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Research Fields

Labor Economics, Development Economics

Employment

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Department of Economics and Business Starting 09/2026
Assistant Professor

Education

University of Zurich, Department of Economics 09/2020 – Present
PhD in Economics
Supervisors: David Dorn, Lorenzo Casaburi

MIT, Department of Economics 09/2024 – 07/2025
Visiting PhD Student
Host: David Atkin

Barcelona Graduate School of Economics 09/2017 – 09/2018
Master in Economics
GPA: 9.26/10. Ranking 2/90 of 2018 Economics program

University Torcuato Di Tella 02/2013 – 08/2017
Bachelor in Economics
GPA: 9.7/10. Highest GPA of 2017 Economics program

Job Market Paper

Profit-Sharing, Wages, and Worker Compensation: Evidence from Mexico (with *Lorenzo Aldeco*) ([Link](#))

Working Papers

Violation and Enforcement of Workplace Regulations: Evidence from Mexican Firm Inspections (with *L. Rodrian* and *J Pérez Pérez*) ([Link](#))

Outsourcing and Labor Adjustment Costs ([Link](#))

Teaching

University of Zurich

Lecturer

Seminar on Labor, Firms and Development (MA) Spring 2023
Seminar on Labor, Public Economics and Development (BA) Fall 2022
Programming practices for PhD students – Intro. to R (PhD) Fall 2022

Teaching assistant

Intro to Dynamic Programming and Optimal Control (PhD) *Lecturer: Simon Žužek* Fall 2022, 2023
Policy Implications of Rising Inequality (MA) *Lecturer: Florian Scheuer* Spring 2022, Fall 2023

Thesis supervision

Remo Agovic (MA), Ilkim Aylin Aydin (BA), Lorenzo Nicchiotti (MA) 2023, 2024

University Pompeu Fabra

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Microeconomics (BA)

Fall 2017

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Economics for Law Students (BA)

Spring 2018

University Torcuato Di Tella

Lecturer: Economics 1 (BA)

Spring 2019, Fall 2020

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Macroeconomics (BA)

Fall 2016

Teaching Assistant: History of Economic Thought (BA)

Spring 2017

Conferences and Seminars

2026: University of Copenhagen, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Bank of Italy, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), Católica Lisbon School of Business and Economics, LMU Munich, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Bank of Spain, Cornell University, Columbia University Economics Department

2025: PacDev 2025 (Los Angeles), MIT Labor Lunch, Boston University Empirical Micro Seminar, AIEL 2025 (Bologna), Conference on Data Access for Microdata Laboratories 2025 (Mexico City), DENS 2025 (Zurich), NEUDC 2025 (Boston)

2024: University of Zurich Labor Lunch, 19th Doctorissimes (Paris), SOLE 2024 (Portland), EAYE Conference (Paris), Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) Conference, SED Winter Meeting (Buenos Aires)

2023: University of Zurich Labor Lunch, University of Zurich Development Lunch

Grants and Fellowships

- University of Zurich Director's Grant – Fall 2022 (2000 CHF)
- Swiss Re Travel Grant – Fall 2022 (2500 CHF)
- Swiss Re Pilot Grant – Fall 2023 (6000 CHF)
- UZH Doc Mobility Fellowship – Fall 2023 (62000 CHF)

Awards and Scholarships

- Honorable mention Young Economist Award at the 81st IIPF Congress for paper “*Violation and Enforcement of Workplace Regulations: Evidence from Mexican Firm Inspections*” (presented by co-author Lukas Rodrian)
- UBS Scholarship for doctoral studies at University of Zurich, 2020-2024
- Tuition fee waiver scholarship based on academic merit, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, 2017/18
- 50% tuition reduction scholarship based on academic merit and city of residence, University Torcuato Di Tella, 2013/17
- Award for top GPA of 2017 Economics program, University Torcuato Di Tella

Professional Experience

Research Center for Transformation (CENIT), University of San Martin, Argentina

12/2018 – 07/2020

Research Assistant. Director: Dr. Valeria Arza

Projects:

- World Bank Group. 2018: “Productivity in Argentina. Evaluating returns to investment in innovation”. 12/2018 – 06/2019
- UNDP-UKRI. 2019: “How Science, Research and Innovation can best contribute to meeting the Sustainable Development Goals for developing countries” 06/2019 – 07/2020

International Trade Commission, Buenos Aires, Argentina

09/2018 – 11/2018

Economic consultant of Juan Carlos Hallak, President of the Commission

University Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina

03/2017– 09/2017

Research Assistant. Director: Dr. Hernan Ruffo

- Inter-American Development Bank and Ministry of Transport. 2017: “Impact analysis. Comprehensive improvement project of train Gral. Roca, Branch Constitución – La Plata”

Pre-Doctoral Publications

Arza, Valeria; Cirera, Xavier; Colonna, Agustina; Lopez, Emanuel (2022) “Explaining Differences in the Returns to R&D in Argentina: The Role of Contextual Factors”. *Economics of Innovation and New Technology*.

DOI: [10.1080/10438599.2021.2024075](https://doi.org/10.1080/10438599.2021.2024075)

Arza, Valeria and Colonna, Agustina (2021) “Exploring the Links Between Research Demand and Supply: The Case of Chagas” SWPS 2021-01 <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3774937>

Languages and Software Skills

Language skills: Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Advanced), French (Basic)

Software skills: R, Python, Stata, SQL, ArcGIS

Public Service

- Organizer of UZH PhD reading group of Labor and Public Economics 02/2022 – 12/2023
- Volunteer leading weekly school support program for children at Villa 31, City of Buenos Aires. 2013 – 2019

References

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