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Academic Positions:

July 2018 – present: Bloomberg Distinguished Associate Professor
SAIS and Department of Economics, Johns Hopkins University
September 2019 – June 2021: Vice Dean for Education and Academic Affairs
SAIS, Johns Hopkins University
July 2012 – June 2018: Associate Professor of Public Policy
Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University
July 2007 – June 2012: Assistant Professor of Public Policy
Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University
August 2011 – July 2012: Visiting Professor
Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)

Academic Affiliations:

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Research Associate
DC Political Economy Center at Georgetown and Johns Hopkins (DCPEC), Co-Director
CESifo Research Network, Member

Education:

Ph.D., Economics, Harvard University, 2007
M.A., Economics, Harvard University, 2005
Master, Economics, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), 2002
B.A., Economics, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, 2000

Publications:

Books:

An Easy Guide to Advanced Macroeconomics. (with F. Sturzenegger and A. Velasco) LSE Press, September 2021.

Articles:

“Media and Social Capital.” (with R. Durante and A. Tesei) *Annual Review of Economics* (forthcoming).

“Building Nations Through Shared Experiences: Evidence from African Football.” (with E. Depetris-Chauvin and R. Durante) *American Economic Review* 110(5): 1572-1602, May 2020.

“Capital Cities, Conflict, and Misgovernance.” (with QA Do and B. Guimaraes) *American Economic*

Journal: *Applied Economics* 11(3): 298-337, July 2019.

“Long-Range Growth: Economic Development in the Global Network of Air Links.” (with D. Yanagizawa-Drott) ***Quarterly Journal of Economics*** 133(3): 1395-1458, August 2018.

“Politics 2.0: The Multifaceted Effect of Broadband Internet on Political Participation.” (with R. Durante and F. Sobbrío) ***Journal of the European Economic Association*** 16(4): 1094-1136, August 2018.

“Yet Another Tale of Two Cities: Buenos Aires and Chicago.” (with E. Glaeser) ***Latin American Economic Review*** 27(2), December 2018.

“Does Religion Affect Economic Growth and Happiness? Evidence from Ramadan.” (with D. Yanagizawa-Drott) ***Quarterly Journal of Economics*** 130(2): 615-658, May 2015. [Editor’s Choice]

“Isolated Capital Cities, Accountability and Corruption: Evidence from US States.” (with QA Do) ***American Economic Review*** 104(8): 2456-2481, August 2014.

“‘The People Want the Fall of the Regime’: Schooling, Political Protest, and the Economy.” (with D. Chor) ***Journal of Comparative Economics*** 42(3): 495-517, August 2014. [Lead article]

“Media and Polarization: Evidence from the Introduction of Broadcast TV in the US.” (with D. Hojman) ***Journal of Public Economics*** 100: 79-92, April 2013.

“Schooling, Political Participation, and the Economy.” (with D. Chor) ***Review of Economics and Statistics*** 94 (4): 841-859, November 2012. [Lead article]

“Why was the Arab World Poised for Revolution? Schooling, Economic Opportunities, and the Arab Spring.” (with D. Chor) ***Journal of Economic Perspectives*** 26 (2): 167-188, Spring 2012.

“Redistribution in a Model of Voting and Campaign Contributions.” ***Journal of Public Economics***, 95(7-8): 646-656, August 2011.

“Instability and the Incentives for Corruption.” (with D. Chor and QA Do) ***Economics & Politics***, 21(1): 42-92, March 2009.

“Why Is Fiscal Policy Often Procyclical?” (with A. Alesina and G. Tabellini) ***Journal of the European Economic Association***, 6 (5): 1006-1036, September 2008. [Selected to the [JEEA 10th Anniversary Virtual Issue](#).]

“Inefficient Lobbying, Populism and Oligarchy.” (with F. Ferreira) ***Journal of Public Economics***, 91 (5-6): 993-1021, June 2007.

“Wage Inequality across Races in Brazilian Urban Labor Markets: Regional Aspects.” (with A. Crespo and P. Leite, in Portuguese) ***Revista Brasileira de Economia***, 58 (2): 185-210, April/June 2004.

Working Papers:

“*The Virus of Fear: The Political Impact of Ebola in the US*” (with E. Depetris-Chauvin and R. Durante)

“*The Political Economy Consequences of China's Export Slowdown*” (with D. Chor and B. Li)

“*Just Do Your Job: Obedience, Routine Tasks, and the Pattern of Specialization*” (with D. Chor)

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“The Intergenerational Transmission of War” (with D. Yanagizawa-Drott), Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of the European Economic Association*

“A Centered Index of Spatial Concentration: Expected Influence Approach and Application to Population and Capital Cities” (with QA Do), Revise and Resubmit, *Theoretical Economics*

Work in Progress:

“Internet, Social Media, and the Behavior of Politicians: Evidence from Facebook in Brazil” (with P. Bessone, C. Ferraz, and P. Souza)

“State Capacity and Unequal Public Good Provision: Evidence from District Splitting in India and Indonesia” (with S. Bazzi, QA Do, R. Goyal, M. Gudgeon and K. Muralidharan)

“Calling the Land of Opportunity: The Economic Impact of Long-Distance Communications” (with D. Yanagizawa-Drott)

“Does Globalization Foster Gender Equality? Evidence from Air Travel” (with A. Alesina and D. Yanagizawa-Drott)

“The Lives of Others: Explaining Differences in Media Coverage of Human Losses in US Media” (with M. Djourelova, R. Durante, and E. Papaioannou)

Other Papers:

“Brazil x Argentina: Political Instability and Economic Performance as Seen from Brasilia and Buenos Aires”, prepared for *Séries de Conferências EESP 2009 – Crescimento Econômico*, São Paulo School of Economics (EESP-FGV), November 2009.

Popular Writings:

“Brazil's Coronavirus Crisis, Bolsonaro's Response and the Failure of Authoritarian Populism.” (with C. Ferraz and R. Soares) *NBC News Think*, 05/15/2020.

“Brazil's New President Faces Few Constraints.” *Bloomberg Opinion*, 10/29/2018.

“Brazil's Argentina Moment.” (with D. Rodrik) *Project Syndicate*, 06/08/2017.

“Did Declining Social Mobility Cause Trump's Rise? In a Word, No.” (with D. Yanagizawa-Drott) *Vox.com*, 12/09/2016.

“Rural Capitals, Big-Time Problems.” *New York Times*, 09/10/2014.

“Measuring Ramadan.” (with D. Yanagizawa-Drott) *New York Times*, 07/13/2014.

“Should L.A. be California's Capital?” *Los Angeles Daily News*, 11/19/2013. (written for *Zocalo Public Square*).

“The Educated Middle Class, their Economic Prospects, and the Arab Spring.” (with D. Chor) *World Financial Review*, 09/2012.

“Teaching Rebels.” (with D. Chor) *International Herald Tribune*, 02/22/2011.

Research cited in: *New York Times*, *Washington Post (Wonkblog)*, *The Economist*, *Wall St. Journal*, *NPR*, *LA Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Politico*, *The Atlantic*, *Marginal Revolution*, *Monkey Cage*, *Freakonomics*, among others.

Many op-ed articles published in Brazil (*Folha de S. Paulo*, *O Globo*, *Época*)

Monthly column in *Nexo Jornal* (from August 2019)

Teaching Experience:

Main Instructor

Spr. 19-20, Fall 20-21	Political Economy and Development, JHU Econ
Fall 19	Economic Development, SAIS
Spr. 19	Using Data to Understand Good Governance, SAIS
Spr. 16-18	Using Data to Understand Good Governance (PED-115), HKS
Spr. 09-11, 13-18	Advanced Macroeconomics for the Open Economy II (API-119), HKS
Fall 07, Spr 10, 14, 16	Macroeconomic Theory and Policy (API-121), HKS
Fall 07-08, Spr. 08-09	Second Year Policy Analysis Seminar (PED-250Y B), HKS
Spr. 12	Political Economics (G), PUC-Rio
Spr. 02	Microeconomic Theory III: Game Theory and Contract Theory (U), PUC-Rio
<i>Guest Lecturer</i>	
Fall 09-11, 13-14	Political Economics (G), Harvard University, Prof. Alberto Alesina
<i>Mini-Course</i>	
July 14, June 15	Political Economics (five-day course), Sao Paulo School of Economics (EESP-FGV), São Paulo, Brazil.
August 11	Political Economics (three-day course), Insper Business School, São Paulo, Brazil.

Presentations:

(including scheduled)

2021	ASSA, IEA World Congress (invited session, postponed), Rochester, University of Göttingen, UNU-WIDER, World Bank (ABCDE Conference).
2020	CID-HKS, IMF, NBER Political Economy Program Meeting, Seminário SBE de Economia Aplicada, UC Berkeley, World Bank (e-Covid webinar).
2019	CERGE-EI, DCPEC Research Workshop, George Mason, RIDGE-LACEA Workshop on Political Economy, LMU Munich.
2018	FCC, IDB, Michigan.
2017	Boston College, Brown, Columbia, Duke, Harvard-MIT (political economy), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Johns Hopkins, MIT, NBER Culture and Institutions Meeting, NBER Summer Institute (Urban Economics), Tufts.
2016	ASSA (section organizer), Barcelona Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict, Bocconi, BU, Columbia, Kellogg MEDS, Princeton, Stanford GSB, UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC San Diego, Wharton.
2015	ASSA, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC), Barcelona GSE, Brown Conference on “Long-Run Factors in Comparative Development,” Dartmouth, Georgetown, George Washington, Harvard (macro), Harvard-MIT (political economy), Michigan, NBER Summer Institute (National Security), NBER Summer Institute (Political Economy), NYU, Sao Paulo School of Economics, Toronto.
2014	ASSA, Brown, Caltech, EPGE-FGV, Harvard Conference on “Studying Religion Across the Disciplines,” IGC Growth Week, LSE, Princeton Workshop on Political Economy of the Muslim World, Sao Paulo School of Economics, UC San Diego, Warwick.
2013	Chicago Booth, Chicago Harris, ECARES, EPGE-FGV, HEC Montreal, NBER Political Economy Program Meeting, NEUDC, Paris School of Economics, Princeton Political Institutions and Economic Policy Conference (PIEP), Society for Economic Dynamics, UC Berkeley, UCLA Anderson.
2012	ASSA, EPGE-FGV, IPEA, Lacea PEG Group, PUC-Rio, Sao Paulo School of Economics, Taubman Center for State and Local Government (HKS), Tufts.
2011	Bocconi, IIES Stockholm, Insper, LSE, NBER Summer Institute (Political Economy), PUC-Rio, Sciences Po.
2010	Princeton, PUC-Rio, Stanford GSB, Yale.
2009	“Argentine Exceptionalism” Conference, EEA Annual Meeting, EPGE-FGV, George Washington, Kellogg MEDS, Lacea Annual Meeting, Sao Paulo School of

	Economics Conference on Economic Growth.
2008	EEA Annual Meeting, Georgetown, IEA World Congress, Maryland, Singapore Management University, Vanderbilt, Wisconsin, World Bank.
2007	Harvard Kennedy School, IIES Stockholm, LBS, UC San Diego, UC Santa Cruz.
2006	NBER Political Economy Program meeting.
2005	ASSA, EEA Annual Meeting, Econometric Society World Congress, Lacea Annual Meeting.
2004	Lacea PEG Group, NEUDC.

Keynote and Invited Presentations:

2021	Symposium on “Instrumentalizing Economics for Political Goals, Instrumentalizing Politics for Economic Goals” (Berlin Social Science Center, Germany)
2020	Symposium on Elections in the Age of the Internet and Social Media (Kennesaw State University, postponed),
2018	Aula Magna (Insper, São Paulo, Brazil), <i>Culture and Comparative Development</i> Workshop (University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg)

Other Professional Activities:

Referee	<i>American Economic Journal: Applied; American Economic Journal: Macro; American Economic Journal: Micro; American Economic Journal: Policy; American Economic Review; American Economic Review: Insights; American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; Econometrica; Economic Journal; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Law and Economics; Journal of Law, Economics and Organizations; Journal of Monetary Economics; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Politics; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Urban Economics; National Science Foundation; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Quarterly Journal of Political Science; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Economic Studies; among others.</i>
Discussant	ASSA (2021), NBER Summer Institute (Urban Economics) (2019), NBER Summer Institute (Urban Economics) (2018), NBER Political Economy Group meeting (2016), Fourth Annual Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference (2016), NBER Political Economy Group meeting (2015), NBER Political Economy Group meeting (2014), NBER Summer Institute (Political Economy Group) (2013), NBER Summer Institute (Political Economy Public Finance) (2010), Berkeley Workshop on Endogenous Institutions and Conflict (2010), NBER Political Economy Group meeting (2010), Princeton Conference in Dynamic Political Economy (2010), NBER Summer Institute (Political Economy) (2007).
Conference Organizer	Washington Political Economy Conference (2020, postponed), Harvard-JHU Cities and Development Conference (2018, 2019, 2020)
Editorial Board	<i>Journal of Comparative Economics, Economica.</i>
Board Membership	Association for Comparative Economic Studies (ACES).
Selection Committee	Lacea Annual Meeting (2014), NEUDC (2013).
Membership	AEA, Econometric Society, EEA, Lacea.

Fellowships, Honors, and Grants:

2017	25 th LACEA Anniversary Associate (honoring Latin American economists with outstanding record of publications in top journals)
2016-2017	Weatherhead Center for International Affairs grant
2014-2016	Global Asia Institute, JY Pillay Comparative Asia Research Centre Research Grant (co-PI, with Davin Chor)
2009-2016	Taubman Center for State and Local Government grant
2006-2007	Sidney R. Knafel Dissertation Completion Fellowship