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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, **Sciences Po** from September 2027

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, **Paris School of Economics** and **International Tax Observatory** 2025–present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, **University of California, Berkeley** 2025
Dissertation: *Essays on Tax Evasion and Inequality*
Committee: Emmanuel Saez (chair), Gabriel Zucman, Ricardo Perez-Truglia

M.A. in Economics, **Universidad Torcuato Di Tella** 2019

B.A. in Economics, **Universidad de Buenos Aires** 2017

RESEARCH FIELDS

Public Economics, Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics

WORKING PAPERS

Payments Under the Table: Employer-Employee Collusion in Brazil — *Revise & Resubmit, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*
with Maximiliano Lauletta and Roberto Hsu Rocha
National Tax Association Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award (2025); International Tax and Public Finance Best Ph.D. Student Paper Award, 80th IIPF Congress (2024)

Who Qualifies? Firm Responses and Selection into Preferential Tax Regimes
with Rafael Bressan, Pierre Bachas, and Roberto Hsu Rocha

Tax Progressivity and Inequality in Brazil: Evidence from Integrated Administrative Data
with Theo Palomo, Davi Bhering, Thiago Scot, Pierre Bachas, Luciana Barcarolo, Celso Campos, Leonardo Moreira, and Gabriel Zucman

Inequality and Higher Education: The Role of Elite Public Colleges
with Roberto Hsu Rocha
IIPF Young Economists Award (2025). Funded by CEGA and IRLE. Companion open-data project (see below).

Revealing Borrowers' Information Through Credit Scores
with Roberto Hsu Rocha

Cash Wage Payments, Tax Evasion, and Informality
with Maximiliano Lauletta and Marcelo Bergolo

Labor Lawsuits and Firms' Tax Compliance: Evidence from an RCT in the Dominican Republic
with Roberto Hsu Rocha, Marvin Cardoza, and Joaquin Herrera

Insuring Widows: Theory and Evidence
with Antoine Ferey and Roberto Hsu Rocha

POLICY REPORTS

Gender and Property Taxes in São Paulo, World Bank Policy Report

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

National Tax Association Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award 2025
IIPF Young Economists Award, for "Inequality and Higher Education" 2025
International Tax and Public Finance Best Ph.D. Student Paper Award, 80th IIPF Congress 2024
Fisher Center Research Grant, Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley (US$15,000) 2024
STEG PhD Research Grant, CEPR (£14,950) 2024
Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, UC Berkeley (US$30,000) 2023–24
Burch Center Fellowship, Robert D. Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance (US$22,000) 2023–24
Development Economics Challenge Award, Center for Effective Global Action (US$20,000) 2022
Research funding from the World Bank for "Payments Under the Table in Latin America"
Other grants: CEGA Small Development Economics Challenge Award; Opportunity Lab Place-Based Policy Initiative (×2); Center for Equity, Gender, and Leadership Award for Gender-Related Research (total US$46,000)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Advisor to the President, **Central Bank of Argentina**, Buenos Aires 2018–2019
Intern, Development Impact Group (DIME), **World Bank** Summer 2022
Research Assistant to Gabriel Zucman, UC Berkeley (higher education, endowments, redistribution) 2020, 2022–23
Research Assistant to Sydnee Caldwell, UC Berkeley (labor markets, monopsony, wage setting) 2020–2022
Research Assistant to Ricardo Perez-Truglia, Haas School of Business (experimental design) 2020

TEACHING

Graduate Student Instructor, Data and Decisions (MBA), Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley Fall 2023
Teaching Assistant, Statistical Analysis, Impact Evaluation, and Macroeconomics (undergraduate), Universidad Torcuato Di Tella 2017–2019

OPEN DATA PROJECTS

Higher Education and Labor Market Outcomes in Brazil — class-level (university × degree) data on entry, graduation, and labor-market outcomes for the universe of Brazilian higher education, 2010–2015 cohorts, plus ENEM high-school cohorts 2009–2014.

Higher Education around the World — institutional control, domestic tuition relative to GDP per capita, means-tested support, and equity admission rules for the top-five universities of 63 countries (376 institutions), with documented sources.

OTHER INFORMATION

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (intermediate), Italian (beginner)
Citizenship: Argentina, Italy