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The World Bank Group, Washington, DC	2019-present
PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE	
Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC	2017-2019
Ministry of Foreign Relations and Ministry of Finance, Mexico	2016-2017
ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE	
Tecnológico de Monterrey	2014-2016

<b>EDUCATION</b> Ph.D. Economics	University of Chicago	2013
M.A. Economics	University of Chicago	2009
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B.A. Economics Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, Mexico 2002

2013-2014

#### PUBLISHED PAPERS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

1. "Size-Dependent Policies, Talent Misallocation, and the Return to Skill," with Joaquín López, Review of Economic Dynamics, 2020.

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León

**EMPLOYMENT** 

- 1. "Firms through the COVID-19 pandemic: evidence from sub-Saharan Africa," with Elwyn Davies, Gaurav Nayyar, and Santiago Reyes, in *Shaping Africa's post-COVID recovery*, edited by Rahab Arezki, Simeon Djankov, and Ugo Panizza; CEPR and FMG.
- 2. "Policies to support businesses through the COVID-19 shock: a firm-level perspective," with Xavier Cirera, Marcio Cruz, Elwyn Davies, Arti Grover, Leonardo Iacovone, Jose Ernesto Lopez Cordova, Denis Medvedev, Franklin Maduko, Gaurav Nayyar, and Santiago Reyes; The World Bank Research Observer, 2020.
- 3. "The impact of the COVID-19 shock on women-led businesses," with Kathleen Beegle, Isis Gaddis, Leonardo Iacovone, and Franklin Maduko; The World Bank Research Observer, *forthcoming*.

### WORKING PAPERS

- 1. "Technology and resilience," with Xavier Cirera, Marcio Cruz, Diego Comin, and Kyungmin Lee.
- 2. "Business expectations and uncertainty in developing and emerging economies," with Edgar Avalos, Jose Maria Barrero, Elwyn Davies, and Leonardo Iacovone.
- 3. "Job reallocation during the COVID-19 shock," with Jose Maria Barrero, Francesca de Nicola, Jonathan Timmis, and Trang Tran.
- 4. "Identifying entrepreneurship ecosystems in Senegal," with Marcio Cruz and Trang Thu Tran.

- 5. "Unmasking the impact of COVID-19 on businesses: firm-level evidence from across the world," with Marie Christine Apedo-Amah, Besart Avdiu, Xavier Cirera, Marcio Cruz, Elwyn Davies, Arti Grover, Leonardo Iacovone, Umut Kilinc, Denis Medvedev, Franklin Maduko, Stavros Poupakis, and Trang Thu Tran; Policy Research Working Paper 9434; The World Bank.
- 6. "Entrepreneurship ecosystems in developing countries," with David Audretsch and Marcio Cruz.
- 7. "The dynamics of informal establishments in Mexico," with Santiago Levy.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

1. "The returns to entrepreneurship in Mexico," with Benjamin Williams.

## **SEMINARS**

Gender inequality/After the pandemic conference series (Virtual), Jobs and development Conference	2021
(Virtual)	
Conference on Policies to raise productivity and standards of living in Latin America (Bogotá,	2019
Colombia)	
Conference on Policies to raise productivity and standards of living in Latin America (Mexico City)	2018
Annual Meeting of the Allied Social Science Association (San Francisco, CA)	2016
XVIII Workshop in International Economics and Finance (Antigua, Guatemala), Banco de México,	2015
CIDE (Mexico City), Conference on size- and type-dependent regulations (Cornell University)	
Inter-American Development Bank, LACEA/LAMES (Sao Paulo, Brazil), Universidad Autónoma de	2014
Nuevo León	

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