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EDUCATION

- Phd in Economics [Currently in 4th year] (2022 – Present) – Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)
- Master in Economics (2022) – Universidad Nacional de La Plata
- Licenciante in Economics (2018) – Universidad Nacional de La Plata

HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Teaching Prize for Phd Students (2024) – Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- Severo Ochoa Barcelona GSE-UPF PhD Track Fellowship (2022) – Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- Distinguished Undergraduate Award (2019) – Universidad Nacional de La Plata
- Manuel Belgrano Award (2019) – Universidad Nacional de La Plata
- Graduate Student Scholarship for Research, Universidad Nacional de La Plata (2017 and 2018)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant at Universitat Pompeu Fabra, under the supervision of Alexander Frug, Larbi Alaoui and José Apesteguía, where I helped to build some simulations on python for a paper in Behavioral Economics. (2024 – Present)
- Research Assistant at *CAF – Banco de Desarrollo*, under the supervision of Guillermo Alves. As a final product we developed, among other economists, the report RED 2022 on intergenerational mobility [[Link](#)]. (2021 – 2022)
- Junior Researcher at *CEDLAS* (Center for Distributive, Labor and Social Studies), under the supervision of Guillermo Cruces. (2019 – 2021)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Teaching Assistant:
 - ❖ Universitat Pompeu Fabra (2022 – 2025): Data Science and Business Economics for Undergraduates
 - ❖ Universidad Nacional de La Plata (2018 – 2021): Introduction to Economics and Labor Economics for Undergraduates, and Advanced Microeconomics and Labor Economics for Graduates.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Low Take-Up and Financial Inclusion: Experimental Evidence from Argentina's Cash Transfers. Work with Guillermo Cruces. [[Working Paper](#)]
- Lasting Scars: The Unequal Impacts of Unemployment in Latin America. Work with Guillermo Alves [[CAF working paper](#)]
- Matching, Beliefs, and Inequality: Modeling Higher Education Choice in Chile. Work with Juan Pal.

PRESENTATIONS

- Participant at Dynamic Structural Econometrics summer school, at the University College of London (2025)
- Presenter at 3rd Essex PhD Conference in Applied Economics, at the University of Essex (2025)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Co-founder and AI Instructor (BitByBit.cat). Design and delivery of applied training on AI tools for academic and educational institutions (UPF, ESCI-UPF, Fundació Jesuïtes; UNLP and CEDLAS, Argentina; REIR; Eines per Tothom; collaboration with ESADE). (2024 – Present).
- Consultant in “Ministerio del Interior“. Developed reports on argentinian subnational expenditures and debt forecasting. (2020 – 2021)

LANGUAGES

- Spanish (native)
- English (advanced)
- Catalan (intermediate)

SOFTWARE

- STATA (advanced)
- Python (intermediate)

REFERENCES

- Caterina Calsamiglia. Computational Social Sciences Group Leader , Barcelona Supercomputing Center. Contact: caterina.calsamiglia@bsc.es
- Guillermo Alves. CAF Principal Researcher. Contact: galves@caf.com
- Guillermo Cruces. Deputy Director, CEDLAS. Contact: gcruces@gmail.com
- Libertad Gonzalez. UPF Associate Professor. Contact: libertad.gonzalez@upf.edu