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Education

MIT

PHD IN ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS

- Econometrics, statistics and IO (GPA: 5.0/5.0)

Cambridge, MA

Sep 2019 - present

LSE

BSC. IN ECONOMETRICS AND MATHEMATICAL ECONOMICS

- First Class Honors, Highest score in history in the Honors Thesis
- UC Berkeley Exchange (2016-2017), courses in CS, Physics and Economics

London, UK

Oct 2014 - June 2018

Research Projects

Published Papers

“Stretching the net: multidimensional regularization” published at *Econometric Theory* in 2021. [[link](#)]

“Synthetic controls in action” with Alberto Abadie, forthcoming at *Econometric Society Monographs*. [[arxiv](#)]

Working Papers

“Predictor selection for synthetic controls” *R&R Journal of Econometrics*. [[arxiv](#)]

“Bayesian and frequentist inference for synthetic controls” with Ignacio Martinez. [[arxiv](#)]

“Bagged polynomial regression and neural networks” with Sylvia Klosin. [[arxiv](#)]

“Pushing back against private practice: the spanish physician public exclusivity bonus” with Jon Gruber, Núria Mas and Judit Vall. (submitted)

“Synthetic instrumental variables and unmeasured confounding in DiD settings” with Ahmet Gulek. [[link](#)]

“Delivering efficiency: welfare in food delivery platforms” with Alejandro Sabal. (under preparation)

Professional Experience

2022-2023 **Teaching Assistant**, Non-linear econometrics and Econometrics for managers, **MIT**, Cambridge, US

2020-2023 **Research Assistant**, for Prof. Alberto Abadie, **MIT**, Cambridge, US

2021 **Data Science Intern**, Chief Economist Team, **Google**, MTV, US (Summer)

2018-2019 **Research Professional**, for Prof. Eric Budish, **Booth** School of Business, Chicago, US

2018 **Data Science Intern**, algorithmic pricing and insurance, **Quantco**, Cologne, Germany (Summer)

2017 **Data Analyst Intern**, Finance Business Intelligence team, **Google**, Dublin, Ireland (Summer)

2015 **Quantitative Strategy Intern**, **Capula** Investment Management LLP., London, UK (Summer)

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

2023 ACIC Travel Scholarship, Society for Causal Inference

2022-2024 Meta Research PhD Fellowship, Meta/Facebook Research

2022 Conference Grant, MIT GSC

2020-2022 LaCaixa Postgraduate Fellowship, LaCaixa Foundation

2020 George and Obie Shultz Fund Grant, Shultz Fund

2019 Department Fellowship, MIT Economics

2018 Principles of Econometrics Award, LSE Economics

2014 Extraordinary Baccalaureate Award, Catalan Government

Ernest LLuch Award, Pompeu Fabra University

Presentations, Leadership and Other

Presentations: BSE ML and Energy Workshop 2023, EEA-ESEM 2023, ACIC 2023 (oral), Rand Causal Inference Symposium 2022, American Causal Inference Conference 2022 (poster), DataX Workshop: Synthetic Control Methods 2022 (poster), MIT Econometrics Lunch, MIT IO Lunch, Real Colegio Complutense (Harvard), Google Statistics Seminar, FB Statistics Seminar, Two Sigma PhD Symposium 2022

Refereeing: ICLR, NeurIPS, SERIES, Plos One, *Economica*, NSF grants

Leadership: MIT Econometrics Lunch organizer, *Graduate Economics Association* co-president (MIT), Founder of *ML at LSE* (data science society), project manager at *ML@B* (UC Berkeley) and Third Team captain at LSE squash

Programming: Python, R, Matlab, JavaScript, C++, VBA, Git, SQL