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Nationalities: Argentinian and Croatian

CURRENT POSITIONS

Elliott School of International Affairs - George Washington University	Washington, DC
Director, Master's Program in International Economic Policy (MIEP)	Aug. 2022 - Present
Affiliated Faculty in the Institute for International Economic Policy (IIEP)	Jan. 2021 - Present
Assistant Professor of Economics and International Affairs (contract faculty)	Aug. 2020 - Present

EDUCATION

The George Washington University , Washington, DC
Ph.D. in Economics, 2019
M.Phil. in Economics, 2016
University of Warwick , Coventry, United Kingdom
M.Sc. in Economics, 2009
Latin America School of Social Science , Buenos Aires, Argentina
Graduate Studies on Environment, Economy, and Society, 2003
University of Buenos Aires , Buenos Aires, Argentina
Licentiate in Economics (six-year program), Magna Cum Laude Honors, 2002
Technical School Nº 3 , Buenos Aires, Argentina
Computer Science Technician (six-year program), Highest GPA Award, 1996

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The World Bank Group	Mar. 2016 - Aug. 2016
Consultant, Office of the Chief Economist of the Africa Region	Washington, DC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member of the Africa's Pulse team for the 2016 Annual/Spring Meetings IMF-World Bank.• Research on the cyclical policy of fiscal policy in Sub-Saharan Africa and other developing regions.• Prepare a report on the socio-economic effects of droughts in Eastern and Southern Africa.	
Inter-American Development Bank	Jun. 2011 - Aug. 2012
Consultant, Integration and Trade Sector	Washington, DC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare reports on the world macroeconomic outlook and the Latin American integration.• Prepare presentations on the commodity market trends for the IDB's VP of Sector and Knowledge.• Develop methodologies for new statistical indicators.	
UN - Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	Dec. 2008 - May 2010
Consultant, Economic Development Division	Santiago, Chile
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contribute to UN flagship reports on the economic performance of Latin America and Caribbean.• Economist-in-charge of the world economic situation.• Financial system stability assessment for selected Latin American countries.• Research on the cyclical stance of fiscal policy in developing countries.• Supervise the work of external consultants and junior staff.	
Inter-American Development Bank	Jul. 2008 - Aug. 2008
Summer Internship, Integration and Trade Sector	Washington, DC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research on regional trade agreements in Latin America and the Caribbean.	

- UN - Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean** Oct. 2005 - Aug. 2007
Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Development Division Santiago, Chile
- Macroeconomic analysis of Latin American economies.
 - Economist-in-charge of the world economic analysis.
 - Contribute to UN flagship reports on the regional economic outlook and supervise junior staff.
 - Statistical and technical support to the Executive Secretary of ECLAC.
- UN - Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean** Aug. 2004 - Oct. 2005
Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary Santiago, Chile
- Prepare presentations and talking points for the Executive Secretary on the socioeconomic situation in Latin America and the Caribbean.
 - Prepare background documents for conferences and meetings.
- Ministry of Economy and Production of Argentina** Apr. 2003 - Feb. 2004
Economic Consultant, National Institute of Statistics and Census Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Estimate different components of Argentina's national wealth.
 - Elaborate foreign trade indexes at product level.
- Economic and Financial Consultants - M.A. Broda and Associates** Aug. 2001 - Aug. 2002
Junior Analyst - International Context Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Prepare daily/weekly reports on the US economy and monitor Chile, Ecuador, Peru, and Uruguay.
 - Design macroeconomic databases for the US economy and several Latin American countries.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Economics Tutor, Office of the U.S. Representative Mr. Trey Hollingsworth Mar. 2019 - Mar. 2020
Lecturer, University of Maryland, College Park Fall 2019 and Spring 2020
Lecturer, Johns Hopkins University Fall 2019 and Spring 2020
Adjunct Professor, The Catholic University of America Fall 2019
Instructor, MathCamp for Ph.D. students, Economics Dept., GWU Aug. 2013/Aug. 2014
Teaching Assistant and Instructor, several courses, GWU From Fall 2012 to Fall 2017

PUBLICATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

- "Cyclicality of Fiscal Policy in Sub-Saharan Africa: Magnitude and Evolution," *Policy Research Working Paper*, No. 8108. World Bank, Jul. 2017, (with C. Calderón and P. Chuhan-Pole)
- Africa's Pulse, *World Bank Publications*, Apr. 2016 and Oct. 2016, (Team Member)
- "Trade and Integration Monitor 2012: Trade Performance and Policies after the Crisis," *IDB Publications*, 2012, (with P. Giordano, J. Harris, and M. Shearer)
- "Latin America, From Boom to Crisis: Macroeconomic Policy Challenges," *CEPAL Review* N° 100, 2010, (with O. Kacef)
- "A América Latina e a Crise Internacional: Algumas Considerações Sobre a Política Macroeconômica," *Revista Tempo do Mundo*, Vol 2, N° 1, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada (IPEA), Apr. 2010, (with O. Kacef)
- "The International Context," Chapter in *Preliminary overview of the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean*, UN-ECLAC, Dec. 2009, (with O. Kacef)
- "Foreign Direct Investment in Latin America in the new global scenario," *Boletín Informativo Techint*. N° 328, Jan-Apr. 2009. Reprinted: "O investimento externo direto na América Latina diante do novo cenário internacional," *Revista Brasileira de Comércio Exterior*. Ano XXIII 99, 2009, (with A. Espora and R. Rozemberg)

“Impacto de la Crisis Internacional Sobre la IED en América Latina,” *Serie Brief 45. Latin American Trade Network*, Nov. 2008, (with A. Espora and R. Rozemberg)

“The International Environment,” Chapter in *Preliminary overview of the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean*, and in *Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean 2005-2006*, UN-ECLAC, Dec. and Jul. 2006, (with O. Bello)

Panorama de la Economía de Iberoamérica. In *Espacios Iberoamericanos*, ECLAC and Secretaría General Iberoamericana. Presented at the XVI Iberoamerican Summit of Heads of State. Montevideo, Nov. 3-5, 2006, (Team Member)

WORKING PAPERS

“The Effect of Macroeconomic Volatility on Financial Deepening: A missing link?”, 2022

“The Welfare Cost of Real Volatility: A Comparative Analysis”, 2019

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Exposure of Emerging Markets’ Financial Systems to the Government Debt”

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Kendrick Prize for the Best Paper in Macroeconomics, Department of Economics, GWU, 2018

Summer Dissertation Fellowship, GWU, 2018

John Whitefield Kendrick Graduate Endowment Fellowship, GWU, Spring 2018

Academic Excellence Award and University Fellowship, GWU, Aug. 2016 - May 2017

Ph.D. Graduate Teaching Assistantship, GWU, Aug. 2012 - May 2016 and Fall 2017

Invited to join the Golden Key International Honour Society, Nov. 2015

Chevening Scholarship, British Council, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Sept. 2007 - Sept. 2008

Commencement Speech, highest GPA in the Graduation Ceremony, UBA, Mar. 2004

Magna Cum Laude Award, UBA, Dec. 2002

Full Graduate Scholarship, Latin American School of Social Sciences, 2003

Highest GPA Award of the Computer Science Specialty. Technical Institute N 3, Dec. 1996

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS PRESENTATIONS

Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, London (Virtual), Apr. 2021

Seminar, Department of Economics, Pontifical Xavierian University (Bogotá), Feb. 2019

Seminar, Department of Economics, Universidad EAFIT, Jan. 2019

Macro-International Seminar, Department of Economics, GWU, Oct. 2018

First GW Student Research Conference in Economics 2017, GWU, Apr. 2017

CSAE-Conference 2017: Economic Development in Africa, Oxford University, Mar. 2017

American Economic Association- ASSA Annual Meeting, Poster Session, Boston, Jan. 2015

International Conference on Macroeconomic Analysis and International Finance, Crete, May 2014

40th Annual Conference of the Eastern Economic Association, Boston, Mar. 2014

Missouri Economics Conference - St. Louis Fed, University of Missouri, Mar. 2013

BMRC-QASS Conference on Macro and Financial Economics, Brunel University, May 2012

Annual Conference of the Association for Public Economic Theory, Indiana University, Jun. 2011

Fifth Conference on Growth and Business Cycles, University of Manchester, Jun. 2009

Foro Permanente de Direcciones de Presupuesto y Finanzas de la Argentina, Córdoba, May 2007

Invited Lecturer, Harvard’s David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Chile, Jun. 2005

COMPUTER SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Programming and Statistics: Mathematica, Matlab, Stata, EViews, Clipper, Pascal, and Visual Basic
Others: Bloomberg, MSOffice, and L^AT_EX
Languages: Spanish (Native) and English (Fluent)