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- **World Bank, Senior Economist, Poverty and Equity Global Practice for Latin America (August 2023- present).**
- **Amazon**, Senior Economist (May 2022-July 2023).
- **World Bank (2011-2022)**
 - Senior Economist, Poverty and Equity Global Practice for Latin America (2020-2022).
 - Senior Economist, Jobs Group (2017-2020).
 - Economist, Office of the Chief Economist, Europe and Central Asia (2012-2016).
 - Consultant, Poverty Reduction and Equity (2011-2012).
- **UCLA**, Research/Teaching Assistant (2007-2011).
- **CEDLAS**, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina, Researcher/Teaching Assistant, (2003-2006).

AFFILIATIONS

- **Associate Researcher at CEDLAS**, University of La Plata, Argentina (2022-present).

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- [1] "The Effect of Rising Income Inequality on Taxation and Public Expenditures: Evidence from U.S. Municipalities and School Districts, 1970–2000." *Review of Economics and Statistics* 95.4 (2013): 1291-1302 (with Leah Platt Boustan, Fernando Ferreira, Eric Zolt).
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- [6] “The labor market effects of financial crises: the role of temporary contracts in central and western Europe.” *Economics of Transition* 26.1 (2018): 35-60 (with Siddharth Sharma).
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- [11] “Does the Internet Reduce Gender Gaps? The Case of Jordan”. *The Journal of Development Studies*, 58:3, 436-453 (2021) (with Mariana Viollaz).
- [12] “The Unintended Consequences of Deportations: Evidence from Firm Behavior in El Salvador”. (with A. Bandiera, M. Sviatschi, S. Rozo, C. Schmidt-Padilla and L. Dinarte). Forthcoming at *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.
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- [14] “The long-term impact of a resource-based fiscal windfall: Evidence from the Peruvian canon” (with Fernando Aragon). *Resources Policy*, 2023.
- [15] “Explaining the Evolution of Job Tenure in Europe, 1995-2019” (with Maurizio Bussolo, Damien Capelle, Michael M. Lokshin, Iván Torre). *IZA Journal of Labor Policy*, 2023

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- [1] “The Welfare Effects of Mobile Broadband Internet: Evidence from Nigeria”. *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 9230. 2020* (with K. Bahia, P. Castells, G. Cruz, T. Masaki, X. Pedros, T. Pfitze and C. Rodriguez-Castelan). *R&R at the Journal of Development Economics*.
- [2] “Not by Land nor by Sea: The Rise of Digital Remittances during COVID-19” (with Lelys Dinarte, David Jaume and Eduardo Medina).
- [3] “Tracing the Local Impacts of Exports on Poverty and Inequality in Mexico.” *IZA Discussion Papers 13610. 2020* (with Carlos Rodriguez-Castelan and Emmanuel Vazquez). *R&R at the Journal of Development Studies*.

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POLICY WORK AND PERMANENT WORKING PAPERS

Poverty and Inequality

- [1] Poverty and inequality projections, Annex IV in *IMF’s Peru 2021 Article IV Consultation* (with Ronald Cueva).
- [2] “Inequality, Relative Income and Newborn Health”. With Anna Aizer and Florencia Borrescio-Higa.
- [3] “Does Job Polarization Explain the Rise in Earnings Inequality? Evidence from Europe.” *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 8652* (with Maurizio Bussolo and Ivan Torre).
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- [5] “Decomposing Distributional Changes in Pakistan.” *World Bank Policy Paper Series on Pakistan, PK 12/12*, July 2012 (with Gabriela Inchauste).
- [6] “What is behind the decline in poverty since 2000? Evidence from Bangladesh, Peru and Thailand.” *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 6199*, 2013 (with Gabriela Inchauste, Sergio Olivieri and Jaime Saavedra).
- [7] “Is Labor Income Responsible for Poverty Reduction? A Decomposition Approach.” *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 6414*, 2013 (with Joao Pedro Azevedo, Gabriela Inchauste, Sergio Olivieri and Jaime Saavedra).
- [8] “Income Distribution in Latin America: Exploring Differences across Countries.” *CEDLAS Working Paper No. 34*, 2006 (with Leonardo Gasparini and Francisco Haimovich).
- [9] “Urban-Rural Differences in Poverty: a micro-decomposition approach for Argentina.” *CEDLAS Working Paper No. 24*, 2005 (with Francisco Haimovich).

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- [6] “Does automation in developed countries hurt developing ones? Evidence from US and Mexico.” *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 8741*, 2019 (with Erhan Artuc and Luc Christiaensen).
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- [9] Employability in Southern Cone. Inter-American Development Bank, 2006 (with Leonardo Gasparini, Matias Busso and Francisco Haimovich).
- [10] Productivity growth and convergence in Russia: a dynamic firm-level diagnostic. Background paper for the Systematic Country Diagnostic of the Russian Federation (with Ana Paula Cusolito).
- [11] “European Informality: A study of Kosovo’s shadow economy.” Background paper for the Kosovo Jobs Diagnostics, World Bank (with Mohamed Ihsan Ajwad and Emmanuel Vazquez).
- [12] Extending Social Insurance to Informal Workers. Jobs Group Solutions Note, The World Bank (with Elizabeth Ruppert Bulmer and Hilma Mote).
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- [6] “Diversification and Development”, in *Diversified Development: Making the Most of Natural Resources in Eurasia*. 2014. World Bank.
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[Why Are Americans Moving Less? Will It Hurt The US Job Market And The US Economy?](#) International Business Times, June 2013.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Award of the Vice President of Poverty Reduction and Equity at the World Bank, 2014.

UCLA Ziman Center for Real Estate Research Fellowship, 2009-2011

Fellowship Department of Economics, UCLA, 2006 – 2011.

“Elías Salama Award” to the best paper on Monetary and International Economics, Monetary and International Economics Meetings, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, May 2005.

Scholarship of the National Council of Scientific and Technical Research (CONICET) to complete my Master's Thesis, 2005-2006.

First Prize to the best paper 2004 using the ISCA surveys, awarded by the World Bank, “Urban-Rural Differences in Poverty: a micro-decomposition approach for Argentina”, joint with Francisco Haimovich.

Fellowship Department of Economics, UNLP. 2002-2004.

Second Best Student of the graduating cohort 2001 at the Universidad Nacional de Rosario

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Jobs and Development Conference, Washington DC (virtual), September 2021. **Robots and Jobs Forum**, Washington DC, February 2020. **Jobs and Development Conference**, Washington DC, May 2019. **ILO Centenary Celebrations**, Amman, April 2019; **Jordan Strategic Forum**, Amman, February 2019; **ECINEQ**, New York, USA, 2017; **Impacts of Refugees and IDPs on Host Communities Conference**, Washington, USA, 2017; **UNCTAD E-Commerce Week**, Geneva, Switzerland, April 2017; **EUROSTAT User Conference**, Mannheim, Germany, February 2017; **Workshop on Aging in Eastern Europe**, Munich, 2014; **Latin American and the Caribbean Association Meetings**, Lima, Peru (November 2012); **Society for Economic Dynamics (SED)**, Gent, Belgium (July 2011); **FED Cleveland** (January 2011); **UCLA Applied**

Microeconomics Proseminar (October 2010, June 2010, October 2009, January 2008, May 2008); **UCLA Economic History Proseminar** (November 2009); **Symposium on Poverty, Inequality, and Policy in Latin America**, University of Goettingen, Germany, July 2005; **The Poverty and Income Distribution Annual Meeting** – Universidad de San Andrés, November 2004; **The Annual Meeting of the Argentine Economic Association** – Mendoza, November 2003, La Plata, November 2005; **Monetary and International Economics Meeting**, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, May 2005. **World Bank's Seminar on Poverty and Informality**, Universidad de Buenos Aires, July 2005.

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