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EDUCATION

Columbia University

Ph.D. in Economics	(expected) May 2020
M.Phil. in Economics	May 2017
M.A. in Economics	May 2016

Barcelona Graduate School of Economics

M.Sc. in Economics	Jul 2014
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Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Bachelor's Degree in Economics	Jul 2013
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FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, Labor Economics

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Economics, Columbia University	2019 - 2020
Dean's Fellowship, Department of Economics, Columbia University	2014 - 2019
Fellowship for US graduate studies, La Caixa Foundation, Spain	2014 - 2016
Scholarship for Master of Science, Catalunya La Pedrera Foundation, Spain	2013 - 2014
Award for top ten undergraduate students, Universitat Pompeu Fabra	2013

CURRENT PROJECTS

“Parental involvement laws and teenagers abortions and fertility. Evidence from Spain”

Abstract: This paper analyzes the effects of increasing abortion costs for minors on their behaviors, in particular, their abortions, sexual behavior, and births. We do so by exploiting a 2015 change in parental involvement (PI) laws in Spain, and rich population-level data on abortions and births. First, since the law change affected only minors, we document a decrease in 17-years-old abortions by using a difference-in-difference with the 17-years-old being the treated group, and the 18-years-old being the control. Moreover, using bunching methods, we show evidence of temporal displacement: some 17-years-old, who could wait until they turn 18 to abort to avoid involving their parents, did so. Second, we analyze how the decrease in abortions may influence related behaviors: sexual behavior and births. Our evidence suggests that some minors act “rationally” and internalize the PI cost increase: they modify their sexual behaviors to avoid getting pregnant before turning 18. This is shown by a permanent shift on the number of abortions at age 18 after removing the temporal displacement abortions. Finally, among women giving birth, the number of those who were pregnant at 17 increases relative to those who were pregnant at 18. This paper, thus, suggests that in high-stake decisions such as abortion and fertility, minors respond to PI laws.

“The effect of liberalizing abortion on sex selection. Evidence from Spain”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow, Columbia University

Intermediate Macroeconomics, Professor Alonso Spring 2017, 2019

Principles of Economics, Professor Musatti Fall 2018

Labor Economics, Professor Edlund Spring 2018

Intermediate Macroeconomics, Professor Sala-i-Martin Fall 2016, 2017

WORK EXPERIENCE

Internship at the Catalan Finance Ministry (Division of Studies and Projects) Jul 2013

OTHER

Leader and Treasurer, Scouts, L'Agrupament Escolta Pau Casals 2009 - 2011

PERSONAL

Software: Stata, R, Matlab, LaTeX

Languages: Catalan (native), Spanish (native), English (fluent)

Citizenship: Spanish