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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020 – Lecturer in Economics, Business School, University of Exeter, UK

EDUCATION

2014 – 2020 Ph.D. Social Science (Economics), California Institute of Technology (Caltech), USA
Dissertation Title: “Essays on Market Design and Industrial Organization”
Committee: Matthew Shum (main advisor), Leeat Yariv, Federico Echenique, Charles Plott

2014 – 2016 M.S. Social Science, Caltech

2013 – 2014 M.S. Economics, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico

2008 – 2013 B.A. Economics with High Honors, CIDE

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Empirical Industrial Organization, Market Design and Matching, Econometrics, Applied Microeconomics.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2023 BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant, £9,980 (with Climent Quintana-Domeque)

2022 Research England’s Policy Support Fund (PSF) Grant, £30,000 (with Climent Quintana-Domeque)

2019 Lance Davis Fellowship, Caltech

2018 Linde Fellowship, Caltech

2017 John O. Ledyard Prize for Best Third-Year Paper (shared), Caltech

2017 Principles of Economics Best Teaching Assistant Prize, Caltech

2014 – 2020 Graduate Fellowship, Caltech

2014 Best M.S. Thesis, CIDE

2014 Highest M.S. Cumulative GPA, Class of 2014, CIDE

2013 M.S. Honors Scholarship, Fall 2013, CIDE

2013 – 2014 CONACYT Scholarship

2013 Highest B.A. Cumulative GPA, Class of 2013, CIDE

2008 – 2013 B.A. Honors Scholarship, CIDE

PUBLICATIONS

- “Executive compensation and competitive pressure in the product market: How does firm entry shape managerial incentives?” (with Kaniska Dam). *Mathematical Social Sciences*, 106: 60–77 (July 2020).

WORKING PAPERS

- “Managing Congestion in Two-Sided Platforms: The Case of Online Rentals”
(with Caterina Calsamiglia, Laura Doval, and Matthew Shum)

- “An Experimental Study of Decentralized Matching” (with Federico Echenique and Leeat Yariv)
- “Who Gets Placed Where and Why? An Empirical Framework for Foster Care Placement”

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Schedule Optimization and Teacher Allocation Frictions” (with Alvaro Carril)
- “Cascading Mechanisms” (with Wade Hann-Caruthers)

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (incl. scheduled, *online)

2023	Asia Pacific Industrial Organization Conference, Hong Kong Chinese University of Hong Kong Structural Econometrics Workshop, UCL Econometric Society European Meetings, Barcelona Annual Workshop on Applied Economics, Varna Consumer Search and Markets Conference, Rotterdam Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society*
2022	European Economic Science Association Conference, Bologna Annual Conference in Dynamic Structural Econometrics: Market Design, MIT SITE: Empirical Implementation of Theoretical Models, Stanford Annual Workshop on Applied Economics, Lamezia 22nd CEPR/JIE Conference on Applied Industrial Organization, ESMT Berlin
2021	CEBI Virtual Workshop on Children in out-of-home care* NBER Decentralization Conference*
2020	Annual Congress, European Economic Association* World Congress, Econometric Society* 4th Workshop on Mechanism Design for Social Good, MD4SG'20* Queen's University Belfast*; Ryerson University; University of Bristol; University of Exeter; University of Pittsburgh (CAASI)*; Columbia University; University of Wisconsin-Madison; Rice University; Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM); Banco de México
2018	Children's Data Network, USC North American Meetings, Econometric Society, UC Davis

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee for the following journals: *AEJ: Applied Economics*; *Children and Youth Services Review*; *Economics Bulletin*; *Ensayos Revista de Economía*; *Latin American Economic Review*; *Management Science*; *Mathematical Social Sciences*.

Program Committee member of the ACM Conference on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization (EEAMO), 2021–2022

Reviewer for MIT Press, and the Exeter Prize (2021–2023)

Discussant at the QUEX Seminar Series, 2022

Co-organiser of the Empirical Methods in Economics Reading Group, Exeter, 2023

Co-organiser of the Matching Markets and Inequality Workshop, Exeter, 2024

TEACHING Module Lead: BEEM147 Topics in Microeconomic Theory II, Exeter (graduate), Spring 2021–2024
Module Co-Lead: BEE2025 Microeconomics II, Exeter (undergraduate), Fall 2021–2023
Module Co-Lead: BEE3068 Economics Dissertation, Exeter (undergraduate), Fall 2021

ADVISING Scott Dickinson, Exeter (Ph.D. committee member), 2021 –
Décio Chaves de Assis, Exeter (Ph.D. committee member), 2022 –
Dissertation supervisor of multiple undergraduate and master’s students, Exeter, 2020 –
Mentor, REDNACECYT-MD4SG 2023 Summer of Science Program, Mexico, 2023

SOFTWARE MATLAB, Stata/Mata, Mathematica, Python, R, Julia

LANGUAGES Spanish (native), English (fluent), and German (intermediate)

CITIZENSHIP Mexican

NON-ACADEMIC

2021 – 2022 Listening Volunteer at Samaritans of Exeter, Mid and East Devon, UK

2018 – 2019 Volunteer Counselor at the Suicide Prevention Crisis Line, Didi Hirsch, USA