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#### Personal:

Date of birth: May 16, 1982; Place of birth: Brasilia, Brazil

# **Employment**:

Professor of Economics, University of Chicago, 2019-Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Chicago, 2016-2019 Assistant Professor of Economics, UCLA Anderson School of Management, 2010-2016

#### **Professional Affiliations:**

Co-Director, BFI Political Economics Research Initiative, 2019-

Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Children, Development, Education, and Political Economy groups, 2019- (previously Faculty Research Fellow, 2013-2019) Fellow, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), 2020- (previously Affiliate, 2015-2020)

Affiliate, Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), 2014-

## **Education**:

PhD, Economics, Harvard University, 2005-2010 MSc, Economics, University of Brasilia, 2004-2005 BA, Economics, University of Brasilia, 1999-2003

# **Academic Visits**:

Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, MIT, Spring 2020, Fall 2016
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Chicago, Fall 2015
Visiting Scholar, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Fall 2015
Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Harvard University, Spring 2015
Visiting Scholar, Evidence for Policy Design (EPoD), Harvard Kennedy School, Spring 2015
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley, Fall 2014

## **Published and Forthcoming Papers:**

"Persistent Political Engagement: Social Interactions and the Dynamics of Protest Movements" (with Davide Cantoni, David Y. Yang, Noam Yuchtman, and Y. Jane Zhang)

\*\*American Economic Review: Insights\*, Forthcoming\*\*

"From Extreme to Mainstream: The Erosion of Social Norms" (with Georgy Egorov and Stefano Fiorin) *American Economic Review*, 110(11), 3522-3548 (2020)

"Misperceived Social Norms: Women Working Outside the Home in Saudi Arabia" (with Alessandra González and David Yanagizawa-Drott)

American Economic Review, 110(10), 2997-3029 (2020) [Lead article]

"Political Identity: Experimental Evidence on Anti-Americanism in Pakistan" (with Michael Callen, Bruno Ferman, Saad Gulzar, Ali Hasanain, and Noam Yuchtman)

Journal of the European Economic Association, 18(5), 2532–2560 (2020)

"Moral Incentives in Credit Card Debt Repayment: Evidence from a Field Experiment" (with Stefano Fiorin, Daniel Gottlieb, and Martin Kanz)

Journal of Political Economy, 127(4), 1641-1683 (2019)

"Cool to Be Smart or Smart to Be Cool? Understanding Peer Pressure in Education" (with Georgy Egorov and Robert Jensen)

**Review of Economic Studies**, 86(4), 1487-1526 (2019)

"Status Goods: Experimental Evidence from Platinum Credit Cards in Indonesia" (with Bruno Ferman, Stefano Fiorin, Martin Kanz, and Gautam Rao)

**Quarterly Journal of Economics**, 133(3), 1561-1595 (2018)

"'Acting Wife:' Marriage Market Incentives and Labor Market Investments" (with Thomas Fujiwara and Amanda Pallais)

American Economic Review, 107(11), 3288-3319 (2017)

"Social Image and Economic Behavior in the Field: Identifying, Understanding and Shaping Social Pressure" (with Robert Jensen)

**Annual Review of Economics**, 9, 131-153 (2017)

"Poverty and the Political Economy of Public Education Spending: Evidence from Brazil" *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 14(5), 1101-1128 (2016)

"A Tear in the Iron Curtain: The Impact of Western Television on Consumption Behavior" (with Davide Cantoni)

Review of Economics and Statistics, 98(1), 25-41 (2016)

"How Does Peer Pressure Affect Educational Investments?" (with Robert Jensen) *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 130(3), 1329-1367 (2015)

"Understanding Mechanisms Underlying Peer Effects: Evidence from a Field Experiment on Financial Decisions" (with Florian Ederer, Bruno Ferman, and Noam Yuchtman)

\*\*Econometrica\*, 82(4), 1273-1301 (2014)

"The Schooling Decision: Family Preferences, Intergenerational Conflict, and Moral Hazard in the Brazilian *Favelas*" (with Lucas C. Coffman)

Journal of Political Economy, 120(3), 359-97 (2012) [Lead article]

"The Environment and Directed Technical Change" (with Daron Acemoglu, Philippe Aghion, and David Hemous)

American Economic Review, 102(1), 131-66 (2012)

#### Other Publications:

"Preserving the Environment" (with Philippe Aghion and Peter Howitt). In Aghion, P. and P. Howitt, *The Economics of Growth*, MIT Press (2008)

# **Working Papers:**

"Killer Incentives: Relative Position, Performance and Risk-Taking Among German Fighter Pilots, 1939-45" (with Philipp Ager, Lukas Leutcht, and Hans-Joachim Voth)

Revise and Resubmit – Review of Economic Studies

"Social Media and Xenophobia: Evidence from Russia" (with Georgy Egorov, Ruben Enikolopov, and Maria Petrova)

"Identifying the Effect of Election Closeness on Voter Turnout: Evidence from Swiss Referenda" (with Davide Cantoni, Patricia Funk, Felix Schönenberger, and Noam Yuchtman)

"Misinformation During a Pandemic" (with Aakaash Rao, Christopher Roth, and David Yanagizawa-Drott)

"Disguising Prejudice: Popular Rationales as Excuses for Intolerant Expression" (with Ingar Haaland, Aakaash Rao, and Christopher Roth)

#### **Editorial Activities:**

Board of Editors, Journal of Economic Literature, 2020-

Associate Editor, Journal of the European Economic Association, 2014-

## **Teaching:**

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	Winter 2019	Development Economics: Microeconomic Issues (PhD), University of
		Chicago
	Winter 2019	Applied Behavioral Economics (Undergraduate), University of Chicago
	Winter 2019	Experimental Economics (Undergraduate and PhD), University of
		Chicago
	Winter 2017, 2018	Topics in Behavioral Economics (PhD), University of Chicago
	Winter 2015	Economic Analysis for Managers (Executive MBA), UCLA Anderson
	Spring 2014	Doing Business in Brazil (MBA), UCLA Anderson
	Winter 2016, Fall 2013,	Managerial Economics (MBA), UCLA Anderson
	Fall 2012, Fall 2011, Fall	
	2010	

## **Additional Research Experience:**

- Collaborator on the graduate textbook *The Economics of Growth*, by Philippe Aghion and Peter Howitt (2009, MIT Press)
- Author of the Solutions Manual to *The Economics of Growth* (joint with David Hemous, Dorothée Rouzet, Thomas Sampson, and Ruchir Agarwal). Available online from MIT Press

## Honors, Grants, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

2019	UChicago Pearson Institute grant
2019	UChicago SSRC Faculty seed grant
2018	UChicago BFI grant
2017	Harvard EPoD grant
2016	Eric and E Juline Faculty Excellence in Research Award (UCLA)
2016-2018	Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship
2015	J-PAL North America pilot grant
2015	Harvard LEAP grant
2015	International Growth Centre grant
2015	UCLA Anderson Fink Center for Finance and Investment grant
2014	CEGA Behavioral Health Economics Micro-Grant
2014	CCPR Seed Grant
2013, 2014, 2018	Excellence in Refereeing Award, American Economic Review
2013, 2014	UCLA Anderson Price Center Research grant
2013, 2014	UCLA Faculty Career Development Award
2013, 2014, 2015	UCLA Anderson Center for Global Management grant
2012	Russell Sage Foundation Small Grant in Behavioral Economics
2011	Excellence in Refereeing Award, Quarterly Journal of Economics
2011	UCLA CIBER grant

2009-2010	Harvard University Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2008	Paul Warburg Fund Grant
2008	Jorge Paulo Lemann Fellowship
2007	Paul Warburg Fund Grant
2006-2007	Douglas Dillon Fellowship – Harvard University
2005-2006	Harvard GSAS PhD Scholarship
2005	First place, Brazilian national selection of CAPES/Fulbright PhD scholarships in
	Economics (declined)
<b>Invited Presentations:</b>	
2020	AEA meetings, CMU, Harvard Kennedy School Global Empowerment Meeting,
	MIT, RIDGE Forum Public Economics Workshop (Keynote), SBE Micro
	Aplicada, Virtual Advances with Field Experiments
2019	AEA meetings, Bonn, Bristol, Chicago Harris, CERGE, CEU, Copenhagen,
	CREST Political Economy workshop, European Behavioral Economics Meeting,
	FGV/SP, Harvard Kennedy School, Insper (Keynote), LSE, NBER Summer

# Venice Political Economy conference, World Bank

2018

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AEA meetings, ANPEC (Keynote), Barcelona Conference on Development and
Conflict, Bocconi, Columbia, CUHK, Democracy Workshop – Munich, EBE
Summer Meeting (Keynote), EIEF Applied Micro Junior Workshop, IDB,
Harvard, HBS, HKUST, Los Andes, MILLS Workshop, MIT/Harvard, Moscow
Political Economy and Development Workshop, Munich, NBER Summer
Institute (Labor Studies), Northwestern-Kellogg, NYU, Sciences Po, Stockholm
University, University of Maryland, Yale
Advances with Field Experiments conference, AEA meetings, Berlin, Bonn,
FGV/RJ, FGV/SP, Harvard, NBER Political Economy Spring Meeting, NBER
Summer Institute (Economics of National Security, Income Distribution and

Institute (Political Economy), NHH, Oxford, UC Berkeley, UChicago Gender and the Labor Market conference, UCLA, UCL, UCSD, UT Austin, Vienna Workshop on Behavioral Public Economics (Keynote), Warwick, Warwick

Rio, UBC, UC Davis, UCSD, University of Chicago, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, WashU Olin, Workshop on Moral Reasoning in Economics Advances with Field Experiments conference, AEA meetings, Case Western Reserve, Cornell, LSE Economics, LSE Political Science, MIT, NBER Summer Institute (Household Finance, Labor Studies/Children, and Political Economy), NYU, Queen Mary University of London, Stanford GSB, UC Berkeley (2x),

Macroeconomics, Labor Studies/Education), Pompeu Fabra, PUC Chile, PUC-

University of Chicago, Warwick, World Bank, Zurich (2x)

BU, Chicago Booth, Dartmouth, Harvard, Harvard/MIT, Insper, NBER Political Economy Spring Meeting, Northwestern-Kellogg, PUC-Rio, PSE/Sciences Po, Toronto, UC Berkeley-Haas, University of Chicago, University of Munich, Yale Conference on Political Economy and Development Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, CGU, Columbia, FGV/SP, IIES Stockholm, LACEA/LAMES, LSE, Northwestern-Kellogg, NBER Political Economy Fall Meeting, NBER Education Fall Meeting, NYU, PAC-DEV, Pompeu Fabra, Princeton, RAND, UC Berkeley, UC Riverside, UPenn-Wharton, USP, Yale SOM

2013 INSEAD, NBER Summer Institute (Political Economy), Stanford GSB,

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2012 ESA, NBER Summer Institute (Political Economy), SEEDEC, Simon Fraser

University, SITE Stanford (Psychology and Economics), UCLA, UCLA

Anderson, UCSD Rady, UPenn

2011 FGV/EPGE, IIES Stockholm, NASM, PAC-DEV, Pompeu Fabra, SEEDEC, UC

Berkeley Haas, UCLA, UC Riverside, UC San Diego, University of Chicago

Bocconi, Boston University, Brown, Chicago Booth, Columbia, IIES Stockholm,

INSPER, LSE, NEUDC, Stanford GSB, UCLA Anderson, University of

Chicago, World Bank

2009 Harvard, NEUDC, PUC-Rio, USP

#### **Professional Service Activities:**

2010

Referee: American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American

Economic Journal – Applied Economics, American Economic Journal –

Economic Policy, American Political Science Review, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the European Economic

Association, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Management Science, PNAS, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and

Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Financial Studies

Discussant: NEUDC 2009, NEUDC 2010, Berkeley-Haas Fraud and Misconduct Conference

(2013), NBER Economics of Culture and Institutions Meeting (2014), NBER Summer Institute Law and Economics (2014), Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (2015), Conflict and Cooperation Conference at Northwestern (2016), Barcelona Conference on Development and Conflict IV (2016), Moscow Political Economy

and Development Workshop (2018), NBER Summer Institute – Political

Economy and Household Finance (2020)

Conference Co-organizer, Social Interactions and Education Conference, HCEO, University

organization of Chicago, 2018

Program Committee: Econometric Society Winter Meetings, 2021

## **PhD Students:**

Nour Abdul-Razzak (University of Chicago), Pedro Aratanha (UCLA Economics), Yuehao Bai (University of Chicago), Scott Behmer (University of Chicago), Alec Brandon (University of Chicago), Isi Dunietz (University of Chicago), Stefano Fiorin (UCLA Anderson), Justin Holz (University of Chicago), Rafael Jimenez (University of Chicago), Dan Kashner (University of Chicago), Vasily Korovkin (UCLA Anderson), Chinmaya Kumar (University of Chicago), Mateusz Stalinski (University of Chicago), Karen Ye (University of Chicago)

#### **University Service:**

- Co-organizer, Becker Applied Economics Workshop, University of Chicago (2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21)
- Committee on PhD admissions, University of Chicago (Member: 2017-18, 2018-19; Co-Chair: 2020-21)
- Junior recruiting committee, University of Chicago (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21)
- Richard Saller Dissertation Prize for the Social Sciences committee, University of Chicago (2019)
- Organizer, International Political Economy seminar, UCLA Anderson (2012-13, 2013-14)
- Organizer, GEM Area PhD seminar, UCLA Anderson (2012-13, 2013-14)