (PI).
- 2021-23 **Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (Portugal)** - Integrating rural migrants into cities – €250,000 (Co-PI).
- 2020-21 **IGC - Countering Islamic radicalization in Northern Mozambique** – £30,000 (Co-PI).
- 2020 **IGC - Coping with COVID-19 measures in informal settlements** – £16,348 (Co-PI).
- 2020 **Global Challenges Research Fund** - Combating fake news in informal settlements – £10,000 (Co-I).
- 2018-19 **IGC - Agricultural risk in Mozambique** – £7,151 (PI).
- 2017-19 **Ramon Areces Foundation (Spain)** - Radio messaging and armed group behaviour – €36,000 (PI).
- 2017 **Economic and Social Research Council (UK)** - Sanitation financing and revenue models in reuse waste – £10,000 (Co-PI).
- 2016-17 **3ie Thematic Window - Learning from a publicly-subsidized agricultural insurance** – US\$63,000 (Lead PI).
- 2016-20 **3ie Development Priorities Window - Community toilet use in slums** – US\$530,000 (Lead PI).
- 2015-17 **IGC - Behavioural measurements of local elite behaviour in Mozambique** – £61,000 (Co-PI).
- 2015-17 **Ramon Areces Foundation (Spain)** - Parental expectations of returns to schooling in developing countries – €36,000 (PI).
- 2015-18 **3ie T&A Initiative - On the mechanics of the political resource curse** – US\$499,000 (Co-PI).
- 2015-17 **Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (Spain)** - Grant number “ECO2014-55236-R” – €25,000 (Co-I).
- 2014-15 **3ie T&A Initiative** - Designing T&A interventions in Kenya and Mozambique – US\$30,000 (PI).
- 2013-15 **3ie Open Window - Evaluating alternative CCT modalities in Macedonia** – US\$670,000 (Co-I).
- 2009-11 **European Social Fund / Italian Ministry of Labour** - Scholarship for Doctoral Studies.
- 2007-08 **University College London, W.M. Gorman** Scholarship.

PRIZES

- 2019 **Ford School of Public Policy - University of Michigan** - *Eckstein Prize* (joint with P.Atwell and J.Gomes).
- 2014 **European Association of Labour Economists** - *Young Labour Economist Prize*.

INVITED SEMINARS

2021: World Bank (Infrastructure Master Class). **2020:** UCLouvain, Complutense University of Madrid. **2019:** University of Southampton, Nova School of Business and Economics, 3ie Delhi Evidence Week. **2018:** World Bank, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, University of Bergen, Chr. Michelsen Institute. **2017:** University of Bergen, Institute for Fiscal Studies. **2016:** Paris School of Economics, Institute of Development Studies (Sussex), University of Alicante, RAND Europe. **2015:** Nova School of Business and Economics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Universidad Publica de Navarra, University of the Balearic Islands, Strathmore Business School. **2014:** Uppsala University, CERGE-EI, RAND Europe, University of Navarra, CEP-LSE.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2020: BREAD/CEPR/STICERD/TCD Conference, NEUDC (Dartmouth College). **2019:** CSAE Annual Conference, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum. **2018:** RES Annual Meeting (Sussex), CSAE Annual Conference, NEUDC (Cornell University), Lisbon Meeting on Economics and Political Science. **2017:** SEHO Annual Meeting (San Diego), NEUDC (Tufts University), SAEe (Pompeu Fabra University). **2016:** EARIE Annual Conference (Lisbon), Antigua Experimental Economics Workshop, IFAD Workshop on Impact Evaluation (Rome). **2015:** AEA/ASSA (Boston), NEUDC (Brown University), EEA Annual Conference (Mannheim), Applied Microeconometrics Workshop (Alicante), IESE (Madrid), COSME Gender Economics Workshop (Madrid), MiSoC Family Economics Workshop (University of Essex), IDEAS - UNDP Conference on National Evaluation Capacities (Bangkok), SEEDEC (Prague), Brucchi Luchino Workshop (Bergamo). **2011-14:** EALE Annual Meeting (Ljubljana), Collegio Carlo Alberto Workshop, Tinbergen Institute Workshop, ADB-3ie Conference (Manila), PacDev (UCLA), RES Postgraduate Meeting (London), World Bank Africa Region - Impact Evaluation Workshop (Dakar), UCL ENTER Jamboree.

POLICY REPORTS

Community Toilet Use in Indian Slums: willingness-to-pay and the role of informational and supply side constraints (with B. Augsburg, A. Bancalari and B. Trivedi), [Impact Evaluation Report 113](#), 3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, 2020.

Learning from a Publicly Subsidised Agricultural Insurance: Evidence from Bolivia (with S. Daga, C.G. Machicado, R. Nogales, B. Branisa, J.F. Gomes, G. Montresor, I. Kim Taveras), [Formative evaluation report 113](#), 3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, 2020.

Managing agricultural risk in Mozambique (with J. Gomes, I. Kim Taveras), [Final Report F-36421-MOZ-1](#), International Growth Center, 2019.

Using information to break the political resource curse in natural gas management in Mozambique (with A.I. Costa, A. Coutts, P. Vicente and I. Vilela), [Impact Evaluation Report 93](#), 3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, 2019.

On the mechanics of the political resource curse - Final Report (with A. Coutts, P. Vicente, I. Vilela), [Final Report S-89330-MOZ-1](#), International Growth Center, 2018.

Impact Evaluation of the Conditional Cash Transfer Program for Secondary School Attendance in Macedonia (with P. Carneiro), [Impact Evaluation Report 69](#), 3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, 2018.

Understanding Low Take-Up of Employment Subsidies in Macedonia Lessons from a Survey of Potential Beneficiaries and Firms (with P. Carneiro and F. Tagliati), Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Republic of Macedonia, 2014.

Impact Evaluation of the Conditional Cash Transfer Program for Secondary School Attendance in Macedonia: Results from the First Follow-Up (with P. Carneiro), Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Republic of Macedonia, 2013.

Evaluation of Conditional Cash Transfers for Secondary School Attendance in Macedonia: Baseline Report 2010-11 (with P. Carneiro), Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Republic of Macedonia, 2011.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2021-.. Microeconometrics (graduate), NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
2019-.. Development Economics (PhD), NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
2019-.. Global Economics (undergraduate), NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
2015-19 Microeconometrics (graduate), UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA
08/2018 Policy Evaluation (for practitioners), INSTITUTO DESARROLLO PARAGUAY
2017-18 Development Economics (graduate), NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

2016-17 Development Economics (graduate), STRATHMORE BUSINESS SCHOOL
2015-16 Development Economics (graduate), UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA
2009-14 Econometrics for Macroeconomics (Undergraduate), UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON
2009-10 International Trade (undergraduate), UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON
2007-09 Economic Policy Analysis (undergraduate), UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON
01/2012 Policy Evaluation (for practitioners), UNIVERSITY AMERICAN COLLEGE SKOPJE

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016-.. Evaluation Consultant, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, MACEDONIA
2016-18 Evaluation Consultant, YOUTH READY PROGRAM, EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS
2012-15 Survey Specialist, *STEP Skills Measurement* program, THE WORLD BANK
2009-14 Evaluation Consultant, MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL POLICY, MACEDONIA
2006-07 Analyst, PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS ADVISORY ITALY

PAST VISITING POSITIONS

2017-18 NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
Fall 2016 LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
July 2016 STRATHMORE BUSINESS SCHOOL

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Journal referee: *American Economic Review: Insights, Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, World Development, European Economic Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, The Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Review of Economics of the Household, International Economic Review, Tropical Medicine and International Health, Science of Total Environment, Econometrics, Journal of WASH for Development, Latin American Research Review.*

Report referee: *RAND Europe, 3ie Evaluation Report Series.*

Grant application evaluator: FCT - Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (Portugal).

Seminar/conference organizer: NCID Research Workshop (2015, 2016, 2017 and 2019, Madrid – Spain), Workshop on Agricultural Risk and Insurance in Bolivia (2017, La Paz – Bolivia), WASTE-IFS Workshop on Sanitation finance and re-use (2017, The Hague – Netherlands), NCID Weekly Seminar on Development Economics (2014/2015).

Other service: member of the hiring Committee for NCID (2014-2018), member of the interviewing Committee for the School of Economics, Universidad de Navarra (2015, 2016-2018), member of the Internal Evaluation Committee at the Institute for Culture and Society – University of Navarra (2018).

COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Professional Affiliation: American Economic Association.

Languages: Italian (mother tongue), English (advanced), French (advanced), Spanish (advanced), Portuguese (beginner).

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