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Education

Ph.D. Economics , Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, <i>summa cum laude</i>	2017-2021
Thesis: "Essays on Economic Geography, Development, and Climate Change"	
M.Res. Economic Analysis , Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	2015-2017
Laurea Magistrale in Economics , Università di Bologna	2013-2015
B.Sc. Economics , Universidade Presbiteriana Mackenzie	2006-2012

Employment and Affiliations

Assistant Professor , Universitat Pompeu Fabra	2024-
Affiliated Professor , Barcelona School of Economics	2024-
Research Fellow , CESifo	2021-
Assistant Professor , Università di Bologna	2021-2023
Short Term Consultant , The World Bank	2021-2023
Junior Consultant , United Nations Commission for Africa (UNECA)	2018-2019
Overseas Consultant , International Growth Centre, LSE	2017-2018

Research

– Working Papers

1. "Climate Change and Migration: the Case of Africa" (June 2025), Resubmitted to the **Journal of the European Economic Association**

– Publications

1. "On the Geographic Implications of Carbon Taxes" (with K. Desmet and E. Rossi-Hansberg), Forthcoming in **The Economic Journal**, 2025
2. "The Power of Markets: Impact of Desert Locust Plagues on Child Health" (with L. Piemontese and A. Tapsoba), **Journal of Health Economics**, 2023
3. "Local Sectoral Specialization in a Warming World" (with K. Desmet, D. Nagy and E. Rossi-Hansberg), **Journal of Economic Geography**, 2021

– Book Chapters and Policy Work

1. "Adapting to Climate Change Across Space: Policy Recommendations for Europe" (with H. Massoni), in: **EconPol Forum** (vol. 26, n. 02, pp. 29-32). CESifo, 2025

2. "Climate Change, Migration, and Urbanization", in: Zimmermann, K.F. (eds) **Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics**. Springer, 2023
3. "Trade to Adapt: Changing Specialization to Cope with Climate Change" (with K. Desmet, D. Nagy and E. Rossi-Hansberg), in: Weder di Mauro, B. (Ed.), **Combatting Climate Change: A CEPR Collection**, E-book, 2021
4. "Spatial Development and Mobility Frictions in Latin America: Theory-Based Empirical Evidence" (with E. Ianchovichina), WB Policy Research WP 10071, 2021
5. "Quality of institutions and structural transformation in Northern Africa" (with Z. Benhamouche, T. Fetzer and H. Mueller), 2019

Research Grants

1. EU Horizon MSCA Marie Curie Fellowship for "SPEED: Spatial Policies for the Environment and Equal Development" (PI, 181,000 EUR), 2024-26
2. CEPR STEG Small Research Grant for "Climate Change and the Regional Lake Economies in Sub-Saharan Africa" (PI, 17,000 GBP; with R. Jedwab), 2023-24
3. EIEF Research Grant for "International Trade, Globalization, and the Environment" (PI, 6,000 EUR; with E. Aguilar), 2023-2024

Honours, Prizes, and Awards

1. CESifo Distinguished Research Affiliate Prize in Energy and Climate Economics, 2021
2. Roberto Einaudi Research Fellowship, Fondazione Einaudi Onlus, 2017-18
3. Excellence Distinction Scholarship, Fundación Areces, 2016-17
4. Severo Ochoa Ph.D. Track Fellowship, Barcelona School of Economics, 2015
5. UniBo Azione 2 Scholarship, Università di Bologna, 2013-15

Academic Experience and Service

– Referee Service and Grant Reviewing

Journal of Political Economy; American Economic Review; Journal of Economic Literature; Journal of International Economics; Journal of the European Economic Association; The Economic Journal; JPE: Macro; JPE: Micro; Journal of Economic Geography; Journal of Urban Economics; Journal of Development Economics; European Economic Review; Regional Science and Urban Economics; International Economic Review; The World Economy; SERIEs; Global Environmental Change; Regional Science, Policy and Practice; Resource and Energy Economics; Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance; Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF); Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)

– Scientific Committee Participations

EAERE Annual Conference (2022-25), EAYE (2022-25), LAUrban Annual Meeting (2023-24), UEA Europe (2023-24), Econometric Society Meeting (2024), 7th UB-IEB's Urban Economics Workshop (2024), Junior Spatial Economics Conference, Science Po (2024), LSE Environment Week (2024), LSE Environment Camp (2025); SAEe: Simposio de Análisis Económico (2025)

– Organization of Conferences and Workshops

1. Economics+Climate Science Conference (ESIFCLIM), Barcelona School of Economics, 2025
2. Applied Economics Seminar Series, U Pompeu Fabra, 2024-
3. Geography, Trade, and Growth Workshop, BSE Summer Forum, 2024-
4. Firms in a Changing Background (Climate Change), BSE Summer Forum, 2025-
5. Economics of the Environment: Challenges and Opportunities, U Bologna, 2023

– Graduate Advising and Pre-Docs (role, year, and placement; co-advisor*)

Alonso Zuniga (pre-Doc 2022; Ph.D. candidate, U St. Gallen); Mayu Suzuki (pre-Doc 2023; Economist, EU Bank for Reconstruction and Development); Anna Monisso (M.Sc. advisee 2023; Trainee ECB); Virginia Bergamasco (M.Sc. advisee 2024; Ph.D. candidate, EUI); Wiktor Zielinski* (pre-Doc 2024-25; Ph.D. candidate, EUI); Hubert Massoni* (Ph.D. advisee; ongoing)

– Invited Seminars*

- 2025:** Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; INRAE Paris-Saclay Applied Economics (PSAE); Berlin Quantitative Spatial Seminar
- 2024:** TSE, Tolouse; University of Manchester; Joint Research Centre, EU Commission, Ispra; European Institute on Economics and the Environment (EIEE, CMCC), Milan
- 2023:** Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona; LSE, London; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (invited lecture); San Francisco FED; University of Warwick; University of Oxford; Prometea Research, Bologna; CAF (Development Bank of Latin America); Banca di Italia, Rome
- 2022:** Purdue University; University of Illinois; Universitat de Barcelona; FGV-EESP, São Paulo; Helsinki GSE; LMU, Munich
- 2021:** University of Alicante; University of Amsterdam; Banco de España, Madrid; University of Milan**; Aix-Marseille School of Economics; University of Bologna; University of Lugano; University of Geneva; LSE, London; NYU-AD, Abu Dhabi; George Washington University
- 2020:** FGV-EPGE, Rio de Janeiro**; Universitat de Barcelona
- 2019:** Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona; University of Mannheim

– Presentations at Conferences and Workshops*

- 2024:** Macro Climate Workshop, ESADE, Barcelona; World Bank "Land Conference 2024", Washington DC; 7th LSE/Imperial Workshop in Environmental Economics, London; "Climate Change, Migration, and Trade" Workshop, Lake Como School of Advanced Studies; LSE Environment Week, London; 5th Mannheim Workshop on Quantitative Macroeconomics
- 2023:** CESifo Energy and Climate Economics Conference, Munich; RES/SES Meeting, Glasgow; Junior Webinar on Economics of Migration; UEA European Meeting, Bocconi, Milan; CURE/ERWIT, Turin; Barcelona Summer Forum; World Bank-GWU-UVA "The Economics of Sustainable Development", Washington DC; CEPR Symposium 2023, Paris
- 2022:** Online Spatial and Urban Seminar; CSAE Conference 2022, Oxford; Royal Economic Society Annual Conference**; Shifting Landscapes, LSE Geography and Environment; EAERE 2022**; Fiscal Policy and Climate Change, ECB, Frankfurt; CEPR STEG Workshop 2022 (Themes 3 & 4); LSE Environment Week, London; CEPR "End of Globalization", NYU Abu Dhabi; SAEe 2023**
- 2021:** CESifo Energy and Climate Economics Conference, Munich; AYEW, Monash/Warwick; SMYE, Bologna; UEA European Meeting, Copenhagen; Queen Mary, London; Spatial Economics Workshop, World Bank; AFD-World Bank Conference, Luxembourg; ERWIT, Milan; LACEA

LAMES, Bogotá**; EU Health Economics Association; FREIT/EIIT, Purdue**; NEUDC, Boston; UEA North American Meeting; SAEe, Barcelona**; EC² Conference, Aarhus**

2020: Econometric Society Winter Meeting, Nottingham; SAEe, Salamanca; Barcelona GSE Ph.D. Jamboree; ENTER Jamboree

2018: Fondazione Luigi Einaudi, Torino; UNECA, Rabat; Stockholm University

*Including scheduled. **Declined because of COVID or schedule incompatibility.

Teaching Experience

1. Climate Change Economics, U Pompeu Fabra, Undergraduate/Master/PhD, 2024-
2. Topics in Trade, Geography and Growth, U Pompeu Fabra, PhD, 2025-
3. RDD in Development Economics, Barcelona School of Economics, 2024-
4. Geospatial Data Sciences and Economic Spatial Models, Barcelona School of Economics, 2024-
5. Spatial Economics and the Spatial Propagation of Shocks, U Autònoma Barcelona, PhD, 2023
6. Spatial Data in Economics: Theory and Tools, U Bologna, Master/PhD, 2022–2023
7. Microeconomics 1, U Autònoma de Barcelona, Undergraduate, 2019
8. Text Mining and Web Scraping for Economics in R, Barcelona School of Economics, 2018–21

Other

Citizenship: Brazilian and Portuguese; born in São Paulo, Brazil, on August 2, 1987

Languages: Portuguese (native); English, Italian, Spanish, Catalan (fluent)

Relevant Computer Skills: R, Python, Stata, Matlab, QGIS, Java Script (for Google Earth Engine)

Other: Preparatory course for ERC Starting Grants (Enspire Science Academy, Nov.-Dec. 2022); Barcelona GSE training for online and hybrid teaching (Dec. 2020)

References: upon request