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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018 - Professor, Department of Economics, UC-Berkeley  
2018- Professor, Haas School of Business, UC-Berkeley

## AFFILIATIONS

Co-Director, Berkeley's Center for Economics and Politics (BCEP)  
Co-Chair, Governance Initiative at Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPAL)  
Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)  
Board Member and Fellow, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)  
Affiliate, Center of Evaluation for Global Action (CEGA)  
Faculty Affiliate, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP)  
Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)  
Research Affiliate, International Growth Centre  
Faculty Affiliate, Global Metropolitan Studies Program

## EDUCATION

2006 Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, Agricultural and Resource Economics

## PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- “Economic and Social Outsiders but Political Insiders: Sweden's Populist Radical Right”, with Ernesto Dal Bó, Frederico Finan, Olle Folke, Torsten Persson, and Johanna Rickne, February 2021, Forthcoming at *Review of Economic Studies*.
- “Money and Politics: The Effects of Campaign Spending Limits on Political Competition and Incumbency Advantage,” with Eric Avis, Claudio Ferraz, and Carlos Varjão, 2017. NBER Working Papers 23508, Forthcoming at *AEJ-Applied*.
- “Voting with One's Neighbors: Evidence from Migration within Mexico”, with Enrique Seira and Alberto Simpser, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2021, 202, 104495.
- “Electoral Incentives and the Allocation of Public Funds”, with Maurizio Mazzocco, forthcoming at *Journal of European Economic Association*, 2021, 19:5, 2467–2512.
- “Information Technology and Government Decentralization: Experimental Evidence from Paraguay”, with Ernesto Dal Bo, Nicholas Li, and Laura Schechter, *Econometrica*. 2021, 89: 677-701.
- “Do Government Audits Reduce Corruption? Estimating the Impacts of Exposing Corrupt Politicians”, with Eric Avis and Claudio Ferraz, *Journal of Political Economy*, 2018 126:5, 1912-1964.

- “Who Becomes a Politician”, with Ernesto Dal Bó, Olle Folke, Torsten Persson, and Johanna Rickne, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Volume 132, Issue 4, November 2017, Pages 1877–1914.
- “Strengthening State Capabilities: The Role of Financial Incentives in the Call to Public Service”, with Ernesto Dal Bó and Martín A. Rossi, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2013. 128 (3): 1169-1218.
- “Corrupting Learning: Evidence from Missing Federal Education Funds in Brazil”, with Claudio Ferraz and Diana B. Moreira, *Journal of Public Economics*. 2012. 96(9-10): 712-726.
- “Vote-buying and Reciprocity”, with Laura Schechter, 2012. *Econometrica*.80(2): 863-882.
- “Local Electoral Accountability and Decentralized Program Performance”, with Alain de Janvry and Elisabeth Sadoulet, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2012; 94(3).
- “Electoral Accountability and Corruption in Local Governments: Evidence from Audit Reports”, with Claudio Ferraz, *American Economic Review*, 2011; 101, 1274-1311.  
 ➤ Awarded the 2005 Birmingham Prize and 2013 Haralambos Prize
- “Neighborhood Peer Effects in Secondary School Enrollment Decisions”, with Gustavo Bobonis, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2009; 91(4): 695-716.
- “Exposing Corrupt Politicians: The Effect of Brazil’s Publicly Released Audits on Electoral Outcomes”, with Claudio Ferraz, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2008; 123(2): 703-745.
- “Can Conditional Cash Transfers Serve as Safety Nets to Keep Children at School and Out of the Labor Market?”, with Alain de Janvry, Elisabeth Sadoulet, and Renos Vakis, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2005; 79(2): 349-373.
- “Measuring the Income Generating Potential of Land in Rural Mexico”, with Alain de Janvry and Elisabeth Sadoulet, *Journal of Development Economics* 2005; 77:27-51.
- “Errors in the Measurement of the Output Gap and the Design of Monetary Policy”, with Athanasios Orphanides, Richard Porter, Dave Reifschneider, and Robert Tetlow, *Journal of Economics and Business* 2000; 52:117-141.

#### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

- “At the Intersection: A Review of Institutions in Economic Development”, with Ernesto Dal Bó, Eds. Baland, J., Bourguignon, F., Platteau, J., & Verdier, T. (2020). *The Handbook of Economic Development and Institutions*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- “Progress and Perspectives in the Study of Political Selection”, with Ernesto Dal Bó, *Annual Review of Economics* 2018; 10:1, 541-575
- Making Politics Work for Development: Harnessing Transparency and Citizen Engagement, with Khemani, Stuti; Dal Bó, Ernesto; Finan, Frederico S.; Stephenson Johnson, Corinne Louise; Odugbemi, Adesinaola Michael; Thapa, Dikshya; Abrahams, Scott David. 2016 Washington, D.C. : World Bank Group.
- “Fighting Political Corruption: Evidence from Brazil”, with Claudio Ferraz. December 2016, forthcoming in Eds. K. Basu and T. Cordella "*Institutions, Governance, and the Control of Corruption*".

“The Personnel Economics of the State”, with Benjamin Olken and Rohini Pande, April 2015, Eds. Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo *Handbook of Field Experiments*, North-Holland, 2 (2017) 467-514.

“Evaluating Brazil’s Bolsa Escola Program: Governance and Decentralized Implementation”, with Alain de Janvry, Benedicte de la Briere, Peter Lanjouw, Kathy Lindert, Donald Nelson, Elisabeth Sadoulet, Social Safety Nets Primer Series, World Bank, November 2005.

“Learning and the Complexity of Monetary Policy Rules”, with Robert J. Tetlow and Peter von zur Muehlen, Benjamin Hunt and Adrian Orr (eds.) *Monetary Policy Under Uncertainty*, Wellington, New Zealand: Reserve Bank of New Zealand, 1999.

#### COMPLETED WORKING PAPERS

“Reinforcing RCTs with Multiple Priors while Learning about External Validity”, with Demian Pouzo, 2021, 2112.09170, arXiv.

“Combating Political Corruption with Policy Bundles”, with Maurizio Mazzocco, 2021. NBER Working Papers 28683, National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc., Revision Requested at the *Journal of Political Economy*.

“Brokering Votes with Information Spread Via Social Networks”, with Raul Duarte, Horacio Larreguy, Laura Schechter, July 2020.

“Political Power, Elite Control, and Long-Run Development: Evidence from Brazil,” with Claudio Ferraz and Monica Martinez-Bravo, 2020. NBER Working Papers 27456, National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.

“Procuring Firm Growth: The Effects of Government Purchases on Firm Dynamics”, with Claudio Ferraz and Dimitri Szman, May 2015, NBER Working Paper No. 21219.

“Motivating Politicians: The Impacts of Monetary Incentives on Quality and Performance”, with Claudio Ferraz, January 2014.

“A Tool for Optimal Control of Large, Forward-Looking Models”, with Robert Tetlow, Finance and Economics Discussions Working Paper, 2001.

#### AWARDS

2017	Best Graduate Student Advisor
2016	Best Graduate Student Teacher
2013	Excellence in Refereeing Award, <i>Review of Economic Studies</i>
2013	Haralambos Prize
2013	Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow
2011, 2010	Excellence in Refereeing Award, <i>American Economic Review</i>
2002	Social Science Research Council Fellowship

#### GRANTS

2019	“Teacher Rotation and Student Outcomes: Experimental Evidence from Uganda” (Funders: USAID, JPAL, EDI. Total funding: \$1.5 million)
2014	“Monitoring Public Employees in Paraguay: Can Technology Adoption by the Government Improve Agricultural Extension Services for Poor Farmers?” International Growth Centre (IGC), \$252,249
2014	Governance Initiative Grant, JPAL, \$47,776
2011	Governance Initiative Grant, JPAL, \$35,000

2009 National Science Foundation: Research Grant (PI), \$250,000  
 2007 Senate Grant, \$10,000  
 2007 NICHD Pilot Grant, Population Research Center, \$10,000  
 2007 Latin American Studies Grant, \$15,000  
 2006 NICHD Pilot Grant, California Center for Population Research, \$20,000

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Editorial Board, *American Economic Journal – Applied*, 2017 -

Editorial Board, *World Bank Economic Review*, 2016 -

Associate Editor, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2021 -

Associate Editor, *Quantitative Economics*, 2018 -

Associate Editor, *Economica*, 2015 -

Associate Editor, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2010 -

Associate Editor, *Journal of Political Economics*, 2016 - 2019

25<sup>th</sup> LACEA Anniversary Associate, 2017-

Steering Committee, Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC), 2012-2014

Co-organizer, LACEA-Political Economy Group, 2010 -

Co-organizer, Berkeley Conference on Political Economy and Governance, 2012-

Co-organizer, Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE), 2012

Co-organizer, Stanford Institute in Theoretical Economics Conferences: Growth and Development, July 2012

Program Committee, LAMES/LACEA, 2012, 2017

Program Committee, IEA World Congress, 2017

### **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2019 Faculty Advisory Board, Alta Dirección e Innovación, UC-Berkeley

2016 Executive Training, Government of India

2015 Consultant, World Bank Group, Washington D.C.

2004 Consultant, World Bank Group, Washington D.C.

2002 Consultant, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington D.C.

1997-2000 Research Analyst, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Macroeconomics and Quantitative Studies Section, Washington D.C.

### **PERSONAL**

U.S. and Brazil citizen