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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

From Jul 2021	Assistant Professor, Duke University
2020-2021	Assistant Research Professor, Duke University
2019-2020	IES Fellow, Princeton University

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary Fields: Macroeconomics
Secondary Fields: International Macroeconomics, Monetary Economics

EDUCATION

2013-2019	PhD in Economics, London School of Economics
2012-2013	MSc in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics, London School of Economics
2008-2012	BSc in Economics, University Carlos III of Madrid Erasmus exchange program at Humboldt University of Berlin in 2010/11

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2021-2024	NSF Award for “The Anatomy of Firm Exit: Theory and Facts” (co-PI with Gideon Bornstein)
2019-2020	International Economics Section Fellowship, Princeton University.
2018-2019	Bank of Spain Fellowship
2017-2018	Advanced Education Trust Scholarship
2013-2017	LSE PhD Studentship
2012-2013	La Caixa Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies

WORKING PAPERS

“How Do Central Banks Control Inflation? A Guide for the Perplexed”, with Ricardo Reis ([pdf](#)).
Revise and Resubmit at JEL.

“Sudden Stops, Productivity, and the Exchange Rate”, ([pdf](#)).
Reject and Resubmit at AER.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Financial Frictions and Firm Exit: Theory and Facts”, with Gideon Bornstein.

“Paying Bankers: Rents, Risk, and Performance”, with Sophia Chen and Deniz Igan.

“Dual Mandates and Excessive Hawkishness: a Principal-Agent Approach”.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Duke University - Instructor

2022-present	International Finance	Undergrad level
2021-present	International Finance & Macroeconomics	PhD level

London School of Economics – Teaching Assistant

2017-2018	Macroeconomics	MRes/PhD level
2016-2017	Monetary Economics	MSc level,
Sept 2016	Introduction to Statistics	MSc level
2015-2016	Monetary Economics	MSc level
Sept 2015	Introduction to Statistics	MSc level
Summer 2015	Intermediate Macroeconomics	Undergrad level
2014-2015	Macroeconomic Principles	Undergrad level

SEMINARS (including scheduled*):

2023	FRB New York*; University of Maryland*; George Washington University*; New York University*; FRB Richmond*; Fed Board*.
2022	Virtual International Trade and Macro Seminar; University of Chicago; FRB Minneapolis; Wake Forest University; Ohio State University.
2021	Universidad de los Andes; University of Michigan; UCL/University of Bonn.
2020	Princeton University; University of Pennsylvania; Harvard University; Penn State University; IMF; University of Oxford.
2019	Warwick University; University of Surrey; IIES Stockholm; Paris School of Economics, CREI; UC San Diego; San Francisco Fed; Vancouver School of Economics; Boston Fed; Duke University; Georgetown University; New York Fed; University of Rochester; Toronto Rotman School of Management; CUNEF; Columbia Business School.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (including discussions – d):

2022	Global Research Forum on International Macro & Finance (d), NY Annual Bank of Canada Economic Conference (d), Ottawa. Women in International Economics, Minneapolis. SED Meeting, Wisconsin. Firm Heterogeneity and Macroeconomics Workshop, Mannheim. UT Austin Macro/International Conference, Austin.
2021	ASSA Meetings - ISIR session (d), virtual. Spanish Economic Association Symposium, Barcelona. FRB-UVA-Duke Research Workshop, Richmond. BdF-BoE-BdI International Macro Workshop (d), virtual. DallasFed-UH-BdeM Annual Conference on International Econ (d), virtual. SED Meeting, virtual.
2020	Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (d), virtual.
2019	NBER Summer Institute – IFM, virtual. NBER Summer Institute – Macro Within and Across Borders, virtual. BFI International Macro Finance Conference, Chicago. EEA Annual Congress, Manchester.

Nordic Summer Symposium in Macroeconomics, Smögen.
Copenhagen Macro Days, Copenhagen.
RES Annual Conference, Coventry.
Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Brussels.

2018

Spanish Economic Association Symposium, Madrid.
PhD Candidates Workshop, ECB.
European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, Naples.
"International Finance: Do Exchange Rates Still Matter?" Workshop, Lille.
Young Economists Conference, Belgrade.
Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Palma de Mallorca.

REFEREEING:

American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Review, Bulletin of Economic Research, Economica, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, Review of Economic and Statistics.

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