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## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Development Economics, Labor Economics, Public Economics

## EDUCATION

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

**Barcelona Graduate School of Economics**, Barcelona, Spain 09/2017– 09/2018  
Master in Economics  
GPA: 9.26/10. Ranking 2/90 of 2018 Economics program  
Thesis: “Equal Opportunities: Do Integrated Schools Affect Intergenerational Educational Mobility and Inequality? Evidence from Germany” Supervisor: Libertad González

**University Torcuato Di Tella**, Buenos Aires, Argentina 02/2013 – 08/2017  
Bachelor in Economics  
GPA: 9.7/10. Highest GPA of 2017 Economics program  
Thesis: “The relevance of income in university choice: the case of Argentina”

## TEACHING

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**University of Zurich**, Zurich, Switzerland  
**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** (BA, MA) 2023, 2024

**University Torcuato Di Tella**, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Lecturer: Economics 1 (BA) Fall 2019, Spring 2020

**University Pompeu Fabra**, Barcelona, Spain  
Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Microeconomics (BA) Fall 2017  
Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Economics for Law Students (BA) Spring 2018

**University Torcuato Di Tella**, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Macroeconomics (BA) Fall 2016  
Teaching Assistant: History of Economic Thought (BA) Spring 2017

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Research Center for Transformation (CENIT), University of San Martin**, Buenos Aires, 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 Group and Ministry of Transportation. 2017: “Impact analysis. Comprehensive improvement project of train Gral. Roca, Branch Constitución – La Plata”

#### **SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS**

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Domestic Outsourcing, Labor Regulations and Profit Sharing: Evidence from Mexico (*with L. Aldeco*)

Violation and Enforcement of Labor Regulations: Evidence from Mexican Labor Inspections (*with L. Rodrian, L. Fernández Bujanda and J Pérez Pérez*)

#### **LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE SKILLS**

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

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

#### **GRANTS**

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- University of Zurich Director’s Grant (2000 CHF)
- Swiss Re Travel Grant - Fall 2022 (2500 CHF)
- Swiss Re Pilot Grant – Fall 2023 (3900 CHF)
- UZH Doc Mobility Scholarship – Fall 2023 (62000 CHF)

#### **AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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- 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
- Top GPA of 2017 Economics program, University Torcuato Di Tella

#### **PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS**

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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>

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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- Organizer of UZH PhD reading group of Labor and Public Economics 02/2022 - Present
- Volunteer leading weekly school support program for children at Villa 31, City of Buenos Aires. 2013 – 2019
- Private tutor for undergraduate economics students at University Torcuato Di Tella. 2014 – 2016
- Participation in several running events including Marathon and Half Marathons

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