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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2022 – Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, CUNEF Universidad, Spain
2018 – 2022 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, CUNEF, Spain
2013 – 2018 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Warwick, UK

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

2019 – 2020 External Consultant, AIREF and Instituto de Estudios Fiscales, Spain
2009 & 2016 Short-Term Consultant, DEC-Research Group, World Bank, US
2012 External Consultant, Instituto de Estudios Fiscales, Spain
2006 – 2007 Project Associate, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), Peru

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

2022 – Invited Researcher, J-PAL Europe
2021 – International Research Fellow, Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)
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

Research: Public Economics, Applied Microeconomics.

Teaching: Public Economics, Applied Econometrics, Macroeconomics.

PUBLISHED PAPERS

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

Review of Economics and Statistics, *forthcoming*.

DOI: [10.1162/rest_a.01180](https://doi.org/10.1162/rest_a.01180)

8. "Venting Out: Exports During a Domestic Slump"

with Pol Antràs, David Lopez-Rodriguez and Eduardo Morales

American Economic Review, vol. 111(11), Nov 2021, p. 3611-3662.

DOI: [10.1257/aer.20181853](https://doi.org/10.1257/aer.20181853)

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

with Li Liu, Benjamin Lockwood and Eddy Tam

Review of Economics and Statistics, vol. 103(1), Mar 2021, p. 151-164.

DOI: [10.1162/rest_a_00884](https://doi.org/10.1162/rest_a_00884)

6. "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, vol. 183, Mar 2020, 104114.

DOI: [10.1016/j.jpubeco.2019.104114](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2019.104114)

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, p. 281-320.

DOI: [10.1007/s13209-019-00208-x](https://doi.org/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, p. 661-676.

DOI: [10.1007/s10797-018-9525-0](https://doi.org/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, p. 1-38.

DOI: [10.1257/pol.20160229](https://doi.org/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, p. 367-393.

DOI: [10.1007/s13209-011-0065-4](https://doi.org/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, p. 219–265.

DOI: [10.1111/j.1468-0327.2010.00242.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-0327.2010.00242.x)

WORKING PAPERS/IN PROGRESS

"Does the Value-Added Tax Add Value? Theory Meets Empirics"

with Anne Brockmeyer, Giulia Mascagni, Vedanth Nair and Mazhar Waseem

In preparation for the *Journal of Economic Perspectives*.

"Leveraging Trading Networks to Improve Tax Compliance: Experimental Evidence from Uganda"

with David Henning, Justine Knebelmann, Dorothy Nakyambadde and Lin Tian

"The Interaction Effects of Size-dependent Regulations in Spain"

with Juan F. Jimeno, David Lopez-Rodriguez and Borja Petit

"The Effectiveness of Fiscal Incentives for Business R&D in Spain"

with David Lopez-Rodriguez

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- CUNEF Universidad (Instructor, 2018-2023):
Economic Policy (UG), Macroeconomics (UG), Undergraduate Thesis (UG)
- University of Warwick (Instructor, 2013-2018):
Public Economics (PhD), Econometrics (MSc), Public Economics (MSc)
- UC Berkeley (Teaching Assistant, 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)

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 – 2027 Ramón y Cajal Fellowship, Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (€235k), Principal Investigator (PI)
- 2023 – 2024 Leonardo Research Grant, Fundación BBVA (€40k), PI
- 2020 – 2023 Fundación Ramón Areces Research Grant (€36k), PI
- 2020 – 2023 Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación PID2019-111616GA-I00 (€10k), PI
- 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 (£10k), PI
- 2014 – 2015 CAGE Small Grants Fund (£5k), PI
- 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

- 2022 Julián Marías prize for best researcher under 40 in Social Sciences and Humanities, Madrid Regional Government
- 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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED SEMINARS

- 2023 IEB/EU Tax Observatory Workshop on Taxation (Barcelona), BSE Summer Forum (Barcelona), Banco de España-CEMFI-UIMP Conference on the Spanish Economy (Santander)

2022	Catholic University of Milan – CIFREL, Oxford CBT Symposium, U. Carlos III de Madrid, Honduras Revenue Administration, Public Finance in Developing Countries (U. Zurich), Spanish Economic Association (Valencia)
2021	[Paternity leave + pandemic]
2020	Instituto de Estudios Fiscales (Madrid), U. Autónoma de Madrid, VATT Helsinki (virtual), UCM - Instituto Complutense de Análisis Económico (virtual)
2019	University of Manchester, RES Annual Conference (Warwick), Bank of Spain Conference on Taxes & Transfers, 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, 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
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 ACTIVITY

Departmental Service:

- Head of the Department of Economics at CUNEF: 09/2020-present
- Member of the Job Market committee at CUNEF: 2018-2019, 2020-2023.

Professional organizations:

- Council Member (elected) of the Spanish Economic Association, 2023-2025.

Editorial board member:

- SERIEs – Journal of the Spanish Economic Association, 2023-present.
- Economic Policy Panel, 2023-present.

Conference Organizing Committee:

- Public Economics UK (PEUK): 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Scientific Committee Member:

- European Economic Association: 2019, 2020.
- International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF): 2015, 2017, 2023.

- Royal Economic Society: 2017, 2018, 2019.
- Simposio of the Spanish Economic Association (SAEe): 2023.

External reviewer for:

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

REFEREEING ACTIVITY

American Economic Review (x3), Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics (x4), Review of Economic Studies, Journal of the European Economic Association, AEJ: Applied Economics (x2), AEJ: Economic Policy (x4), AEJ: Macroeconomics, Review of Economics and Statistics (x3), Economic Journal (x5), Journal of Public Economics (x12), Journal of International Economics, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (x2), Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Oxford Economic Papers, International Tax and Public Finance (x6), National Tax Journal, Public Finance Review, Fiscal Studies (x2), SERIEs - Journal of the Spanish Economic Association (x4), BE Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, German Economic Review.

OTHER INFORMATION

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate).
Citizenship: Spain.
Personal: Born in 1983. Married, three children (born in 2017, 2021, 2021).