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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2023 - Lecturer, **Department of Risk and Disaster Reduction, University College London**

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

2023 - External Member, **NOVAFRICA**

EDUCATION

2023 PhD in Economics, **Nova School of Business and Economics**
Thesis title: *Essays in Development Economics*

2016 MSc in Economics, **INSPER**

2016 MSc in Economics, **Nova School of Business and Economics**

2012 BSc in Economics, **Tilburg University**

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Mobilizing Parents at Home and at School: An African Experiment on Primary Education (with Vincenzo Di Maro, Danila Serra, and Pedro C. Vicente), **Economic Development and Cultural Change**, 2024, 72(3).
- [2] Does Electoral Observation Influence Electoral Results? Experimental Evidence for Domestic and International Observers in Mozambique (with Pedro C. Vicente), **World Development**, 2019, 114, pp. 42-58.

WORKING PAPERS

- [1] It Will Rain: The Effect of Information on Flood Preparedness in Urban Mozambique
- [2] Valuing Mangrove Forest Conservation: An Analysis of Rural and Urban Residents' Willingness to Work and Pay (with Maria Antonieta Cunha e Sá, Renato Rosa, Ana Rodrigues, Margarida Ortigão, Luisa Nobre, and Alberto Charrua)
- [3] Community Involvement in School Governance: Evidence from the Dominican Republic (with Maria A. Canudo, Vincenzo Di Maro, Gastón Pierri, and Eric Teschke)

ONGOING PROJECTS

- [1] Urbanisation Meets the Environment in a Mozambican City (with Patricia Caetano, Jacob Macdonald, Caroline Mieke, and Pedro C. Vicente)
- [2] Evaluation of Bicycle and Uniform Distribution Programs for Girls in Mozambique (with Caio Piza)
- [3] Resilience through Contingency Loans in Savings Groups (with Francesco Cecchi and Alberto Charrua)
- [4] Economic Resilience and Social Protection in Vulnerable Communities of Mozambique (with Dahyeon Jeong, Astrid Zwager, and Steven Glover)
- [5] Crop Insurance Innovations in Rwanda (with Anuja Jaitly)

RESEARCH GRANTS

2025	IGC - Mapping and Monitoring Informal Resilience in Mozambique - £20,000 (PI)
2025	FCT - Urbanization Meets the Environment - €250,000 (Co-PI)
2025	IGC - Resilience through Contingency Loans in Savings Groups - £60,000 (PI)
2024	IGC - Crop Insurance Innovations in Rwanda - £20,000 (Co-PI)
2024	IGC - Urbanization Meets the Environment - £87,878 (Co-PI)
2023	IGC - Urbanization Meets the Environment - £85,050 (Co-PI)
2023	IGC - Avenues for Research on Agricultural Insurance in Mozambique - £17,780 (Co-PI)
2022	IGC - Preparing for Urban Flooding: The Impact of Risk Information - £19,998 (PI)
2021	IGC - Salience and Accessibility of Disaster Risk Information - £19,985 (PI)
2019	Nova SBE Leadership for Impact Knowledge Center - School Management Committees and Decentralized Funding - €1,000 (PI)
2019	Nova SBE Seed Grant - School Management Committees and Decentralized Funding - €2,000 (PI)
2018	Instituto Camões - Impact Evaluation of a Scorecard for Schools - €25,000 (Co-PI)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2023	Amélia de Mello Foundation - Award for the best Ph.D. dissertation
2020 - 2022	Nova SBE - Merit-based tuition waivers
2017	Amélia de Mello Foundation - Award for the best Ph.D. student (curricular part)
2016 - 2020	Portuguese National Science Foundation - Ph.D. Scholarship
2013 - 2014	Nova SBE - Merit-based tuition waivers

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026	CSAE Conference (Univ. of Oxford).
2024	UNU-WIDER Conference (Maputo), Urbanization and Poverty Reduction Research Conference (World Bank).
2023	North East Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC - Harvard Univ.), MeasureDev (World Bank), CSAE Conference (Univ. of Oxford).
2022	Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev - Univ. of San Francisco), Advances with Field Experiments Conference (AFE - Univ. of Chicago), European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Conference (EAERE - Univ. of Bologna), NOVAFRICA conference (Nova SBE), Sustainability and Development Conference (SDC - Univ. of Michigan), Royal Dutch Association for Economists New Paper Sessions (Leiden Univ.), IEA-UNDP-WB Conference: Gender-Climate Nexus, Ph.D. Workshop Queen Mary Univ. of London, Ph.D. Workshop DENeB Berlin, Lisbon Micro Group (ISEG).
2021	KDI School and World Bank DIME Conference.
2019	NEUDC (Northwestern Univ.), NOVAFRICA conference (Nova SBE), SDC (Univ. of Michigan), Ph.D. Workshop DENeB Berlin, CSAE Development Away Afternoon (Univ. of Oxford), Quantitative Economics Doctorate Jamboree (QED - Nova SBE), Working Group in African Political Economy Workshop (WGAPE - Berlin).
2017	NEUDC (Tufts Univ.), Ph.D. Workshop Univ. of Minho.

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2026	IFS-UCL-LSE/STICERD.
2025	Univ. Licungo.
2024	Wageningen Univ., IMF, IFS-UCL-LSE/STICERD, Univ. of Sheffield.
2023	IFPRI, Univ. of Reading, UNU-WIDER.

2022 Tilburg Univ., NOVAFRICA, Nova SBE.
2019 World Bank (DIME).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025 DIME Mozambique Intensive Course on Impact Evaluations, **UEM/World Bank**
2023 - Humanitarian and Aid Economics (Lecturer, undergraduate), **UCL**
2023 - Evaluation of Humanitarian Action (Lecturer, undergraduate), **UCL**
2018 - 2019 Game Theory (Teaching assistant, graduate), **Nova SBE**
Behavioral Economics (Teaching assistant, graduate), **Nova SBE**
Linear Algebra (Teaching assistant, undergraduate), **Nova SBE**

PAST VISITING POSITIONS

2022 **Department of Economics, Tilburg University**
2019 **Department of Economics, University of Oxford**
2019 **DIME, World Bank**

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Refereeing American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Bulletin of Economic Research, African Studies Review, PLOS ONE, Economics Bulletin, European Journal of Political Economy, Economic Inquiry
Organizing 2022 NOVAFRICA Ph.D. Workshop on Experimental Development Economics
2019 NOVAFRICA Ph.D. Workshop on Political Economy and Development
Supervisor PhD: Anuja Jaitly (subsidiary supervisor)
MSc: Four students
BSc: Five students
Admin role Co-chair RDR Local Research Ethics Committee

POLICY REPORTS

- [1] *Disaster Risk Finance in Belize: Progress and Perspectives* (with Jared Phillip Mercadante, Hongrui Zhang, and Jose Angel Villalobos), World Bank, 2024.
- [2] *Bonaire's Sustainable Urban Development Carrying Capacity Study* (with Paloma Zapata, Martine Bakker, Kareline Van Der Linden, Darice Solognier, and Albertus Rutten), World Bank, 2023.
- [3] *COVID-19 Post-Disaster Needs Assessment Bonaire: Socioeconomic Assessment* (with Mary Boyer, Asha Kambon, Ivelisse Justiniano, Rendell de Kort, Herry Koolman, and Florencia Millan-Placci), World Bank, 2021.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019 - Disaster Risk Finance Consultant, **World Bank**
Researched and consolidated country-specific data and technical information to prepare disaster diagnostic reports for overseas countries and territories in the Caribbean aimed to assess the financial resilience to disasters. Conducted Belize's disaster risk finance landscape reevaluation. Coordinated a Post Disaster Needs Assessment in Bonaire, evaluating the socio-economic impact of COVID-19.

2024 Disaster Risk Finance Consultant, **Centre for Disaster Protection, FCDO**
Provided critical research inputs for the High-Level Panel on Closing the Crisis Protection Gap. Led the synthesis of national-level disaster risk financing diagnostics and strategies.

- 2016 - 2020 Impact Evaluation Consultant, **DIME, World Bank**
 Principal investigator and project coordinator for a project on community-based monitoring in the Angolan education sector, Angola's first randomized impact evaluation study. Secured the project's continuation and coordinated the intervention and final data collection. Managed field coordinators, actively negotiated with the implementing government agency, and facilitated communications between World Bank teams, academics, and local stakeholders.
- 2015 Research Assistant, **NOVAFRICA**
 Coordinated a research project in Mozambique about the diffusion of information and gift sharing within networks through a mobile phone platform. Set up an IT system through which text messages were sent and received and trained a local team to perform the tasks independently.
- 2014 Project Coordinator, **NOVAFRICA**
 Coordinated the final data collection for a randomized policy evaluation on the introduction of mobile money in Mozambique. Managed several survey teams and maintained relations with local partners, guaranteeing timely completion of the project. In addition, I provided support with data preparation and analysis to ensure high data quality.

MISCELLANEOUS

Software Stata, QGIS, SNAP, L^AT_EX, MS Office, SurveyCTO, SurveySolutions, CSPro
 Languages Dutch (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (fluent)