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Current Position

Faculty Lecturer, McGill University, Department of Economics, since August 2010

Education

European University Institute (EUI) Florence, 2004-2010, PhD in Economics

Thesis title: Identification and Estimation of Social Attitudes and their Effects on Political and Economic Outcomes

Supervisors: Prof. Richard Spady and Prof. Luigi Guiso

MRes in Economics, European University Institute. 2004-2005

Diploma of Advanced Studies in Economics, University of Barcelona (A, with distinction by the evaluation committee for the research project). 2002-2004

Bachelor in Economics, University of Barcelona. 1998-2002

Fields of interest

Applied Microeconometrics, Labor Economics and Development Economics.

Publications

Trust and the Choice Between Housing and Financial Assets: Evidence from Spanish Households, with Markus Poschke (McGill University). *Review of Finance* 15(4), October 2011, 727-756, doi:10.1093/rof/rfq030.

Regional heterogeneity in wage distributions: Evidence from Spain, with Enrique López-Bazo and Elisabet Motellón (University of Barcelona). *Journal of Regional Science* 51(3), August 2011, 558-584, doi:10.1111/j.1467-9787.2011.00714.x.

Cambios en la distribución salarial en España, 1995-2002. Efectos a través del tipo de contrato [Changes in the wage distribution in Spain, 1995-2002: Effects by type of contract], with Enrique López-Bazo and Elisabet Motellón (University of Barcelona). *Revista de Economía Aplicada* 18(53), Fall 2010, 5-38.

Firm size and the entire distribution of wages. A semiparametric approach, with Enrique López-Bazo (University of Barcelona). *Applied Economics Letters* 15(6), 2008, 427-430, doi:10.1080/13504850600706230.

Heterogeneidad en la distribución salarial entre las regiones españolas [Heterogeneity in wage distributions across Spanish regions], with Enrique López-Bazo (University of Barcelona). *Papeles de*

Economía Española 107, 2006, 214-230.

Research in Progress

Trust, child-care technology choice and female labor force participation. Revision requested by *Review of Economics of the Household*.

Savings and inequality, with Francisco Alvarez-Cuadrado (McGill University). *IZA Discussion Paper* 7083.

Could education promote the Israeli-Palestinian peace process? *cemmap Working Paper 27/10*. Submitted for publication.

Understanding the formation of attitudes towards conflict resolution in Cyprus, with Alice Mesnard (Institute for Fiscal Studies) and Anne Vanhems (Toulouse University).

Trust and reciprocity: Social capital and political engagement.

Research and Professional Experience

Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Centre for Microdata Methods and Practice (CEMMAP) and Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), London. September 2008-August 2010.

Jerusalem University and Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research (PSR), West Bank. Visiting Position February-April 2008.

Internship at the Research Division of the Bank of Spain. Summer 2006.

Research Assistant to Prof. Richard Spady. 2005-2006.

Research Assistant at the AQR Research Group (Quantitative Regional Analysis). Department of Econometrics and Statistics. University of Barcelona. 2002-2003.

Research Assistant at the Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB), Center of Research in Fiscal Federalism and Regional Economics. 2001-2002.

Awards and Scholarships

IZA Research Affiliate (since May 2007).

European University Institute grant for completion of the PhD, 2007-2008.

Postgraduate Scholarship granted by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the PhD in Economics at the European University Institute. 2004-2007.

Research Scholarship granted by the Department of Universities, Research and Information Society of the Autonomous Government of Catalonia to participate in research projects at the University of Barcelona. 2002-04.

Best undergraduate student award, University of Barcelona. 2004.

Research Scholarship granted by the University of Barcelona at the Research Group on Public Policies and Economic Regulation. Department of Economic Policy. University of Barcelona. July-October 2000.

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Econometrics 2 – Honours, McGill University, Winter 2011, Winter 2012, Winter 2013.

Undergraduate Macroeconomic Analysis and Applications, McGill University, Winter 2011, Winter 2012, Winter 2013.

Undergraduate Microeconomic Analysis and Applications, McGill University, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012.

Undergraduate Quantitative Economics and Econometrics, University College London, Course 2009-2010, Teaching Assistant.

Undergraduate World Economy, University College London, Spring 2009, Teaching Assistant.

Conference Presentations and Seminars

Tel-Aviv University, Departmental Seminar; Centre for Microdata Methods and Practice (cemmap) Seminar; Institute of Education, University of London (all 2009); Seventh meeting of the Microdata RTN, Central European University, Budapest; Simposio de Análisis Económico, University of Zaragoza (all 2008); IZA European Summer School in Labor Economics, Munich (2007); Simposio de Análisis Económico, University of Navarra; Encuentro de Economía Aplicada, University of Vigo (both 2004).

Other Professional Activities

Referee for *Applied Economics*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Economics Letters*, *Review of Economics of the Household* and *SERIEs (Journal of the Spanish Economic Association)*.

Personal Information

Born August 9, 1980 in Barcelona (Spain), Spanish citizen.

Languages: Spanish, Catalan (native), English, Italian (fluent), French (intermediate, currently taking courses).