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RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Trade, Macro Development, and Structural Transformation.

REFERENCES

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EDUCATION

University of Nottingham — Nottingham, UK
PhD in Economics — *2021-2026 (expected)*

University of California, Berkeley — Berkeley, CA, US
Visiting Research. *Hosted by Prof. Andrés Rodriguéz-Clare* — *Spring 2025*

Center of Economics Performance (CEP) - LSE — London, UK
Visiting Research. *Hosted by Prof. Catherine Thomas* — *Autumn 2024*

Columbia University in the City of New York — New York, US
MA in Economics — *2016-2018*

University of San Andrés — Buenos Aires, AR
Master in Economics — *2014-2015*

University of Buenos Aires — Buenos Aires, AR
BA in Economics - *Magna Cum Laude* — *2008-2013*

JOB MARKET PAPER

The Food Problem in an Open Economy

This paper investigates why low-income countries (LICs) specialise in low-labour-productivity agriculture—the so-called "Food Problem." I develop a multi-country, multi-sector general equilibrium model with heterogeneous land endowments, non-homothetic preferences, input–output linkages, and trade costs to quantitatively study the mechanisms that drive agricultural specialisation. The analysis shows that relative land scarcity dampens measured labour productivity in agriculture in LICs, while input–output linkages generate economy-wide spillovers. Consequently, these countries display high revealed relative TFP in agriculture, while high trade costs prevent further specialisation. Counterfactual simulations reveal that trade openness deepens agricultural specialisation. Increasing agricultural TFP strengthens this effect, while in a closed economy the opposite occurs, as labour moves out of agriculture. In contrast, analogous shocks in manufacturing generate larger welfare gains and stronger spillovers to other sectors through input–output linkages. Overall, the Food Problem in an open economy reflects underlying revealed relative TFP, with trade amplifying rather than mitigating agricultural specialisation in low-income countries.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Floating or Pegged?: Trade Shock Adjustment in Small Open Economies. With Maria Agustina Sampaolesi

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Nottingham 2021 - Present
Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Economic Integration I and II, International Trade, Growth and Development in Long-Run, Quantitative Economics & Methods, Political Economy, Economics Dissertation.

Catholic University of Argentina 2018-2021
Adjunct Professor

- Econometrics I, Econometrics II/Time Series, Special Topics in Macroeconomics.

University of Buenos Aires 2018-2022
Adjunct Professor

- Macroeconomics and Economic Policy (joint course with Maria Agustina Sampaolesi)

Columbia University in the City of New York 2017
Teaching Assistant

- Intermediate Macroeconomics

University of San Andrés 2015-2016
Teaching Assistant

- International Monetary Economics, Economic Structure, Intermediate Macroeconomics

University of Buenos Aires 2013-2016
Teaching Assistant

- Intermediate Macroeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Sustainable Economics Associates 2020 - 2022
Senior Economist *Buenos Aires, ARG*

- Consultancy projects for the World Bank, IMF, and Asian Development Bank, focusing on macroeconomic diagnostics and policy evaluation.

Analytica Consulting 2018-2020
Senior Economist *Buenos Aires, ARG*

- Expert on fiscal and monetary analysis and forecasting, ranked 1st in the Central Bank of Argentina's Market Expectations Survey (REM).

Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina 2019-2020
Researcher *Buenos Aires, ARG*

- Research fellow at Observatorio de la Deuda Social Argentina (ODSA - UCA)

Bolsas y Mercados Argentinos (BYMA) 2018
Analyst *Buenos Aires, ARG*

- Analyst at General Management Office. Project manager.

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and University of San Andrés 2014-2016
Research Assistant *Buenos Aires, ARG*

- Research Assistant for Prof. Kawamura and Prof. Javier García-Cicco.

Argentinian National Ministry of Economy 2011-2014
Analyst *Buenos Aires, ARG*

- Economic Assistant at Minister Advisory Unit (2012-2014). Financial analyst at Public Debt Management Office (2011)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

University of Nottingham
School of Economics, Commendation for Contribution to Excellent Student Experience 2022-23
Teaching Excellence Award 2022-23, 2024-25
Full Doctoral Fellowship 2021-2025

Columbia University in the City of New York
Full Doctoral Fellowship 2016-2018

University of San Andrés
Master Fellowship 2014

LANGUAGES

Spoken Languages
Spanish (native), English (fluent), Italian (basic)

Programming Languages
LaTeX, Julia, Python, Matlab, R, Stata

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