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### EMPLOYMENT

2013 – Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Warwick, UK  
2009 Short-Term Consultant, DEC-Research Group, World Bank, US  
2006 – 2007 Project Associate, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), Peru

### OTHER AFFILIATIONS

2016 – Research Affiliate, International Growth Centre (IGC)  
2013 – Research Associate, Centre for Competitive Advantage in the Global Economy (CAGE), University of Warwick

### EDUCATION

May 2013 PhD in Economics, University of California – Berkeley  
- Advisors: Emmanuel Saez and Alan Auerbach  
June 2008 MPA in International Development (MPA/ID), Harvard Kennedy School  
June 2005 B.A. in Economics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Research: Public Economics, Development Economics  
Teaching: Public Economics, Applied Econometrics

### PUBLISHED PAPERS

“Under the Radar: The Effects of Monitoring Firms on Tax Compliance”  
with David Lopez-Rodriguez

**American Economic Journal: Economic Policy**, vol. 10 (1), Feb 2018, pp. 1-38.

“Are Men and Women-Economists Equally Distributed Across Research Fields? Some New Empirical Evidence”

with Juan J. Dolado and Florentino Felgueroso

**SERIEs - Journal of the Spanish Economic Association**, vol. 3 (3), Sep 2012, pp. 367-393.

“From Great Depression to Great Credit Crisis: Similarities, Differences, and Lessons”

with Agustín Bénétrix, Barry Eichengreen, Kevin O'Rourke, and Gisela Rua

**Economic Policy**, vol. 62, April 2010, pp. 219–265.

### WORKING PAPERS

“More Giving or More Givers? Tax Incentives and Charitable Donations in the UK”  
with Benjamin Lockwood and Kimberley Scharf

“Venting Out: Exports During a Domestic Slump”

with Pol Antràs, David Lopez-Rodriguez and Eduardo Morales

"VAT Notches, Voluntary Registration and Bunching: Theory and UK Evidence"

with Li Liu and Benjamin Lockwood

"Points to Save Lives: Traffic Enforcement Policies and Road Fatalities"  
with Gonzalo Gaete

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

"Information, Fiscal Capacity and Tax Compliance: An Experimental Evaluation"  
with Jonas Hjort, Justine Knebelmann and Lin Tian

"Big Bills on Uganda's Sidewalks? Value-Added and Trade Taxes under Limited State and Taxpayer Capacity"  
with Jonas Hjort, Justine Knebelmann and Lin Tian

"Bunching vs. Diff-in-Diff"  
with Michael Best

"The Interaction of Size-Dependent Regulations in Spain"  
with Juan F. Jimeno and David Lopez-Rodriguez

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

University of Warwick (Instructor, 2013-present):

Public Economics (PhD), Econometrics (MSc), Public Economics (MSc)

UC Berkeley (Graduate Student Instructor, 2009-2011)

Introductory Economics (UG), Development Economics (UG)

Poverty Action Lab (Teaching Assistant, 2010)

Executive Training Course in Bogotá, Colombia

Harvard Kennedy School (Course Assistant, 2007)

International Macroeconomics (MPA)

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS**

2016 – 2017 British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant (£10k)

2014 – 2017 International Growth Centre (IGC) Research Grants (£36k+£16k+£19k)  
(with co-PIs François Gerard and Jonas Hjort)

2014 – 2015 CAGE Small Grants Fund (£4k)

2012 – 2013 Burch Center Continuing Student Fellowship, UC Berkeley

2010 – 2011 Fundación Rafael del Pino Graduate Fellowship

2008 – 2009 Shapiro Fellowship, Department of Economics and IBER, UC Berkeley

2007 – 2008 Banco de España Graduate Fellowship

2005 – 2006 Fundación Caja Madrid Graduate Fellowship

2004 – 2005 Academic Excellence Scholarship, Spanish Ministry of Education

2003 – 2004 Erasmus Scholarship for Exchange Studies at the University of Warwick

## **AWARDS**

2015 Young Economist Award, International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF)

2011 George Break Prize for best performance in Public Finance courses, Berkeley

2011 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) Award, UC Berkeley

2008 Honorable Mention, Second-Year Policy Paper, MPA/ID Program, Harvard

**INVITED SEMINARS & CONFERENCES**

- 2018 CUNEF, Workshop on Bunching Estimators (UC San Diego) [sched.]
- 2017 Oxford CBT, VATT - Helsinki, Institute of Fiscal Studies - TaxDev, U. de Barcelona, CEMFI, Spanish Economic Association (Barcelona), Public Finance in Developing Countries (U. Zurich)
- 2016 ASSA Annual Meeting (San Francisco), Columbia U., ZEW-Mannheim, European University Institute, Department for International Development (DFID), OECD, Public Finance in Developing Countries (U. Zurich)
- 2015 Heriot-Watt U., U. of Edinburgh, Individual and Small Business Taxation Conference (Warsaw), IIPF (Dublin), PEUK (Exeter), Uppsala, National Tax Association Annual Conference (Boston)
- 2014 TARC Annual Conference (U. Exeter), Oxford CBT Symposium, Public Economics UK (PEUK) Spring Workshop (LSE), Tax Systems Conference (Oxford), CEPR Public Economics (Warwick)
- 2013 CIDE, Banco de México, Fundação Getulio Vargas, U. Illinois Urbana Champaign, Mannheim, U. Autónoma de Barcelona, IESE, Warwick, Instituto de Empresa, CEMFI, Pontificia U. Católica del Perú, Oxford CBT, National Tax Association Annual Conference, Spanish Economic Association (Santander)
- 2012 EEA-ESEM Annual Congress (Málaga), UC Berkeley, Spanish Economic Association (Vigo)

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Conference Organizing Committee: Public Economics UK (PEUK) 2014, 2015 and 2016.  
 Scientific Committee Member: International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF) 2015, 2017;  
 Royal Economic Society 2017-2019.

External reviewer for:

- National Science Foundation (NSF)
- Private Enterprise Development in Low-income countries (PEDL)
- Banco de España

**REFEREEING ACTIVITY**

*AEJ - Applied Economics, AEJ - Economic Policy, AEJ - Macroeconomics, BE Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Economic Journal, Fiscal Studies, German Economic Review, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Public Economics, Oxford Economic Papers, Public Finance Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics & Statistics.*

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate).  
 Citizenship: Spanish.