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CURRENT POSITION

10/2022 - Research Officer, **London School of Economics and Political Sciences**, International Inequalities Institute.

EDUCATION

2018-2022 PhD, Department of Social Policy, **London School of Economics and Political Science**. Viva held in December 2022.
Thesis title: "Essays on gender and higher education".
Advisors: Stephen Jenkins and Berkay Özcan.
Examiners: Lindsey Macmillan and Almudena Sevilla.

2017-2018 MRes of Economics, **University College London**

2016-2017 MSc Applied Economics, **Universidad de Chile**

2011-2016 Civil Industrial Engineering, **Universidad de Chile**

2011-2015 Bachelor of Engineering Science, **Universidad de Chile**

RESEARCH FIELDS

Main Field: Applied microeconomics. **Secondary fields:** Policy Analysis, Gender Inequality, Education Economics

PAPERS AND WORKING PAPERS

[Is 'Employment during Motherhood' a 'Value Changing Experience'?](#) with Mireia Borrell and Joan Costa-Font. *Advances in Life Course Research*

["Effects of team diversity on performance, perceptions, and predictions: Experimental evidence of gender composition and language."](#) with Chiara Orsini, Berkay Özcan, Johann Koehler

["Policy Evaluation of Gender Affirmative Action in Engineering Schools"](#)

["The Role of Admission Criteria in Reducing Gender Imbalances in Higher Education"](#)

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

"Gender Differences in Publicizing Original Work: Evidence from a sample of the elite students from around the World" with Chiara Orsini and Berkay Özcan. *With grant from LSE Eden Centre*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

* *Invited talks*

- 2023 YEM Young Economists Meeting
ESPE Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics
ECINEQ Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality
EALE Meeting of European Association of Labour Economists
- 2022 LSE Seminar series on international and public policy*
RC28 “Social Stratification and Social Policy for a Post-Covid19 World”
CCA “Workshop on gender and Education”
UNU- WIDER Development Conference “Reducing inequality – the great challenge of our time”
LSE Centre for academic performance, Education seminars*
- 2021 CIVICA panel on the future of higher education*
- 2019 LSE Workshop on Economics of the Family, Gender and Old Age*
International Congress on gender and science in Santa Fe, Argentina.

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

- 2020 - **London School of Economics and Political Sciences**, London
09/2022 Research assistant for Francisco Ferreira and project coordinator for LACIR, [The Latin America and Caribbean Inequality Review](#) (14 hrs per week)
- 2018 - **London School of Economics and Political Sciences**, London
2019 **Research Assistant** for Berkay Özcan and Joan Costa-Font (6 hrs per week)
- 2017 - **GBA Consulting**, Santiago
2019 **Economic Consultant** for the Ministry of Energy and other Public Enterprises (*sporadic*)
- 2016 **Central Bank of Chile**, Santiago
Research Assistant at the Finance Division (*Full-time*)
- 2015 **University of Chile**, Santiago
Research Assistant at the Centre for Applied Economics (6 hrs per week)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020-2021 **King’s College London**, Department of Political Economy, London
Principles of Economics, Graduate teaching assistant
- 2015 **University of Chile**, Engineering School, Santiago
Advanced Microeconomics, Teaching assistant (Graduate class)
- 2015 **Labour Economics**, Teaching assistant (Graduate Class)
- 2015-2016 **Microeconomics**, Teaching assistant
- 2013-2016 **Economics**, Teaching assistant
- 2012 **Newtonian Systems**, Teaching assistant

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2020 LSE PhD Poster Exhibition – Runner up
- 2017-2020 Doctoral Studentship, ANID/CONICYT
- 2014,2015 Distinguished Student, University of Chile, Engineering School
- 2011 Irma Salas Merit Scholarship, University of Chile

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference organization: LACIR Cartagena Conference – organizer; LACIR Washington Workshop – organizer.
Referee: Review of Economics of the household

OTHER ACTIVITIES

2019-2022 Student Representative at LSE
2017-2018 Student Representative at UCL
2016 Vice president of the Student Council at the Engineering School - University of Chile (*elected position*)
2016 Member of the Engineering School Academic Committee
2013-2014 Member of the gender equality committee - University of Chile

COMPUTER SKILLS

Stata, R, LaTeX, Matlab, Python

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native

English: Fluent

French: Basic