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EMPLOYMENT

07/2025 - Professor, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley
 07/2019 - 06/2025 Associate Professor, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley
 01/2018 - 05/2018 Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Stanford
 09/2017 - 12/2017 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, MIT
 08/2013 - 06/2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley

EDITORIAL ROLES

09/2024 - Guest Editor, Journal of International Economics, Special Issue on Trade and
 Uneven Development
 07/2023 - Board of Editors, American Economic Review
 07/2019 - 06/2025 Associate Editor, Econometrica

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

06/2023 - Co-Organizer, NBER Annual East Asian Seminar on Economics (EASE)
 05/2023 - 05/2025 Advisory Board member, Digital Economy Research Impact Initiative, IDinsight
 07/2022 - Fellow at Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)
 03/2022 - 06/2022 Consultant, World Bank
 03/2022 Selection Committee, NBER Summer Institute Development Program
 05/2021 - Fellow at CESifo Research Network, Global Economy Program
 10/2020 - 06/2022 Chair of Major Grants Committee, Private Enterprise Development in LIC (PEDL)
 05/2020 - Fellow at Luohan Academy, Alibaba Group, Hangzhou
 01/2020 Program Committee, Urban Economics Association Meeting in London
 12/2019 - CEPR Research Fellow, Development Economics Program
 10/2019 - NBER Research Associate, International Trade and Investment (ITI), Development
 (DEV) and Productivity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (PIE) Programs
 02/2019 - Affiliate at Y-Rise, Macro, Growth and Welfare Effects Program
 05/2017 - 06/2022 Affiliate at Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)
 05/2016 - International Growth Centre (IGC) Research Affiliate
 12/2015 - 12/2019 CEPR Research Affiliate, Development Economics Program
 09/2014 - Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) Faculty Affiliate
 04/2014 - 10/2019 NBER Faculty Research Fellow, ITI, DEV and PIE (since 07/2017) Programs
 11/2013 - Clausen Center for International Business and Policy Faculty Affiliate

EDUCATION

10/2007 - 04/2013 PhD, London School of Economics and Political Science
 Dissertation: Essays on Globalization and Development
 08/2009 - 06/2010 Visiting PhD student, Department of Economics, MIT
 06/2008 - 08/2008 Visiting PhD student, Anderson School of Management, UCLA
 10/2005 - 09/2006 MSc Economic Geography, LSE (with Distinction)
 10/2002 - 06/2005 BSc Geography and Economics, LSE (1st Class Honours)

FIELDS OF INTEREST

International trade, development economics

WORKING PAPERS

“Mobile Internet and Market Integration”, with Victor Couture (U Toronto), Cecile Gaubert (Berkeley), Yizhen Gu (Peking U), Ming Li (Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen) and Wei Lin (Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen)

“Senior Migration, Local Economic Development and Spatial Concentration”, with Marco Badilla-Maroto (Berkeley), Antoine Levy (Berkeley) and Mathilde Munoz (Berkeley)

“Rural-Urban Migration and Market Integration”, with Dennis Egger (Oxford University), Ming Li (Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen) and Wei Lin (Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen), Revise and resubmit at *American Economic Review*

“Responsible Sourcing? Theory and Evidence from Costa Rica”, with Alonso Alfaro-Ureña (Banco Central de Costa Rica), Cecile Gaubert (Berkeley), Isabela Manelici (LSE) and Jose Pablo Vasquez (LSE), Revise and resubmit (2nd round) at *American Economic Review*

“Scaling Agricultural Policy Interventions: Theory and Evidence from Uganda”, with Lauren Falcao Bergquist (Yale), Thibault Fally (Berkeley), Matthias Hoelzlein (Notre Dame), Ted Miguel (Berkeley) and Andres Rodriguez-Clare (Berkeley), Conditionally accepted at *Econometrica*

PUBLICATIONS

“Measuring Welfare and Inequality with Incomplete Price Information”, with David Atkin (MIT), Thibault Fally (Berkeley) and Marco Gonzalez-Navarro (Berkeley), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2024, Vol. 139 (1), pp. 419-475

“Firm Heterogeneity in Consumption Baskets: Evidence from Home and Store Scanner Data”, with Thibault Fally (Berkeley), *Review of Economic Studies*, 2022, Vol. 89 (3), pp. 1420-1459

“Connecting the Countryside via E-Commerce: Evidence from China”, with Victor Couture (U Toronto), Yizhen Gu (Peking U) and Lizhi Liu (Georgetown), *American Economic Review: Insights*, 2021, Vol. 3 (1), pp. 35-50

“Tourism and Economic Development: Evidence from Mexico’s Coastline”, with Cecile Gaubert (Berkeley), *American Economic Review*, 2019, Vol. 109 (6), pp. 2245-2293

“Retail Globalization and Household Welfare: Evidence from Mexico”, with David Atkin (MIT) and Marco Gonzalez Navarro (Berkeley), *Journal of Political Economy*, 2018, Vol. 126 (1), pp. 1-73, Lead Article

“Trade Integration, Market Size, and Industrialization: Evidence from China’s National Trunk Highway System”, *Review of Economic Studies*, 2014, Vol. 81 (3), pp. 1046-1070

POLICY REPORTS

“The Promise and Pitfalls of Responsible Sourcing in Global Value Chains”, with Alonso Alfaro-Urena (Banco Central de Costa Rica), Cecile Gaubert (UC Berkeley), Isabela Manelici (LSE) and Jose Pablo Vasquez (LSE), WTO World Trade Report 2024

“Artisanal Mining, Livelihoods, and Child Labor in the Cobalt Supply Chain of the Democratic Republic of Congo”, with Benjamin Krause (U Chicago BFI) and Raul Sanchez de la Sierra (Chicago Harris)

RESEARCH GRANTS & AWARDS

2022 - 2023 Clausen Center Faculty Research Grant

- 2020 - 2022 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow in Economics
 2018 - 2019 Clausen Center Faculty Research Grant
 2017 AER Excellence in Refereeing Award
 2016 - 2017 Electronics industry research grant for multinational sourcing in the DR Congo
 2016 - 2017 Hellman Family Faculty Award
 2016 - 2017 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Global Development Program Grant
 2016 - 2017 Weiss Family Fund Grant
 2016 International Growth Centre (IGC) Grant
 2016 Berkeley Haas Fisher Center Faculty Grant
 2016 Clausen Center Faculty Research Grant
 2016 CEGA Faculty Grant
 2016 Haas Dean's Office Grant
 2016 JOEG Best Referee Award
 2007 - 2012 PhD scholarship from UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)
 2009 - 2010 Carl Zeiss Foundation Young Researcher Grant
 2006 LSE Dept Prize for best MSc Dissertation
 2006 LSE Graduate Merit Award
 2005 LSE Dept Prize for best Bachelor's graduation
 2005 LSE Athletic Union Full Colours Award for 3 years on Men's 1st Squash Team
 2002 - 2005 German National Merit Foundation Scholarship

TEACHING

- Spring 2023 - Econ 140 Econometrics, undergraduate course, UC Berkeley
 Fall 2019 Effective Altruism, student-led undergraduate course, UC Berkeley (faculty sponsor)
 Fall 2017 Development Economics, graduate course, MIT
 Spring 2016 - 22 Econ 171/151 Development Economics, undergraduate course, UC Berkeley
 Spring 2014 - Econ 270C Macro Development, graduate course, UC Berkeley
 Fall 2013 - Econ 280A International Trade, graduate course, UC Berkeley

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- Summer 2023 - NBER Annual East Asia Conference (co-organizer)
 Spring 2020 - Berkeley International Seminar (co-organizer)
 Spring 2016 West Coast Trade Workshop (co-organizer)
 Fall 2014 - Berkeley Trade Work in Progress Seminar (co-organizer)
 Summer 2014 BREAD 27th Conference, Junior Pre-Conference (co-organizer)
 Summer 2014 - 17 Berkeley Summer Work in Progress Seminar (co-organizer)
 Spring 2014 - Berkeley Development Seminar (co-organizer)

INVITED SEMINARS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 (incl. scheduled) Columbia Development Seminar, Yale Development Seminar, UCLA Development & Trade Seminar
 2025 Online Australasian Seminar in International Economics, UCSD Development Seminar, NYU Trade and Spatial Conference, Workshop on Digital Economy at Chinese U of Hong Kong, Stanford Trade Workshop
 2024 Oxford U Development Seminar, LSE Joint International/Urban Seminar, U Chicago Harris

- School of Public Policy, Trade and International Sourcing Conference at University of Bayreuth, China Center for Economic Studies at Fudan University, Peking University HSBC Business School, NBER ITI Summer Institute, World Bank Conference on Trade and Uneven Development (keynote), Cowles Trade Day at Yale, Online Spatial and Urban Seminar
- 2023 NBER East Asian Seminar on Economics in Tokyo, U British Columbia Trade and Spatial Seminar, U Chicago Trade and Spatial Seminar, Lab for Inclusive FinTech (LIFT) Conference at Berkeley Haas
- 2022 UCSD Global Economy Workshop, ASU Macro Seminar, World Bank (×2), UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), UCLA International Mini Conference, Central Bank of Chile, Cowles Foundation Summer Conference (discussant), U Colorado Boulder International Seminar, IADB Y-Rise Workshop, Luohan Academy
- 2021 Erasmus University Rotterdam, CESifo Global Economy Conference, Central European University Vienna, Sciences Po Dept Seminar, Purdue International Seminar, LSE Joint International/Urban Seminar
- 2020 Yale Trade and Development Conference
- 2019 Berkeley Development Seminar, World Bank Macro/Trade Seminar, West Coast Trade Workshop at UC San Diego, Oxford Joint CSAE and International Seminar, LSE Applications Seminar, Sciences Po/PSE Paris Trade Seminar, Duke Macro Seminar, Chicago Joint Harris/Development Seminar, Harvard/MIT International Seminar, LSE Capabilities Seminar, IGC Conference on Firms, Trade and Development at Stanford
- 2018 Stanford International Seminar, Princeton International Seminar, Georgetown International Seminar, UCLA/UCSD International Workshop, Princeton Joint Development and Macro Seminar, IADB Trade Policy Seminar, West Coast Trade Workshop at UC Irvine, Princeton IES Summer Workshop, NBER ITI Summer Institute, NBER DEV Summer Institute, IGC/SCID Firms, Trade and Development Conference at Stanford
- 2017 Responsible Cobalt Initiative (RCI) Meeting in Shanghai, University of Zurich Growth & Development Seminar, Cornell-Notre Dame Macro-Development Conference in London, Fed Board International Seminar, NBER ITI Summer Institute (discussant), NBER PIE Summer Institute, University of Chicago Becker Applied Workshop, Dartmouth International Seminar, Yale Development Seminar, CEPR CURE Conference at PSE/Sciences Po, Johns Hopkins SAIS International Seminar, Harvard-MIT Development Seminar, Tufts University Econ Dept Seminar, NBER Chinese Economy Program Meeting in Shenzhen, NBER ITI Winter Meeting at Stanford, IGC Firms, Trade and Development Conference at Columbia
- 2016 AEA Meetings San Francisco, U Penn Empirical Micro Seminar, PacDev at Stanford, NYU Development Seminar, NBER ITI Spring Meeting, Brown University Trade Seminar, Princeton IES Summer Workshop, NBER DEV Summer Institute, NBER PRPD Summer Institute, NBER Growth Summer Institute, NY Fed Microeconomics Seminar, U Michigan Joint International and Development Seminar, CEPR Conference on Urban and Regional Economics at Philadelphia Fed (discussant), Santa Clara University Econ Dept Seminar, LSE/UCL Development Seminar
- 2015 ITAM Econ Dept Seminar, Berkeley International Seminar, NBER Spring Meeting IFM Group, U Chicago Global Economy Conference, Wharton Applied Economics Seminar, CEPR ERWIT at Sciences Po, NBER ITI Summer Institute (discussant), NBER EFG Growth Summer Institute (discussant), EEA Meeting in Mannheim (×2), Sciences Po Trade Seminar, Geneva Trade Seminar, UC San Diego Trade/Development Seminar, Berkeley ARE Seminar, Northwestern

Applied Micro Seminar, USC Economic Dynamics Seminar, MIT International Seminar

- 2014 AEA Philadelphia, Harvard-MIT Development Seminar, Stanford International Seminar, Toronto Joint Trade/Development Seminar, UC Santa Cruz, Penn State New Faces (discussant), NBER ITI Summer Institute, NBER DEV Summer Institute (discussant), Simon Fraser University Econ Dept Seminar, University of British Columbia Trade Seminar, CEPR CURE Conference at Brown (discussant), University of Minnesota Applied Micro Seminar, NBER Development Program Fall Meeting, Princeton International Seminar, Urban Economics Association Annual Meetings in DC, IGC Trade Program Meeting at Stanford, UC Berkeley Trade Work in Progress Seminar, World Bank Trade and Development Conference in DC
- 2013 Warwick, UCL, Duke, Kellogg M&S, UC Berkeley ARE, UC Berkeley Econ, Stanford GSB, Harvard Business School BGIE, Brown, UC San Diego, Columbia, IIES Stockholm, Sciences Po Paris, Penn State Trade/Development Seminar, UCLA Trade Seminar, Yale Trade Seminar, UC Davis International/Macro Seminar, UC Irvine History/Development Seminar, Dartmouth International Seminar, IGC Trade Group Meeting

PHD ADVISING AND INITIAL PLACEMENTS

- 2024/25 Sam Wang (Amazon)
- 2023/24 Madeline Duhon (Pepperdine U), Oliver Kim (Open Philanthropy)
- 2022/23 Kayleigh Barnes (Federal Reserve Board of Governors), Yipei Zhang (IMF)
- 2021/22 Dennis Egger (Oxford University), Wei Lin (Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen)
- 2020/21 Ezequiel Garcia-Lembergman (PUC Chile), Benjamin Krause (Chicago Econ, post-doc), Todd Messer (Federal Reserve Board of Governors)
- 2019/20 Matthias Hoelzlein (Notre Dame), Isabela Manelici (LSE), Jose Pablo Vasquez (LSE Management), Roman Zarate (World Bank Research Group)
- 2018/19 Sean Higgins (Northwestern, Kellogg)
- 2017/18 Sergii Meleshchuk (IMF)
- 2016/17 Lauren Falcao Bergquist (U Michigan), Sandile Hlatshwayo (IMF)
- 2015/16 Simon Galle (BI Oslo)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 07/2025 - Chair of Personnel Committee (hiring & promotion), Dept of Economics
- 07/2022 - 06/2024 Faculty Awards Committee, Academic Senate, UC Berkeley
- 04/2023 Selection Committee, Hellman Fellows Fund, UC Berkeley
- 01/2020 - 04/2022 Faculty Reviewer, Regents' & Chancellor's Scholarship, UC Berkeley
- 07/2020 - 06/2021 Equity Advisor, Dept of Economics, UC Berkeley
- 07/2019 - 06/2020 Graduate Teaching & Admissions Committee, Dept of Economics, UC Berkeley
- 07/2013 - 06/2016 Graduate Teaching & Admissions Committee, Dept of Economics, UC Berkeley

REFEREEING

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, China Economic Review, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Explorations in Economic History, International Economic Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of International Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, National Science Foundation, Quantitative Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional

Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, World Bank Economic Review

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

07/2005 - 09/2005 United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Bangkok
07/2004 - 09/2004 Allianz Corporation, Group Strategy Unit, Munich
06/2003 - 08/2003 Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Contemporary Studies, Delhi
03/2002 - 05/2002 Centre International de Coopération pour le Développement Agricole, Paris
05/2001 - 07/2001 German Chamber of Commerce and Trade, Asunción, Paraguay
09/2000 - 11/2001 Foreign peace service (in lieu of military) at municipal education and health facilities, San Felipe, Chile

LANGUAGES

German (native), English, French, Spanish