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**EMPLOYMENT:**

Columbia University	Assistant Professor in Economics	2013-present
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**EDUCATION:**

University of California at Berkeley (USA)	PhD in Economics	May 2013
Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium)	Master in Economics ( <i>summa cum laude</i> )	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 Welfare Effect of Corrective Policies: Theory and Evidence from an 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 Miikka Rokkanen and Christoph Rothe  
NBER Working Paper #22892

**“Informal Labor and the Efficiency Cost of Social Programs: Evidence from the Brazilian Unemployment Insurance Program”**, with Gustavo Gonzaga  
NBER Working Paper #22608

**WORK IN PROGRESS:**

**“Unemployment Insurance Schemes and Consumption: Evidence from Brazil,”** with Joana Naritomi

**“Tax Systems and Inter-Firm Trade: Evidence from the VAT in Brazil,”** with Joana Naritomi and Arthur Seibold

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

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

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

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

**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, 2017
Public Economics (graduate), Main Instructor, Columbia	2012, 2015, 2016, 2017

**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

**SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS:**

National Science Foundation (USA): “Unemployment Insurance Schemes in Developing Countries”	2018
International Growth Centre (UK): “Unemployment Insurance and Consumption in a Context of High Informality”	2017
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

**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:**

New York University, Cornell University, Workshop on the Regression Discontinuity Design (UCL), Stockholm University, Bocconi University, Zurich University, London School of Economics, Public Finance in Developing Countries Conference (Zurich), National Tax Association Meetings, International Institute of Public Finance Conference (Tokyo), Toulouse School of Economics	
University of Michigan, World Bank, London School of Economics, Warwick University, Boston University, Public Finance in Developing Countries Conference (Zurich)	2016
NBER Public Economics Meetings, CEPR Public Economics Conference, Rotterdam University, Uppsala University, Georgetown University, National Tax Association Meetings, International Institute of Public Finance Conference (Dublin)	2015
Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, Fundação Getulio Vargas – São Paulo, Banco de Mexico, 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)	2013
BERC Energy Symposium, Annual meetings of the Society of Labor Economists, University of California at Berkeley, PUC-Rio, IADB	2011-2012

**SUMMER SCHOOL:**

Price Theory Summer Camp, University of Chicago	2011
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**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