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EDUCATION

- 2014-2019 P.h.D. in Economics, **State University of New York**, USA, Stony Brook, NY
Thesis: “Budget Rules, Political Turnover and Disagreement”
Committee: Profs. Marina AZZIMONTI (adviser), Juan Carlos CONESA (adviser)
Sandro BRUSCO and Yair TAUMAN
GPA: 3.9/4.0
- 2005-2009 B.A. in Economics, **Universidade de São Paulo**, Brazil, São Paulo, SP
Paper: “A study of racial phenotype impact on education and wages levels”
Advisor: Marcos RANGEL

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2020–ACTUAL | Postdoc fellow, Lecturer at SÃO PAULO SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS - FGV, Brazil
My work focus on the optimal design of incentives and rules that govern political budgetary negotiations, aiming at welfare improvement and inequality reduction. I am a lecturer of Macroeconomics for undergraduates. |
| 2019–2020 | Partner at BLUELINE ASSET MANAGEMENT, Brazil
I was the partner responsible for the macroeconomic and political analysis of South America. My research supported the rates, fx and equity trading desks. I also participate actively in investment and administrative committees, manage the construction of the fund's database and give support to the digital marketing and media strategy of the fund. Led by Giovanni Silva, CEO/CIO, BlueLine Asset Management is a Latin American investment management firm, led by a group of six partners that have worked together and have 22 years average industry experience at leading international and local financial institutions as J.P. Morgan and BBM. |
| 2010–2014
2006–2008 | Economist at J.P. MORGAN, USA and Brazil
Member of the Latin America Research team headed by Luis Oganés, with focus on Brazil, Colombia and Peru macroeconomic research. Responsible for all econometric modeling and data analysis of the region, with particular focus given to fiscal accounts and balance of payments analysis. Responsible for publications that involve J.P. Morgan's Latin America regional coverage, with a focus on inflation and public finance. Participation in meetings and conference calls with internal (traders and sales) and external (hedge and pension funds) clients. Frequent interaction with policy makers and central bankers. Previously, from 2006 to 2008, I have worked as an intern in the same economic research department where I would assist economists in econometric forecast analysis and writings. |

2005-2009 | Research Assistant at FIPE – ECONOMIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION, Brazil
Research Assistant of Professor Marcos Rangel in microdata analysis. The research focused on social inequality and public policy analysis in cooperation with the Racial Institute Research of University of São Paulo – a diverse research environment that counted with sociologists, political scientists and economists. The focus was in a comparative analysis of affirmative actions to reduce gender and ethnic inequality in the US and in Brazil. I developed Microeconomic data analysis and worked on a literature review, which was later applied in my B.A. conclusion paper.

TÊNDENCIAS CONSULTANCY, Brazil

Intern part of the Oil and Gas study group in the biggest Economic and Political Consultancy in Brazil, collaborating for the development of sectorial analysis reports, time series analysis and writing blast report to clients.

PREVIOUSLY | Various, Brazil

I've also worked as sales representative in a local recreation center full time during my whole High School and as Secretary in a Law Firm during my first years in College. During my last year in College I was have created a and managed a micro company of basic apparel that was produced with sustainable fabrics from Brazil. These were all experiences that have broadened and developed my professional perspective and ethics and I am very proud of it.

PROGRAMMING AND COMPUTER SKILLS

R, Stata, Eviews, MATLAB, Python, FORTRAN, \LaTeX , Office

ACADEMIC RESEARCH

WORKING PAPERS

- Bargaining over Mandatory Spending and Entitlements. (with M. Azzimonti and G. Mihalache)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Mandatory Spending, Political Turnover and Disagreement
- The Political Dynamics of Debt and Entitlements (with M. Azzimonti)
- The politics of favor exchange: an analysis of Senate co-sponsorship dynamics (with M. Fernandes)
- Fiscal institutions, fiscal performance and politics (with X. Wang)

CONFERENCES

2020-2021 | Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) Political Economic Theory session, Society for Economic Dynamics Annual Meeting, RIDGE-LACEA Political Economy workshop.

2019 | ASSA annual meeting, 83rd Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting (St. Louis, Missouri), 45th Eastern Economic Association.

2018 | Southern Economic Association (Washington-DC), 29th International Conference on Game Theory (Stony Brook), 82nd Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting (Chicago), The Center for Behavioral Political Economy Seminar (Stony Brook).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

INSTRUCTOR

Mathematical Statistics (undergraduate: Sp'17, F'17, Sp'18), Money and Banking (undergraduate: W'16), Labor Theory (undergraduate: S'16, S'17, S'18)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Macroeconomics I (graduate: F'16), Mathematical Statistics (undergraduate: Sp'16), Microeconomic Theory (undergraduate: S'15), Macroeconomic Theory (undergraduate: F'15), Introduction to Economics (undergraduate: F'14, Sp'15).

HONORS AND GRANTS

2019	Teaching by a graduate student award.
2014-2019	Graduate teaching assistantship - Stony Brook University.
2012	Top Inflation Forecaster - Central Bank of Colombia.
2011	Top Inflation Forecaster - Central Bank of Brazil.
2009	Research Assistant scholarship - Poverty Study Center at University at University of São Paulo (2009).

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY WORK

2020	Producer and Coordinator of “ Podcast das economistAs ”, a podcast that aims to promote the voice of female economists in Brazil and to inspire young women to economics.
2014-2019	Founder of the “Economics Research Club”, a club that aims to promote a healthy and encouraging environment for graduate students to discuss and present their research. I was a member of the ethics committee at Stony Brook.

LANGUAGES

PORTUGUESE:	Mothertongue
ENGLISH:	Fluent
SPANISH:	Intermediate
FRENCH:	Basic