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Fields

International Trade, Macroeconomic Development

Academic Appointments

Yale University

Assistant Professor of Economics, School of Management, 2021–

Princeton University

IES Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Economics, 2020–2021

Professional Affiliations

National Bureau of Economic Research

Faculty Research Fellow, International Trade and Investment Program, 2022–

Yale University

Faculty Affiliate, Economic Growth Center, Department of Economics, 2021–
Research Affiliate, Cowles Foundation for Research in Economics, 2021–

Education

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D. in Economics, 2014–2020
M.A. in Economics, 2014–2015

Universidad de Costa Rica

B.Sc. in Economics (honors), 2009–2013

Visiting Positions

Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance, *Visiting Scholar*, June 2022

Harvard University, Academy for International and Area Studies, *Elected Academy Scholar*, 2020–2024

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, OIGI, *Visiting Scholar*, Summer 2020

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Research Department, *Visiting Scholar*, Summer 2019

Dartmouth College, Department of Economics, *International Economics Fellow*, Winter 2019

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, *AEA Research Fellow*, July–September 2018

Federal Reserve Bank of Saint Louis, Research Department, *Visiting Scholar*, June 2018

Publications

“Multinationals, Monopsony and Local Development: Evidence from the United Fruit Company” with Esteban Méndez. *Econometrica*, 2022

“The Dismantling of Capital Controls After Bretton Woods and Latin American Productivity.” *AEA Papers & Proceedings*, 2022

Working Papers

“Voting on a Trade Agreement: Firm Networks and Attitudes Toward Openness” with Esteban Méndez.
*Revision requested at **Review of Economic Studies***

“Strategic Complementarities in a Dynamic Model of Technology Adoption” with Fernando Álvarez, David Argente, Francesco Lippi, and Esteban Méndez

“International Technology Diffusion: Accounting for Differences in Learning Abilities”

“The International Consequences of Bretton Woods: Capital Controls and the Value of Geopolitical Stability” with Lee Ohanian, Paulina Restrepo-Echavarría and Mark Wright

“Are Cryptocurrencies Currencies? Bitcoin as Legal Tender in El Salvador” with F. Álvarez and D. Argente

Work in Progress

“Adoption of Foreign Products, Information Externalities, and Domestic Firm Networks” with D. Argente and E. Méndez

“Detour Ahead: Market Frictions and Path Dependence in Transport Networks” with Marta Santamaría

“Enrooted Corporate Culture: The Long-Run Impact of Exposure to Multinationals on Local Trade Policy and Political Identity” with Esteban Méndez

Professional Activities

Conferences and Presentations (including scheduled)

- 2023 ASSA Annual Meetings, University of British Columbia, NBER Spring Meeting (EFG), Society for Economic Dynamics
- 2022 ASSA Annual Meetings, London School of Economics, UC Berkeley Haas, University of British Columbia, Rome Macro Junior Conference (*Pizzanomics*), Columbia University, Northwestern University, Yale University, Society for Economic Dynamics, Yale SOM, CEMFI, University of Minnesota, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Workshop on International Economic Networks, UCLA, BSE Summer Forum, Pennsylvania State University, NBER Summer Institute (ITI, EFEG, and EFMB), International Monetary Fund, EIEF, University of Chicago, Princeton University, UC San Diego, University of Toronto, New York University, Duke University, Central Bank of Costa Rica, Harvard/MIT Workshop (Trade)
- 2021 Princeton University, UC Berkeley, UC Berkeley ARE, University of Southern California, Harvard University (Economic History), Harvard University/MIT (Development), Southern Methodist University, Yale University, UBC Sauder, University College London, The World Bank and International Monetary Fund, Society for Economic Dynamics, LACEA-LAMES, University of Notre Dame, NBER Economics and Politics of Mega-Firms, University of Melbourne, Washington State University, Arizona State University, GEP/CEPR Summer Trade Workshop, Central Bank of Costa Rica, US Census Bureau’s Center for Economic Studies, Harvard University (Political Economy), Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, NBER Economics of Transportation in the 21st Century, Development Rookiefest (Northwestern)
- 2020 Columbia Business School, New York University, NYU Stern, Dartmouth College, Tuck School of Business, Yale University, Yale SOM, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, University of Minnesota, Boston University, Duke University, Fuqua School of Business, Hoover Institute at Stanford, Quantitative Spatial Economics Workshop, XIV Foro de Inv. de Bancos Centrales del CMCA, Latin American Network in Economic History and Political Economy, Dynamic Trade Institute’s Virtual International Trade and Macro Seminar, NBER Summer Institute (International Trade & Investment), Pennsylvania State University, Virtual Economic History Seminar, UC San Diego, UC Berkeley, Brown University, North East Universities

Development Consortium, Stanford University, Harvard Cities and Development Workshop, Workshop on International Economic Networks, Harvard University/MIT Workshop (Trade)

2019-18 Dartmouth College, UCLA, Workshop on Macroeconomic Dynamics, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Economic History Association Meetings (poster), Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, EEA Meetings, UCLA, University of Minnesota, Banco Central de Costa Rica

Conference Organization

Scientific Committee, CEMLA's Meeting of the Central Bank Researchers Network, 2022
Scientific Committee, North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, 2022
Co-organizer, Cowles Trade Summer Conference, 2022
Program Committee, Society for Economic Dynamics Meeting, 2022
Co-organizer, RIDGE Workshop "Towards Sustained Growth," 2021
Program Committee, North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, 2021
Co-organizer, Quantitative Spatial Economics Junior Workshop, 2021
Co-organizer, RIDGE Workshop "Towards Sustained Growth," 2020
Scientific Committee, PhD Student Workshop in Urban Economics, 2020

Referee Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Econometrica, Review of Economic Studies, American Economic Review, Journal of International Economics, AEJ: Applied, Journal of Urban Economics, Economic Journal, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Explorations in Economic History, Review of Economics and Statistics

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Planetary Solutions Project Seed Grants, Yale University, 2022
STEG Large Research Grant (Principal Investigator), 2021
Economics of Transportation in the 21st Century Award, NBER & Department of Transportation, 2021
Fellow, Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings, 2020-2022
Best Student Seminar Award, Macroeconomics Workshop, UCLA, 2020
Dissertation Year Fellowship, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2019
International Economics Fellowship, Dartmouth College, 2019
Best Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2019
Summer Economics Fellowship, American Economic Association and NSF, 2018
Best Student Seminar Award, International Trade and Development Workshop, UCLA, 2017-2018
Teaching Assistant Fellowship, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2015-2019
Best Annual GPA of the Department of Economics, Universidad de Costa Rica, 2012
3rd highest mark, national higher educ. standardized tests, Ministry of Public Educ., Costa Rica, 2008

Other Research Experience

Central Bank of Costa Rica, Research Department, *Research Affiliate*, 2013–

The World Bank, *Short-Term Consultant*, 2018-2019

Transport and ICT Global Practice Unit and Urban and Disaster Risk Management Unit

Teaching Experience

Yale University

Macroeconomic Implications of Globalization; Spring 2022, Spring 2023

International Experience: Costa Rica; Spring 2022, Spring 2023

University of California, Los Angeles

Math Camp for Economics Graduate Students; Summer 2016, Summer 2017

Principles of Macroeconomics, Summer 2017; Intermediate Microeconomics, Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant

Graduate Macroeconomics (Prof. Lee Ohanian); Fall 2016, Fall 2018

Macroeconomic Implications of Globalization (Prof. Ariel Burstein); Spring 2017

Principles of Macro and Micro; Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Winter 2017, Winter 2018, Spring 2019

Universidad de Costa Rica, *Teaching Assistant*, Spring 2011 - Spring 2013

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