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Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Positions	Postdoctoral Research Fellow University of Warwick, UK	Sept. 2024 -
Education	<i>Ph.D.</i> in Economics <i>M.A.</i> in Economics and Finance CEMFI, Madrid, Spain	2020 - 2024 2018 - 2020
	<i>B.Sc.</i> in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics <i>B.Ec.</i> in Finance Renmin University of China, Beijing, China	2014 - 2018 2014 - 2018
	International Exchange University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA	2016 - 2017
Research Fields	Development Economics, Political Economy	
Working Papers	Corruption and Talent Allocation <i>Abstract:</i> Leveraging an anti-corruption audit program in Brazil, I investigate whether corruption shifts the allocation of talent. I link administrative data on program roll-out with education and employer-employee registers. Following audits, high-ability students change their college major to be less aligned with public sector careers, and they become less likely to enter public sector careers later on. Investigating mechanisms, I argue that these results are driven by the perception of lower returns to public sector careers owing to reduced rents and the risk of reputation loss. My findings highlight an understudied consequence of corruption, namely, the distortionary impacts on talent sorting.	
Selected Work in Progress	Immigration and Assimilation of the Chinese Diaspora in Indonesia <i>Abstract:</i> This paper studies the effects of state-enforced assimilation policy on immigrant integration. I focus on the Chinese diaspora in Indonesia when long-lasting anti-Chinese legislation during the New Order (1966-1998) was revoked after the fall of Suharto. I exploit across-regency differences in ethnic Chinese shares prior to the revoke as a proxy for the intensity of out-group exposure. The difference-in-difference estimates suggest the revoke of the legislation fostered cultural assimilation of Chinese Indonesians, as measured by language use and religious affiliation. Additional data collection is in process to study economic and political assimilation, as ethnic Chinese are perceived as economic insiders but political outsiders in Indonesia. All in all, this study aims to contribute to understanding how state policy affects immigrant integration in the context of south-south migration.	
	The Global Health Toll of the Global Gag Rule (with Sonia Bhalotra and Damian Clarke)	

Conferences and Seminars (*Scheduled)	<p>2025 Applied Micro Workshop (Insper), Institute of Health Policy Studies (IEPS, São Paulo), CGU (Brasília), American-European Health Economics Study Group (*Oxford), EYAE Annual Meeting (*KCL), IEB Workshop on Political Economy (*Barcelona), *BSE Summer Forum Workshop on Policy Evaluation in Health and Labor, WOLFE (*York), *RHUL-City University Family and Health Economics Research Workshop</p> <p>2024 UiS Business School, University of Southern Denmark, CGU Ada Lovelace Hour (online), MWIEDC (University of Chicago), AYEW (Warwick-Monash, online), Bread Asia (NUS)</p> <p>2023 NEUDC (Harvard Kennedy School), EWMES (Manchester)</p> <p>2022 CAGE Summer School (Warwick), ACES Political Economy Summer School (LSE)</p>
Teaching Experience	<p><i>Teaching Assistant</i>, Mathematics (Graduate), CEMFI Fall 2021</p> <p><i>Teaching Assistant</i>, Uncertainty and Information (Graduate), CEMFI Winter 2021, 2023</p>
Relevant Positions	<p><i>Research Assistant</i>, Dr. Yarine Fawaz, CEMFI 2021 - 2024</p> <p><i>Research Assistant</i>, Prof. Manuel Arellano, CEMFI 2020 - 2021</p> <p><i>Research Assistant</i>, Prof. Monica Martinez-Bravo, CEMFI 2019</p>
Grants, Awards, and Honors	<p><i>Maria de Maeztu</i> Research Grant (€2000) 2023</p> <p>CEMFI Ph.D. Scholarship 2020-2024</p> <p>CEMFI Master in Economics and Finance Scholarship 2018-2020</p> <p>Presidential Scholarship for International Exchange, RUC 2016-2017</p> <p>China National Scholarship 2015 & 2016</p> <p>China National Petroleum Corporation Scholarship 2014</p>
Short-term Visits	<p><i>INEP</i>, Ministry of Education Apr. 2023 Brasilia, Brazil</p> <p><i>Insper</i> Mar.-Apr. 2025 São Paulo, Brazil</p>
Citizenship	Chinese
Languages	Mandarin (Native), English (Fluent), Spanish (Intermediate), Portuguese (Basic)

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