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RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary: Gender Economics, Development Economics

Secondary: Health Economics, Labor Economics

EDUCATION

PhD in ECONOMICS, **University of Barcelona (UB), Spain** *2020 - 2024 (expected)*
Visiting Research Scholar in ECONOMICS, **Michigan State University, US** *Fall 2023*
Visiting PhD Student in ECONOMICS, **Bank of Spain, Spain** *Fall 2022, Spring 2023*
MPhil in ECONOMICS AND FINANCE, **CEMFI, Spain** *2018 - 2020*
MA in DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS, **University of Tor Vergata, Italy** *2014 - 2015*
BA in BANKING AND FINANCE, **Foreign Trade University, Vietnam** *2007 - 2011*

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RESEARCH

Job Market Paper

Unintended Consequences of CCT Programs on Gender Role Attitudes

ABSTRACT: This paper explores the impact of conditional cash transfer (CCT) programs on children's gender role attitudes, with a focus on *Juntos*, the largest CCT program in Peru. Using data from the Young Lives Survey and employing the fuzzy regression discontinuity design, I find that the program reinforces traditional gender role attitudes among children in beneficiary households. These attitudes align notably with children's behaviors, particularly among girls. Beneficiary girls allocate more daily time to caregiving and unpaid household labor, which, in turn, is associated with their lower test scores in reading and mathematics. Investigating potential mechanisms reveals that beneficiary mothers are more likely to prioritize their time on home production over paid work or self-employment. This shift in mother's time priority serves as a channel for perpetuating traditional gender role attitudes among children. By offering novel insights into the impact of social policies in a developing context, this paper contributes to our understanding of the complex relationship between policies and gender norms.

Publication

Luong H (2022) Business Grants Following Natural Disasters and Their Different Impact on the Performance of Female and Male-owned Microenterprises: Evidence from Sri Lanka. *PLoS ONE 17(12): e0279418*.

Working Paper

Are Female-dominated Cancers Underfunded? (*with Lidia Farre and Judit Vall Castello*)

ABSTRACT: This paper documents that female-dominated cancers, in which the number of male deaths is less than or equivalent to that of female deaths, are underfunded and tries to identify the mechanisms behind the unequal distribution of cancer research funding in Europe. We use two novel owned-collected datasets of projects related to cancer research and innovation awarded by the European Research Council (ERC) from 2007 to 2020, and by the European Commission under the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) from 2007 to 2013 and the Horizon 2020 (H2020) Framework Programme from 2014 to 2020. Our analysis reveals that 10 percentage point increase in male relative mortality, which is measured by the ratio between male mortality and total mortality of each cancer type, is statistically significant associated with nearly 0.3% increase and 0.8% increase in the awarded research fund in the ERC dataset and the FP7 & H2020 dataset, respectively. This presents a 4,330 euro increase over the ERC sample mean and a 12,402 euro increase over the FP7 & H2020 sample mean. We provide some potential explanations of the unequal distribution of funding: (i) over-representation of male scholars in cancer research in Europe, who are less likely to work on female-dominated cancers; (ii) gender bias against women in the allocation of funds, who are more likely to lead female-dominated cancer projects; (iii) higher share of male members in the evaluation panel favors male-dominated cancer projects; and (iv) higher amount of resources devoted to male-dominated cancers due to their higher mortality.

Selected Work In Progress

Extended Maternity Leave and Children's Long-term Educational Outcomes [Data collection ongoing]

Family Planning Use and Women's Labor Market Outcomes [Data collection ongoing]

RELEVANT RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pre-doctoral Researcher, Research Institute in Economics (IEB)	<i>Fall 2021 - present</i>
Research assistant for Professor Monica Martinez-Bravo, CEMFI	<i>Summer 2019</i>
Economist, Mekong Economics	<i>2016 - 2018</i>
<i>design questionnaires, conduct quantitative and qualitative surveys in India, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam (projects sponsored by the World Bank Group, European Union Asian Development Bank, SNV Netherlands, and Global Affairs Canada)</i>	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor for AUTONOMOUS AND LOCAL TREASURY, UB	<i>Spring 2023</i>
Instructor for PUBLIC TREASURY, UB	<i>Spring 2023, 2024</i>
Teaching Assistant for ECONOMETRICS II, UB	<i>Spring 2021</i>
Teaching Assistant for MATHEMATICS II, UB	<i>Spring 2021</i>
Teaching Assistant for ECONOMETRICS I, UB	<i>Fall 2020</i>
Teaching Assistant for MATHEMATICS I, UB	<i>Fall 2020</i>

SEMINAR / CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024: Seminario MAP (virtual); MWIEDC Chicago (US, scheduled)

2023: IEB Internal Work-in-Progress Seminar (Spain); 3rd Workshop on Economics and Sustainability: Gender Challenges (Spain); MSU Development Lunch (US); NEUDC Harvard 2023 (US)

2022: The Economics of Race and Gender Course (Bentley University - Guest lecture, online); Midwest Health Economics Conference XII (US); Applied young economists webinar (virtual); UB PhD Workshop (Spain); SAEe 2022 (Spain)

2021: UAB PhD in Economics Student Seminar (online); Virtual Development Economics Seminar - Guest lecture (Westminster International University in Tashkent, online); Applied Economics Conference: Labour, Health, Education And Welfare (Serbia); SAEe 2021 (Spain); 16th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (online)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal Referee

Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, International Journal of Health Economics and Management, Evaluation Review

Professional Membership

American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), Spanish Economic Association, INET's Young Scholars Initiative

Discussion

NEUDC (2023), 3rd ECO-SOS Workshop on Economics and Sustainability: Gender challenges (2023)

HONORS AND AWARDS

FI-AGAUR PRE-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP (€55,000)	2021-2024
IEB TRAVEL GRANTS (€2400)	2023-2024
DRAC ADVANCED TRAINING GRANT (€500)	2023
SAEE PHD STUDENT GRANT	2021, 2022
MIDWEST HEALTH ECONOMICS CONFERENCE GRANT (\$2,000)	2022
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEALTH ECONOMISTS DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)	2021
TEACHING FELLOWSHIP - UB SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (€8,000)	2020 - 2021
MASTER FULL SCHOLARSHIP - CEMFI (€33,200)	2018 - 2020
ERASMUS + TRAINEESHIP (€1,000)	2015
SUMITOMO CORPORATION SCHOLARSHIP	2008 - 2011

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SKILLS AND TOOLS

Programming & Software skills	STATA, R, Julia, L ^A T _E X
Languages	Vietnamese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate)