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CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1969.
French and Argentine citizen.
Married, three children.

CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITION

Associate Professor, Instituto de Economía, Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Administrativas, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile.

PAST ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2010 – 2013: Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Economics, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina.
- Spring 2011: Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Brown University, USA.
- 2002 - 2009: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina.
- Fall 2005, 06, 09 and 2013: Invited Professor, Department of Economics, Universidad de Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 2001: Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Economics (Highest Honors), Université de Toulouse 1, France, May 2000.
- M.Sc. in Statistics and Economics, École Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration Économique, France, July 1996.
- B.Sc. in Economics (Honor Diploma), Universidad Católica Argentina, Argentina, May 1992.

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- October 2016 – Present: Member, Associate Editorial Board, *International Tax and Public Finance*.
- August 2016 – Present: Member, Board of Management, *International Institute of Public Finance*.
- January 2014 – Present: Associate Editor, *Economía y Política*.
- April - September 2011: Consultant on the economics of tax evasion.
Corporación Andina de Fomento (Caracas, Venezuela).

RESEARCH POSITIONS AND VISITS

- Visiting Researcher, Institut d’Economia de Barcelona, Universitat de Barcelona, January 2017.
- Invited Researcher, Instituto Milenio/Basal Sistemas Complejos de Ingeniería (ISCI), July 2016 – Present.
- Visiting fellow, GREMAQ and IDEI, Université de Toulouse 1, France, October 2006, December 2006 - February 2007, October 2007 and August 2008.
- Visiting fellow, ZEI, Universität Bonn, Germany, October 2005.
- Visiting fellow, CSGR, University of Warwick, United Kingdom, January 2003 and February 2004.
- Visiting researcher, CREPP, Université de Liège, Belgium, January and February 2002.
- Visiting researcher, ECARES, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, 2000.
- Post-doctoral researcher, CREPP, Université de Liège, Belgium, 1999 - 2001.
- Research assistant, EDF, France, August 1994.

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- [1] “The Political Economy of the (Weak) Enforcement of Indirect Taxes” (with P. De Donder and J.-M. Lozachmeur), *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, **15** (6), December 2013, 856-883.
- [2] “NIMBY and mechanism design under different constitutional constraints” (with J.-M. Lozachmeur), *International Tax and Public Finance*, **17** (2), April 2010, 114-132.
- [3] “Modernization of Tax Administrations and Optimal Fiscal Policies” (with C. Parlatoire Siritto), *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, **11** (6), December 2009, 897-926.
- [4] “Tax enforcement may decrease government revenue” (with P. De Donder and J.-M. Lozachmeur), *Economics Bulletin*, **29** (4), October 2009, 2669-2676.
- [5] “Bailouts in Federations: is a Hard Budget Constraint Always Best?” (with Ben Lockwood), *International Economic Review*, **49** (2), May 2008, 577-593.
- [6] “The relationship between tax evasion and tax revenue in Chang, Lai and Chang (1999)”, *Economics Bulletin*, **5** (14), April 2008, 1-6.
- [7] “Collusion in Local Public Works”, *International Economic Review*, **45** (4), November 2004, 1193-1219.
- [8] “Local Public Works and Intergovernmental Transfers under Asymmetric Information”, *Journal of Public Economics*, **88** (1-2), January 2004, 353-375.

CHAPTERS IN CONFERENCE VOLUMES AND BOOKS

- [1] "Investing in Detection Technology as a Component of an Optimal Tax-Enforcement Policy" (with P. Olmos), *The IRS Research Bulletin: Proceedings of the 2010 IRS Research Conference*, Publication 1500 (2011), Internal Revenue Service, Washington DC, 513-530.
- [2] "The impact of constitutional constraints on the construction of facilities under asymmetric information" (with J.-M. Lozachmeur), in *Anales de la Academia Nacional de Ciencias Económicas* 42 (2002), 303-309.
- [3] "L'approche économique de l'analyse de la corruption," in *Anales du XIV^{ème} Congrès des Economistes Belges de Langue Française* 2 (2000), 145-159.
- [4] "Public works' decentralization: the impact of local political interests and multidimensional asymmetric information," in *Anales de la XXXII^a Reunión Anual de la Asociación Argentina de Economía Política* 2 (1997), 361-382.
- [5] Consideraciones sobre el uso del análisis matemático en la teoría económica de Antoine A. Cournot," in *Anales de la XXVII^a Reunión Anual de la Asociación Argentina de Economía Política* 1 (1992), 261-287.

REPORTS

- [1] "The Economics of Tax Evasion", Working Paper N° 2011/10, Corporación Andina de Fomento, Caracas, Venezuela.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- [1] "La Corrupción en la Teoría Económica", *Revista de Administración y Economía*, **80**, Junio 2015, 8-13.

WORKING PAPERS AND PAPERS CURRENTLY SUBMITTED

- [1] "Optimal taxes and penalties when the government cannot commit to its audit policy" (with L. Arozamena and P. Sanguinetti). Second resubmission, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*.
- [2] "Regional state capacity and the optimal degree of fiscal decentralization" (with A. Bellofatto), Under revision, *Journal of Public Economics*.
- [3] "Public expenditure and debt at the sub-national level: Evidence of fiscal smoothing from Argentina" (with N. Grossman, D. Jorrat, O. Manzano and P. Sanguinetti), Working Paper 482-2017, Instituto de Economía, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Under review.
- [4] "The flypaper effect is not a puzzle" (with N. Grosman and P. Sanguinetti).
- [5] "Inspectors or Google Earth? Optimal fiscal policies under uncertain detection of evaders" (with P. Olmos).

WORK IN PROGRESS

- [1] "Optimal fiscal decentralization with asymmetric regions" (with A. Bellofatto), *mimeo*.

- [2] “Monopoly regulation with non-paying consumers” (with N. Figueroa and L. Guzmán), *mimeo*.
- [3] “Formal and real federalism in Argentina” (with P. Sanguinetti), *CSGR working paper 115/03*, University of Warwick, UK.
- [4] “Do insurance defrauders want to be punished?” (with D. Alary), *CREPP working paper 2000/08*, Université de Liège, Belgium.
- [5] “Market structure and tax evasion” (with P. De Donder and J.-M. Lozachmeur).
- [6] “Exerting local tax effort or lobbying for central transfers? Evidence from Argentina” (with P. Sanguinetti).
- [7] “Local taxation and moral hazard under fiscal federalism: which reforms are possible?” (with L. Arozamena and F. Weinschelbaum).

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Ranked among the best teaching professors at Universidad Torcuato Di Tella in 2003, 2006, 2008 and 2009.
- Prize “Universitario del año 1993”, Rotary Club de Buenos Aires, Argentina. Mention.
- Prize “Editorial El Derecho” for graduating first in class, Universidad Católica Argentina, 1992.
- Honor Diploma, Universidad Católica Argentina, 1992.

GRANTS

- Grant #1150170, Fondecyt, Comisión Nacional de Investigación Científica y Tecnológica, Chile, 2015-2018.
- Hermès Grant, Fondation de la Maison des Sciences de l’Homme - Paris, France, 2006 - 2007.
- Grant #26113, FONCyT, Agencia Nacional de Promoción Científica y Tecnológica, Argentina, 2006 -2008.
- Grant V 6/5/6 - MJ. 3232, Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique, Belgium, 2002.
- Research Fellowship, Ministère de l’Education Nationale, France, 1996 - 1999.
- Fellowship, Académie de Toulouse, France, 1995.
- Grant, Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas, Argentina, 1993 - 1995.

TEACHING

Graduate

- Public Economics: Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 2016.
- Public Economics and Regulation: Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 2014 – 2015; Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, 2001 – 2013; Universidad de Montevideo, 2005 - 2006, 2009 and 2013.
- Microeconomics (for lawyers): Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, 2006.
- Topics on Fiscal Federalism: ZEI, Universität Bonn, 2005.

- Microeconomics: Université de Liège, 2000.

Undergraduate

- Public Finance: Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 2014; Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, 2006 – 2013; Brown University, 2011.
- Intermediate Microeconomics: Brown University, 2011.
- Principles of Microeconomics: Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 2014 – 2015; Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, 2001 - 2013.
- Game Theory: Universidad de San Andrés, 1996.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited seminars: Academia Nacional de Ciencias Económicas (Buenos Aires), Brown University (Providence), CEA (Santiago de Chile), CORE (Louvain-la-Neuve), ECARES (Bruxelles), FIEL (Buenos Aires), Fundação Getulio Vargas (Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo), IEB (Barcelona), Inter-American Development Bank (Washington DC), IAE (Pilar), KOF – ETH (Zürich), Ludwig Maximilians Universität (München), Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (Santiago de Chile), SKEMA Business School (Nice), Universidad Alberto Hurtado (Santiago de Chile), Universidad Austral (Rosario), Universidad de Chile (Santiago de Chile), Universidad de San Andrés (Buenos Aires), Universidad del CEMA (Buenos Aires), Universidad Nacional de La Plata (La Plata), Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Buenos Aires), Université de Liège (Liège), Université de Toulouse 1 (Toulouse), University of California-Berkeley, University of California-Irvine, University of Michigan and University of Warwick (Coventry).

Schools and Workshops: BCRA - Workshop on Financial Development and Regional Economies (Buenos Aires), CORE - FRANCQUI Summer School (Louvain-la-Neuve), GREQAM - CORE Spring School (Aix-en-Provence), IEB - Workshop on Fiscal Federalism (Barcelona) and USaCh - Workshop on Public Economics and Growth (Santiago de Chile).

Conferences: 2010 IRS Research Conference (Washington DC), American Risk and Insurance Association (Montréal), Asociación Argentina de Economía Política (Buenos Aires, Bahía Blanca, Mendoza), Association for Public Economic Theory (University of Warwick, Duke University, Beijing, Marseille, Vanderbilt University, Seoul, Istanbul, Seattle), Association of Southern European Economic Theorists (Bologna), Econometric Society European Meeting (Berlin), European Economic Association (Berlin), International Economic Association (Buenos Aires), International Institute of Public Finance (Linz, Maastricht, Uppsala, Lake Tahoe), Jornadas del Banco Central del Uruguay (Montevideo), Jornadas Internacionales de Finanzas Públicas (Córdoba), Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (Montevideo, Madrid, Buenos Aires), Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society (Buenos Aires, Sao Paulo, Santiago de Chile), Annual Conference of the National Tax Association (New Orleans, Providence) and 2015 ZEW Public Finance Conference (Mannheim).

Panel sessions: Asociación Argentina de Economía Política (Bahía Blanca), Congrès des Economistes Belges de Langue Française (Liège) and Jornadas Internacionales de Finanzas Públicas (Córdoba).

REFEREE ACTIVITY

Academic journals: *Economic Letters, Economica, European Economic Review, FinanzArchiv, German Economic Review, International Economic Review, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Journal of Urban Economics, Latin American Journal of Economics, Public Choice, Public Finance Review, Regional Science and Urban Economics and Review of Economic Studies.*

Scientific Associations and Foundations: Agencia Nacional de Promoción Científica y Tecnológica (2012) and Tinker Foundation (2010).

Program Committee Member: Jornadas Internacionales de Finanzas Públicas (2012), Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association Annual Meeting (2009) and Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society (2011, 2012).

PH.D. SUPERVISION

Member of Thesis Committee

[1] José Tello, “Essays in Political Economics and Macroeconomics”, PhD in Economics, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. In Progress.