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### EMPLOYMENT

2018 – Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, CUNEF, Spain  
2013 – 2018 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Warwick, UK  
2009, 2016 Short-Term Consultant, DEC-Research Group, World Bank, US  
2006 – 2007 Project Associate, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), Peru

### OTHER AFFILIATIONS

2018 – Research Affiliate, CEPR Public Economics program  
2018 – International Research Fellow, Oxford Centre for Business Taxation (CBT)  
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

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

### PUBLISHED PAPERS

7. "More Giving or More Givers? Tax Incentives and Charitable Donations in the UK"  
with Irem Guceri, Benjamin Lockwood and Kimberley Scharf  
**Journal of Public Economics**, *forthcoming*.

6. "VAT Notches, Voluntary Registration and Bunching: Theory and UK Evidence"  
with Li Liu, Benjamin Lockwood and Eddy Tam  
**Review of Economics and Statistics**, *forthcoming*  
DOI: 10.1162/rest\_a\_00884

5. "The Elasticity of Taxable Income in Spain: 1999-2014"  
with David Lopez-Rodriguez  
**SERIEs - Journal of the Spanish Economic Association**, vol. 10(3), Nov 2019  
DOI: 10.1007/s13209-019-00208-x

4. "Expanding Access to Administrative Data: The Case of Tax Authorities in Finland and the United Kingdom"  
with Jarkko Harju, Kaisa Kotakorpi, Janne Tukiainen and Jouko Verho  
**International Tax and Public Finance**, vol. 26 (3), June 2019, pp. 661-676  
DOI: doi:10.1007/s10797-018-9525-0

3. “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  
DOI: 10.1257/pol.20160229
2. “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  
DOI: 10.1007/s13209-011-0065-4
1. “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. 25 (62), April 2010, pp. 219–265  
DOI: 10.1111/j.1468-0327.2010.00242.x

### **WORKING PAPERS**

"Venting Out: Exports During a Domestic Slump"  
with Pol Antràs, David Lopez-Rodriguez and Eduardo Morales  
Revise & resubmit at the **American Economic Review**

“Strategic or Confused Firms? Evidence from "Missing" Transactions in Uganda”  
with Jonas Hjort, Justine Knebelmann and Lin Tian

"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 (Ongoing RCT)

“Bunching vs. Diff-in-Diff”  
with Michael Best

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

CUNEF (Instructor, 2018-2020):

Macroeconomics (UG)

University of Warwick (Instructor, 2013-2018):

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**

- 2019 – 2020 Centre for Tax Analysis in Developing Countries (TaxDev) Research Grant (£18k) (with co-PI Michael Devereux)
- 2018 – 2019 International Growth Centre (IGC) Research Grant (£35k) (with co-PIs Alan Griffith, Jonas Hjort and Lin Tian)
- 2016 – 2018 International Growth Centre (IGC) Research Grant (£35k) (with co-PIs Jonas Hjort, Justine Knebelmann and Lin Tian)
- 2016 – 2017 British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant
- 2014 – 2015 CAGE Small Grants Fund
- 2014 – 2015 International Growth Centre (IGC) Research Grant (£36k) (with co-PIs François Gerard and Jonas Hjort)
- 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**

- 2019 Vanguardia de la Ciencia Award (shortlisted)
- 2015 Young Economist Award, International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF)
- 2011 George Break Prize to best student in Public Finance, UC Berkeley
- 2011 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) Award, UC Berkeley
- 2008 Honorable Mention, Second-Year Policy Paper, MPA/ID Program, Harvard

**INVITED SEMINARS & CONFERENCES**

- 2020 Instituto de Estudios Fiscales (Madrid), U. Autónoma de Madrid.
- 2019 University of Manchester, RES Annual Conference (Warwick), International Monetary Fund (Washington, DC), World Bank/Michigan Conference on Value Added Taxes (Washington, DC), NTA Annual Conference (Tampa, FL), Public Finance in Developing Countries (U. Zurich)
- 2018 CUNEF, Workshop on Bunching Estimators (UC San Diego), IE Business School, COSME Gender Economics Workshop (Madrid), IFS/Bank of Spain Conference on Taxes & Transfers, Spanish Economic Association (Madrid), Public Finance in Developing Countries (U. Zurich)
- 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, 2018, 2019.
- European Economic Association: 2019.

External reviewer for:

- National Science Foundation (NSF)
- Private Enterprise Development in Low-income countries (PEDL)
- Banco de España
- Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)
- Interamerican Development Bank (IADB)
- International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD)

## **REFEREEING ACTIVITY**

*American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, AEJ - Applied Economics, AEJ - Economic Policy, AEJ - Macroeconomics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Oxford Economic Papers, International Tax and Public Finance, National Tax Journal, Public Finance Review, Fiscal Studies, SERIEs - Journal of the Spanish Economic Association, BE Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, German Economic Review.*

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

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