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Employment	MIT, Department of Economics Visiting Assistant Professor (on leave from the LSE) London School of Economics Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics Princeton University IES Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Economics The World Bank Junior Professional Associate, Infrastructure Unit	Cambridge MA, US Spring, Fall 2024 London, UK 2021- Princeton, NJ 2020-2021 Washington D.C. 2010-2012
Appointments	CESifo Research Network, Global Economy, Affiliate Programme on Innovation and Diffusion (POID), Senior Associate CEPR, International Trade and Regional Economics, Research Affiliate Center for Economic Performance (CEP), Trade and Urban, Associate	2022- 2022- 2021- 2021-
Editorial roles	Editorial Board Member, <i>Review of Economic Studies</i> Associate Editor, <i>Journal of International Economics</i>	2024- 2023-
Short-term visits and fellowships	Yale Cowles Foundation Visiting Faculty Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU) Munich Junior Fellowship in International Trade Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth International Economics Visiting Scholar	New Haven CT, US April, 2023 Munich, DE Summer, 2022 Hanover NH, US Fall, 2018
Education	University of California, Berkeley Ph.D. in Economics, Department of Economics CEMFI (Centro de Estudios Monetarios y Financieros) Master in Economics and Finance École Polytechnique - École des Mines - École des Ponts Master in Transportation and Sustainable Development École des Ponts ParisTech Ingénieur de l'École des Ponts ParisTech, Major in Civil Engineering	Berkeley, US 2015-2020 Madrid, ES 2012-2014 Paris, FR 2009-2010 Paris, FR 2007-2009
Interests	International Economics, Economic Development, Firm Organisation	
Peer-reviewed publications	“The Effects of Joining Multinational Supply Chains: New Evidence from Firm-to-Firm Linkages” (w/ Alonso Alfaro-Ureña and José P. Vasquez). <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> . Vol. 137, Issue 3, August 2022, Pages 1495-1552 “Industrial Policy at Work: Evidence from Romania’s Income Tax Break for Workers in IT” (w/ Smaranda Pantea). <i>European Economic Review</i> , Vol. 133, April 2021 “Terrorism and the Value of Proximity to Public Transportation: Evidence from the London Bombings.” <i>Journal of Urban Economics</i> , Vol. 102, Nov. 2017, Pages 52-75	
Working papers	“Responsible Sourcing? Theory and Evidence from Costa Rica” (w/ Alonso Alfaro-Ureña, Benjamin Faber, Cecile Gaubert, and José P. Vasquez). Revise & Resubmit at the <i>American Economic Review</i> “The Effects of Multinational Firms on Workers: Evidence from Costa Rican Micro-data” (w/ Alonso Alfaro-Ureña and José P. Vasquez)	

Selected work in progress	“The Gains from Foreign Multinationals in an Economy with Distortions” (w/ José P. Vasquez and Román David Zárate)	
Other publications	VoxDev Lit International Trade (w/ David Atkin, Laura Boudreau, Rafael Dix-Carneiro, Amit Khandelwal, Brian McCaig, Pamela Medina, Ameet Morjaria, Luigi Pascali, Bob Rijkers, Meredith Startz). VoxDevLit Vol. 4, Issue 1, October 2022	
Presentations, ordered by date * for upcoming	<p>2025 PSE/EU Tax Observatory*</p> <p>2024 Dartmouth/Tuck International Economics Sem., MIT/Harvard International Sem., USC Econ/ Marshall Trade/Spatial Mini-Conference, Tufts U Departmental Sem., Boston U International/Development Sem., NYU Development Sem., Columbia U Development Sem., Harvard PhD Guest Lecture on “Trade and Development”, Penn State Trade & Development Sem., Minneapolis Fed*, NBER “Megafirms and the Economy” Conference*, UMichigan International Seminar*, UToronto Trade Mini-Conference*, Harvard/MIT Development Seminar*</p> <p>2023 IFC/World Bank/IGC “Private Sector Development Research Network”, Yale Development Lunch, CEP Annual Conf., GEP-CEPR Summer Trade Workshop, “VI Madrid Macroeconomics Annual Conf.: International Trade”, ECARES (ULB), “Trade, Firms, and Economic Development” Mannheim Workshop, LSE Master Lecture on Industrial Policy (joint w/ David Atkin & Dave Donaldson), Stockholm U Departmental Sem., Atlanta Fed “Firm Dynamics and the Macroeconomy” Conf., Yale/IGC Conf. on “Firms, Trade and Development”, 4th “Women in International Economics” Conf. (Rochester U), Goethe U, TSE Development Sem., Indiana U, EUI-IHEID Winter Workshop on Trade and Development</p> <p>2022 Warwick, Johns Hopkins (SAIS), ERMAS, ECARES (ULB), Università Cattolica Milano, Northwestern Development Rookiefest, Cambridge, Inter-American Development Bank, UCL Gorman Conf., Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Geneva Trade and Development Workshop, ERWIT, CEPR New ITRE Member Series, LMU Munich International Economics Retreat, NBER Development Economics SI, Paris Trade Sem. (PSE/ Sciences Po/ INRAE), Aix-Marseille School of Economics, UAB, IPA-Columbia SIPA “Entrepreneurship and Private Sector Development” Conf., LSE Applications Sem., IFS-UCL-LSE/STICERD Development Economics Workshop, Trade Policy Research Forum, EconCR Conf.</p> <p>2021 Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (STEG) Annual Conf., University of Virginia, Munich International Economics Sem., Boston College, “The Visible Hand” Podcast Episode, “Firm-to-Firm Trade and International Production Networks” (hosted by GEP Nottingham and CEPR), NBER International Trade & Investment SI, IESR Workshop on “Supply Chain and Buyer-Seller Networks in Developing Countries”, Richmond Fed, US Census Bureau’s Center for Economic Studies, “Women in International Economics” Second Annual Conf., CEPR “Women in Economics – Advancing Research in Economics”, São Paulo School of Economics FGV, Toronto Economics, Oxford Applied Micro Sem., BCCR, Columbia International Trade and Spatial Economics Sem., EBRD, University of Oslo</p> <p>2020 Yale Growth Center “Trade and Development” Conf., West Coast Trade Workshop, China Star Tour (hosted by ShanghaiTech University and Fudan University), Penn State Trade & Development Sem., MIT/Harvard Development/Trade Sem., Princeton IES Sem., Wilfrid Laurier University, Ronald W. Jones Mini-Conf. in International Trade and Macroeconomics + Virtual International Trade and Macro Sem., 5th Zurich Conf. on Public Finance in Developing Countries, Workshop on International Economic Networks (WIEN)</p> <p>Recruiting Seminars: Bocconi, NY Federal Reserve, Harvard Business School, Duke, LSE, World Bank DECRG, Brown, Harvard, Northwestern Kellogg, Chicago Booth, Georgetown McDonough, MIT Sloan, Notre Dame</p> <p>2019 UC Berkeley, LSE. 2018 NBER “Firms, Networks, and Trade” Conf., INCAE Business School, National Bank of Romania, UC Berkeley, IGC and Stanford Center on Global Poverty and Development “Firms, Trade and Development” Conf.. 2017 UC Berkeley. 2016 UC Berkeley, UEA Annual Meeting. 2015 UC Berkeley. 2014 CEMFI, Columbia</p>	
Teaching	MIT 14.772 PhD “Development Economics: Macroeconomic Issues”	2024

14.76/14.760 UG/MSc. “Firms, Markets, Trade and Growth”	2024
London School of Economics	
EC338 Undergraduate International Trade	2023-
EC3016 Course Convenor, International Economics, EMFSS UoL programme	2023-
EC351 Summer School International Economics	2023
EC315 Undergraduate International Economics	2022, 2023
EC532 MRes/PhD International Economics	2022-
Guest Lectures Chicago and Yale PhD Trade Classes	2021, 2023
CES Mini-Course for PhDs at LMU Munich	
“Firms, Trade, and Development.” Joint w/ Jose P. Vasquez	2022
UC Berkeley	
C181 UG International Trade	2016-2018

Honors, grants, fellowships

2024 Duke University Applied Micro Jamboree (*selected participant*)
2021 Structural Transformation & Economic Growth (STEG) Research Grant £15,000
2020 China Star Tour; Journal of Development Economics Award; UC Berkeley Department of Economics Graduate Student Award for Public Policy Research; Best Graduate Student Submission at the West Coast Trade Workshop
2019-2020 Center for Equitable Growth Continuing Student Fellowship, Tuition Fees and Stipend for One Semester; Opportunity Lab, Promoting Opportunity and Growth through Place-Based Policies Initiative \$5,000
2019+2018+2016 Clausen Center Grant Award for Doctoral Research (UC Berkeley), \$4,000 + \$5,000 + \$3,000
2018-2019 + 2017-2018 Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance Fellowship, Tuition Fees and Stipend for One Semester per Academic Year
2018-2019 + 2017-2018 Exploratory Research Grants from PEDL (CEPR / DFID Research Initiative), £11,060 + £11,000
2018 Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) 2018 Spring Development Challenge Award, \$5,000
2017 George Break Prize in Public Finance for Outstanding Performance in the Public Finance Field Courses, UC Berkeley (Berkeley, CA)
2016-2017 Weiss Family Program Funding for Research in Development Economics (Harvard Economics Department), \$12,800
2016 Summer Fellowship from the Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (UC Berkeley), \$2,500
2015-2020 Economics Department Fellowship (UC Berkeley)
2014-2015 GSAS Fellowship and Wueller Fellowship (Columbia University)
2014 Luis Angel Rojo Award for the Best Student of the 2012-2014 Class, Master in Economics and Finance, CEMFI (Madrid, ES)
2012-2014 Fellowship (Bank of Spain)
2011 Class Valedictorian, Master in Transportation and Sustainable Development, École Polytechnique - École des Mines - École des Ponts (Paris, FR)
2009-2010 Unconditional Scholarship (Renault Foundation)
2009 Augustín de Betancourt Excellence Prize, École des Ponts (Paris, FR)

Conference organization

2024 + 2023 IGC/EGC(Yale) Conference on “Firms, Trade and Development”
2023 LSE Environment Week
2023 5th GEP-CEPR Summer Trade Workshop
2021 15th North American Meeting of the UEA
2020 BREAD/CEPR/STICERD/TCD Conference on Development Economics

Discussions

2024 NBER Economic Growth Summer Institute: “R&D Subsidy and Import Substitution: Growing in the Shadow of Protection” by De Souza and Garber
2024 NBER International Trade and Investment Summer Institute: “Multinational Networks and Trade Participation” by Conconi, Leone, Magerman, and Thomas
2023 Princeton IES Summer Trade Workshop: “Understanding Migration Responses to Local Shocks” by Borusyak, Dix-Carneiro and Kovak

2023 EBRD/CEPR Research Symposium “The Geopolitics of Trade”: “Supply Chain Resilience: Evidence from Indian Firms” by Khanna, Morales, and Pandalai-Nayar
2023 Discussion on Ricardo Hausmann’s “Export-Led Growth” at the “London Consensus” Conference
2022 Yale Cowles Trade Conference: “FDI Inflows and Domestic Firms: Adjustments to New Export Opportunities” by McCaig, Pavenik and Wong
2021 18th Annual Conference of the Euro-Latin Network on Integration and Trade (ELSNIT): “The U.S. Multinational Advantage during the 2008-2009 Financial Crisis: The Role of Services Trade” by Kamal and Kroff
2016 UEA Annual Meeting: “Measuring Congestion in a Highly Congested City: Bogota” by Akbar and Duranton

Referee service	<i>American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Economic Letters, Economica, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies</i>	
Predoc placement	2024 Valerie Umaña Quesada (Geneva/IHEID, Master in International Economics), Vincenzo Trunfio (UBC/VSE, MA in Economics) 2023 Jose Ignacio Gonzalez Rojas (LSE, MRes/PhD in Economics and Management), Alonso Venegas Cantillano (PSE, M1 Economics) 2022 Brayan Segura (LSE, MRes/PhD in Economics), Andre Araya (TSE, MSc.) 2021 Marco Badilla (UC Berkeley, PhD in Economics), Stwarth Piedra (CEMFI, MSc.)	
Other service work	2022 External Evaluator for STEG Third Small Research Grants and the Second PhD Research Grants	
Predoc research assistance	CEMFI	Madrid, ES
	RA to Diego Puga for the paper “International Trade and Institutional Change: Medieval Venice’s Response to Globalization” (with Daniel Treffer)	2013
	CEMFI	Madrid, ES
	RA to Samuel Bentolila for the paper “The Impact of Local Political Parties on Housing Prices” (with Manuel Arellano)	2013
Other past employment	SAIPEM Energy	Paris, FR
	Junior Engineer on Arzew Liquefied Natural Gas Export Terminal	2009
	Bouygues International	Tangier, MA
	Assistant Manager on Offshore Concrete Structures	2008
Languages	Native: Romanian. Fluent: English, French, Spanish. Beginner: Portuguese	
Personal	Citizenship: Romanian. Married, one child (born 2021)	

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