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EMPLOYMENT:

Columbia University

Assistant Professor in Economics

2013-present

EDUCATION:

University of California at Berkeley (USA)

PhD in Economics

May 2013

Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium)

Master in Economics (*summa cum laude*)

June 2006

Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium)

Complementary degree in Economics
and Social Ethics

Sept. 2006

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS:

Public Economics, Development Economics, Labor Economics, Environmental Economics

REFERENCES:

David Card, Fred Finan, Edward Miguel, Emmanuel Saez, Catherine Wolfram (UC Berkeley)

WORKING PAPERS:

“Hysteresis and the Social Cost of Corrective Policies: Evidence from a Temporary Energy Saving Program”, with Francisco Costa
R&R, Journal of Political Economy

“Bounds on Treatment Effects in Regression Discontinuity Designs under Manipulation of the Running Variable, with an Application to Unemployment Insurance in Brazil”, with Miikka Rokkanen and Christoph Rothe
NBER Working Paper #22892 (under review at the Review of Economic Studies)

“Informal Labor and the Efficiency Cost of Social Programs: Evidence from the Brazilian Unemployment Insurance Program”, with Gustavo Gonzaga
NBER Working Paper #22608 (under review at the American Economic Review)

“Firms and the Racial Wage Gap: Evidence from Brazil,” with David Card, Lorenzo Lagos, and Edson Severnini

WORK IN PROGRESS:

“Unemployment Insurance and Consumption in a Context of High Informality,” with Joana Naritomi

“Welfare Programs and Formal Labor Markets in Middle-Income Countries: Evidence from Conditional Cash Transfer Programs in Brazil” with Joana Naritomi and Joana Silva

“Firms and Consumption Inequalities,” with Joana Naritomi

“The Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Special Tax Treatments in Value Added Tax Systems,” with Joana Naritomi

“The Incidence of Retail Tax Evasion: Evidence from *Mystery Shoppers*,” with Nada Eissa and Andrew Zeitlin

“The Welfare Effects of Non-Pecuniary Incentives,” with Anja Sautmann

“The Value Added of Having Value Added Taxes in Low Income Countries,” with Miguel Almunia, Jonas Hjort, and Lin Tian

“Informality, Heterogeneity, and Unemployment Insurance Programs over the Development Path.”

PUBLICATIONS:

“Efficiency vs. stability in climate coalitions: a conceptual and computational appraisal”, with Thierry Bréchet and Henry Tulkens. The Energy Journal (2011), vol. 32(1). Reprinted in *“Coalitions and Networks: 12 papers from 20 years of CTN workshops”*, edited by Carlos Carraro, FEEM press.”

“The impact of the unilateral EU commitment on the stability of international climate agreements”, with T. Bréchet, J. Eyckmans, P. Marbaix, H. Tulkens and J.-P. van Ypersele. Climate Policy (2010), vol. 10(2), pp. 148-166.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Senior Seminar on Empirical Methods (undergraduate), Main Instructor, Columbia	2016
Public Economics (graduate), Main Instructor, Columbia	2013, 2015, 2016
Public Economics (undergraduate), Main Instructor, Columbia	2013, 2015, 2016
Development Economics (graduate), Teaching Assistant, UC Berkeley	2011
Macro, Game Theory, Public Finance (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant, UC Berkeley	2009, 2009, 2010

EARLIER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Impact Evaluation Specialist, RTI International, Mali	2009-2011
Academic Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington DC	2011
Research Assistant for Professor Edward Miguel, University of California, Berkeley	2008-2010
Evaluation Coordinator, Innovations for Poverty Action, Kenya	2007
Research Assistant in Environmental Economics, CORE, Belgium	2006-2007

RESEARCH GRANTS:

International Inequalities Institute (UK): “Welfare Programs and Formal Labor Markets in Middle-Income Countries: Evidence from Conditional Cash Transfer Programs in Brazil”	2016
National Science Foundation (USA): “Non-Standard Issues in Regression Discontinuity Designs”	2016
International Growth Centre (UK): “The Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Special Tax Treatments in Value Added Tax Systems”	2015
International Growth Centre (UK): “The Impacts of An Innovative Audit Strategy on the Amount and Incidence of Retail Tax Evasion: Mystery shoppers and Electronic Billing Machines”	2015
International Growth Centre, London (UK): “Fiscal Capacity and Tax Revenues in Uganda”	2014
Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy (Sweden): “The Joint Retirement Decisions of Couples”	2011

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

Journal of Development Economics Prize, UC Berkeley	2013
Graduate Student Award in Public Policy Research, UC Berkeley	2013
Center for Equitable Growth Fellowship, UC Berkeley	2011-2012
Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley	2010-2011
George Break Prize for Best Performance in Public Finance field courses, UC Berkeley	2010
Eliot J. Swan Prize for Best Performance in the first year PhD courses, UC Berkeley	2009
Excellence Scholarship of Wallonie-Bruxelles International, Brussels (Belgium)	2008-2011
Belgian-American Education Fellowship (Brussels, Belgium)	2007-2008
Award of the Belgian Institute of Public Finance for best undergraduate thesis, Brussels (Belgium)	2007

SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS:

University of Michigan, World Bank, London School of Economics, Warwick University, Boston University	2016
NBER Public Economics Meetings, CEPR Public Economics Conference, Rotterdam University, Uppsala University, Georgetown University, National Tax Association Meetings	2015
Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, Fundação Getulio Vargas – São Paulo, Banco de México, COLMEX, CIDE, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Université du Québec à Montréal, UCLA	2014
NBER Public Economics Meetings, Toulouse School of Economics, University of Maryland (AREC), University College London, Institute for International Economic Studies, Wharton, McGill, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Columbia University, World Bank Research Group, Cornerstone Research, Brown University, University of California at San Diego, Duke University, University of Wisconsin at Madison, University of Chicago (Harris), University of California at Berkeley (PF lunch), Conference of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists	2013
BERC Energy Symposium, Annual meetings of the Society of Labor Economists, University of California at Berkeley	2012
Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, Inter-American Development Bank, University of California at Berkeley	2011

SUMMER SCHOOL:

Price Theory Summer Camp, University of Chicago

2011

OTHER INFORMATION:

Affiliations: American Economic Association, Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Center for Development Economics and Policy (CDEP), Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), International Growth Centre (IGC), National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).

Languages: French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Dutch (beginner), Portuguese (intermediate)

Citizenship: Belgian

Refereeing: American Economic Review, American Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, South African Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics.