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EDUCATION

- 2011 PhD in Economics
 Department of Economics, University College London, UK
 PhD Advisor: Pedro Carneiro
- 2004 Curricular Part of the Masters in Economics, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal
- 2002 Undergraduate degree in Economics (4 years degree)
 Department of Economics, Universidade Catolica Portuguesa, Portugal

CURRENT POSITIONS

- 2023 Full Professor
 Department of Economics, University of Bergen, Norway

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2017 –2022 Associate Professor
 Department of Economics, University of Bergen, Norway
- 2010 – 2017 Assistant Professor
 Department of Economics, Uppsala University, Sweden
- 2007 – 2010 Short Term Consultant
 Development Research Group - World Bank, Washington, US

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2011 Stiftelsen Siamon Research Grant, Sweden
- 2010 PhD Fellowship from Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, Portugal
- 2008-2009 Royal Economic Society - Junior Fellowship, UK
- 2006 Teaching Excellence Award, University College London, UK
- 2004-2008 PhD Fellowship from Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia, Portugal
- 2004-2005 PhD Fellowship from Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, Portugal
- 1999-2002 Bolsa de Mérito (Top achievement award), Universidade Catolica Portuguesa, Portugal

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2015 – 2017 “The health effects of early interventions: evidence from Sure Start” (EYP/42289), Co-PI with Sarah Cattan and Gabriella Conti (£143.000), Nuffield Foundation (UK)
- 2014 – 2017 “Understanding the effects of introducing and expanding universal health insurance program in medium income countries: Lessons from Mexico” (348-2013-6378), PI (3.000.000 SEK), Swedish Research Council, Sweden

PUBLICATIONS

1. “Higher Achievement Schools, Peers, and Mental Health”, with Aline Bütikofer, Fanny Landaud and Katrine Løken, 2022, Conditionally Accepted at *The Economic Journal*.
2. “Employer Responses to Family Leave Programs”, with Arizo Karimi and Pengpeng Xiao, 2023, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*
3. “Who Benefits From Free Health Insurance: Evidence from Mexico”, with Gabriella Conti, *Journal of Human Resources*, Volume 58, number 1, January 2023
4. “Parental Leave Benefits, Household Labor Supply and Children’s Long-run Outcomes”, with Jenny Jans and Arizo Karimi, *Journal of Labor Economics*, 2020, vol. 38, no. 1, Pages 261-320
5. “Tackling social exclusion: evidence from Chile”, with Pedro Carneiro and Emanuela Galasso, *The Economic Journal*, Volume 129, Issue 617, January 2019, Pages 172–208
6. “Partial Insurance and Investments in Children”, with Pedro Carneiro, *The Economic Journal*, 126 (October 2016), F66–F95
7. “Long-Term Impacts of Compensatory Preschool on Health and Behavior: Evidence from Head Start”, with Pedro Carneiro, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, November 2014, 6(4): 135–173
 - Media Coverage: [The Economist](#), [Vox](#)
 - Cited by the [2016 Economic Report of the President \(Chapter 4: Inequality in Early Childhood and Effective Public Policy Interventions\)](#)

WORKING PAPERS

8. “The Value of Health Insurance: A Household Job Search Approach”, with Gabriella Conti and Renata Narita, 2022, IZA DP No.11706, Revise & Resubmit at *Journal of Labor Economics*
9. “(Breaking) intergenerational transmission of mental health”, with Aline Bütikofer, Krzysztof Karbownik and Fanny Landaud”, in preparation for the *Special issue on child mental health* of the *Journal of Human Resources*.
10. “Does Your Doctor Matter? Doctor Quality and Patient Outcomes”, with Julie Riise, Barton Willage, and Alexander Willén, [CESifo Working Paper No. 9788](#), Revise & Resubmit at *Journal of Political Economy - Microeconomics*
11. “School Health Programs: Education, Health, and Welfare Dependency of Young Adults”, with Signe A. Abrahamsen and Julie Riise, 2021
12. “The health effects of early interventions: Evidence from the Sure Start”, with Sarah Cattan, Gabriella Conti and Christine Farquharson, [IFS report 2019, submitted](#)
 - See BBC coverage of our 2019 IFS report: <https://www.bbc.com/news/education-48498763>
13. “[Trade Competition, Technology and Labor Re-allocation](#)”, with Selva Baziki and Teodora Borota, 2020, [IZA DP No.10034](#)
14. “[Parental Investments in Children and Local Business Cycles](#)”, 2016

WORK IN PROGRESS

15. “Spillovers in Social Program Participation: Evidence from Chile”, with Pedro Carneiro, Barbara Flores, Emanuela Galasso, Aureo de Paula and Ben Waltmann.
16. “Heterogeneous Quality in Delivery of Welfare: Evidence from Social Workers in the Chile Solidario Program”, with Pedro Carneiro, Emanuela Galasso and Lucy Kraftman.
17. “Pregnancy Loss: Stress, Investment, and Subsequent Children”, with Aline Butikofer, Deirdre Coy and Orla Doyle

SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

- 2017 – 2021 Coadvisor, PhD Student Nina Serdarevic (University of Bergen),
First Job: Samfunns- og næringslivsforskning (Centre for Applied Research at the Norwegian School of Economics)
- 2019 – Coadvisor, PhD Student Linda Ostergren (University of Bergen)
- 2017- Supervisor of four master Students – additionally 3 for 2022/23 (University of Bergen)
- 2010-2017 Supervisor of two master Students (Uppsala University)
- 2008 - Supervision of Research Assistants

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- Lecturer for PhD Summer School – “The Development of Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skills in Childhood and Adolescence”, University of Mainz, Germany (August 2021)
- Lecturer for MSc. Course: Empirical Research Design, University of Bergen, Norway (Spring 2019)
- Lecturer for Undergraduate Course: Statistics and Econometrics, University of Bergen, Norway (Fall 2018)
- Lecturer for MSc. Course: Public Economics, University of Bergen, Norway (Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2022)
- Lecturer for MSc. Course: Labor Economics, Uppsala University, Sweden (Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012)
- Lecturer for PhD Course: Topics in Labor Economics, Uppsala University, Sweden (Spring 2012)
- Teaching Assistant for Economics of the Public Sector, University College London, UK (Fall 2007)
- Teaching Assistant for Money and Banking, University College London, UK (Spring 2006, Spring 2007)
- Teaching Assistant for Quantitative Economics and Econometrics, University College London, UK (Fall 2008)
- Teaching Assistant for Economics of Finance, University College London, UK (Fall 2005, Fall 2006)
- Teaching Assistant for Industrial Organization, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Portugal (Fall 2003)
- Teaching Assistant for International Economics, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Portugal (Spring 2003, Spring 2004)
- Teaching Assistant for Microeconomics, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Portugal (Fall 2002, Fall 2003, Spring 2004)
- Teaching Assistant for Optimization and Decision Models, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Portugal (Spring 2003)
- Teaching Assistant for Statistics, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Portugal (Fall 2002)

TEACHING COURSES AND DEVELOPMENT WORK

- 2015 Academic teaching training course (5 weeks full time work) - Uppsala University.

ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- 2022 Organizer of PhD course on “Topics in the Industrial Organization of Education Markets” by Christopher Neilson (Princeton University)
- 2022 Main organizer of international workshop “Health, Human Capital and Social Insurance” (25 participants), Bergen
- 2019 Main organizer of international workshop “Aging, Family and Social Insurance” (25 participants), Bergen
- 2018 Main organizer of Workshop Health and the Labor Market (20 participants), London, UK
- 2012 Organizer of the Nordic Family Workshop (20 participants), Portugal
- 2012 Co-organizer of the Workshop on Industry and Labor Market Dynamics (20 participants), IAE, Barcelona, Spain

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2022 Member of Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics, University of Bergen
- 2021 (Fall) Head of Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics, University of Bergen
- 2021 (Spring) Head of Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics, University of Bergen
- 2019 Head of Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics, University of Bergen
- 2018 Head of Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics, University of Bergen
- 2013 Member of the Junior Recruiting Committee, Uppsala University
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- 2010 Member of the Junior Recruiting Committee, Uppsala University
- 2017- Organizer of the Departmental Seminar Series, University of Bergen
- 2010- 2015 Main Organizer of the Labor Seminar Series, Uppsala University
- Fall 2017 Organizer of the Joint PhD Workshop in Economics (UiB - NHH)
- Spring 2018 Organizer of the Joint PhD Workshop in Economics (UiB - NHH)
- Fall 2018 Organizer of the Joint PhD Workshop in Economics (UiB - NHH)
- Spring 2019 Organizer of the Joint PhD Workshop in Economics (UiB - NHH)
- 2018/19 Responsible for Exchange Program for Students, Department of Economics, University of Bergen

REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

- 2022 Opponent for PhD defense (Malin Tallås Ahlzén, SOFI – Stockholm University)
- 2022 External member of PhD evaluation committee (Maximiliaan Thijssen, University of Stavanger)
- 2021 External member of PhD evaluation committee (Franziska Valder, KU Leuven)
- 2020 Evaluation Committee for Assistant Professorship in Economics, University of the Faroe Islands
- 2014- Reviewer of Grants Applications: National Science Foundation, Swedish Research Foundation, Riksbanken Jubileumsfond, Max Planck Society
- 2008- Academic Journals: Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Studies, Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Journal - Applied Economics, American Economic Journal - Economic Policy, Journal of Labor Economics, The Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Effectiveness, European Economic Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Health Economics, Health Economics, Economic Letters, Quantitative Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economics of the Household, The Scandinavian Journal of Economics, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Economics of Education Review, Portuguese Economic Journal, Nature Human Behavior, Science

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2021 On-going cooperation with “*Teresa e Alexandre Soares dos Santos – Iniciativa Educação*” – communication of scientific results to the general public (Portuguese foundation; [link](#) - em português)
- 2021 Summer School of *Fundação Francisco Manuel dos Santos*
<https://www.ffms.pt/escola-de-verao/detalhe/5446/escola-de-verao-2021>
- 2021 Presentation at *Portuguese Society of Mathematics*
Theme: “Return to school during a pandemic period: now what to do?”
- 2021 PhD Best paper committee for Forskermøtet (Annual Meeting of Norwegian Association of Economists)

- 2020 PhD Best paper committee for Forskermøtet (Annual Meeting of Norwegian Association of Economists)
- 2020 Programme Committee member EEA – Rotterdam
- 2019 Programme Committee member EEA – Manchester
- 2018 Invited Speaker at the World Bank Youth Summit

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

- 2021- Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany
- 2016–2021 Research Affiliate, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany
- 2015 – International Research Fellow, Institute for Fiscal Studies, UK
- 2012 – Member of Early Childhood Interventions and Markets Group, Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group, University of Chicago, USA

POLICY PAPERS

1. “[A micro-simulation exercise for the evaluation of proposed changes to Oportunidades](#)”, 2014, commissioned by The Inter-American Development Bank, with Orazio P. Attanasio, Rita Ginja and Pamela Jervis
2. [Can Targeted Assistance Help the Very Poor?](#) (World Bank, based on work with Pedro Carneiro and Emanuela Galasso)

INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023 AEA Meetings, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Singapore School of Management, Tilburg University

2022 University of Essex, University of Liverpool, University of Bristol, University of Zurich, Aarhus University, Essen Conference in Health Economics, Center for Health and Wellbeing - Princeton University, Health Economics Workshop - University of Copenhagen, Bank of Spain, IE Business School, ISEG - Universidade de Lisboa, University of Duisburg-Essen, Annual Meeting of Norwegian Association of Economists (Plenary Lecture)

2021 AEA Meetings, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, DIW Berlin, Essen Conference in Health Economics, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics - Summer Forum, ESPE, University of Strathclyde, Nova SBE

2020 University of Amsterdam, Workshop on Applied Microeconomics and Gender (Alicante), INSPER, RAND Corporation, EEA Meetings

2019 KU Leuven, Bristol Workshop on Economic Policy Interventions and Behavior, NBER SI, Workshop "Importance of early-life circumstances" (University of Copenhagen), Statistics Norway, University of Göteborg

2018 North American Winter Meeting of Econometric Society (Philadelphia), Humboldt University, Early Childhood Interventions Workshop (Luxembourg), Nordic Summer Institute (Helsinki).

2017 Royal Holloway, Nova SBE (Lisbon), Norwegian School of Economics, Oxford University, NBER Summer Institute, AEA Meetings, EEA Meetings (Lisbon).

2016 Institute for Fiscal Studies, Stockholm School of Economics, University of California – San Diego, World Bank-Banco de España Inequality Workshop (Madrid), EEA Meetings (Geneva), University of Oslo, University of Bergen, Workshop on Family Economics (Oslo), NEUDC 2016 (Boston), Banco de Portugal.

2015 Uppsala University, CORE (Université Catholique de Louvain), SITE (Stockholm School of Economics), SOLE Annual Meetings (Montreal), University of Essex

2014 IFN - Institutet för Näringslivsforskning, University of Bergen, University of Southern Denmark, AEA (Philadelphia), SOLE Annual Meetings (Washington, DC), Nordic Summer Institute (Helsinki).

2013 Lund University, Northwestern University, Ninth CSEF-IGIER Symposium on Economics and Institutions.

2012 University of Chicago, Nordic Workshop in Family Economics, Nordic Summer Institute (Bergen), Workshop on Children's Human Capital Development (Aarhus)

2011 SOFI, University of Stockholm, RES Conference (London), SOLE Annual Meetings (Vancouver), Nordic Workshop (Family Economics), Nordic Summer Institute (Faroe Islands), Institute of Education (London), EEA Meetings (Oslo)

2010 RAND, University of Mannheim, Uppsala University, EIEF, Alicante, Inter-American Development Bank, North American Winter Meeting of Econometric Society (Atlanta), SOLE Annual Meetings (London), Workshop of Economics of Education (ISEG, Lisbon), Meetings of Portuguese Economic Journal, Meetings of Society of Economic Dynamics (Montreal), European Summer Symposium in Labour Economics, European Commission.

2009 UCL, CEMMAP, EEA Meetings (Barcelona), SOLE Annual Meetings (Boston), RES Conference (Surrey), North American Winter Meeting of Econometric Society (San Francisco), Universidade Católica Portuguesa

2008 Universidade Católica Portuguesa, RES Conference (Warwick), SOLE Annual Meetings (New York), IZA Summer School, ESPE Annual Meetings (London), Meeting of the Portuguese Economic Journal (Evora)

2007 IFS, EEA Meetings (Budapest)

2006 UCL

MOBILITY (*research stays abroad lasting more than one month*)

2021-2022 Department of Economics, Nova School of Business and Economics, Portugal

Since 2010: Department of Economics, University College London, UK (several visits)

2016 Department of Economics, Princeton University, USA

2011-2012 Department of Economics, University of Chicago, USA

2007 Development Research Group at the World Bank, World Bank, USA