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**EMPLOYMENT**

07/2019 - Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Economics, UC Berkeley  
 01/2018 - 05/2018 Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Stanford  
 09/2017 - 12/2017 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, MIT  
 08/2013 - 06/2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley

**OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

10/2019 - NBER Research Associate, International Trade and Investment (ITI), Development (DEV) and Productivity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (PIE) Programs  
 07/2019 - Associate Editor, *Econometrica*  
 02/2019 - Y-Rise, Macro, Growth and Welfare Effects Program Affiliate  
 05/2017 - Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD) Affiliate  
 05/2016 - International Growth Centre (IGC) Research Affiliate  
 12/2015 - CEPR Research Affiliate, Development Economics Program  
 09/2014 - Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) Faculty Affiliate  
 04/2014 - 10/2019 NBER Faculty Research Fellow, ITI, DEV and PIE (since 07/2017) Programs  
 11/2013 - Clausen Center for International Business and Policy Faculty Affiliate

**EDUCATION**

10/2007 - 04/2013 PhD, London School of Economics and Political Science  
 Dissertation title: *“Essays on Globalization and Development”*  
 08/2009 - 06/2010 Visiting PhD student, Department of Economics, MIT  
 06/2008 - 08/2008 Visiting PhD student, Anderson School of Management, UCLA  
 10/2005 - 09/2006 MSc Economic Geography, LSE (with Distinction)  
 10/2002 - 06/2005 BSc Geography and Economics, LSE (1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours)

**FIELDS OF INTEREST**

International trade, development economics

**TEACHING, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION**

Spring 2020 Berkeley International Seminar  
 Fall 2019 Effective Altruism, student-led undergraduate course, UC Berkeley (faculty sponsor)  
 Fall 2017 Development Economics, graduate course, MIT  
 Spring 2016 - Econ 171/151 Development Economics, undergraduate course, UC Berkeley  
 Spring 2016 West Coast Trade Workshop (co-organizer)  
 2014 - Berkeley Trade Work in Progress Seminar (co-organizer)  
 Summer 2014 BREAD 27<sup>th</sup> Conference, Junior Pre-Conference (co-organizer)  
 Summer 2014 - 17 Berkeley Summer Work in Progress Seminar (co-organizer)  
 Spring 2014 - Berkeley Development Seminar  
 Spring 2014 - Econ 270C Macro Development, graduate course, UC Berkeley  
 Fall 2013 - Econ 280A International Trade, graduate course, UC Berkeley

**PUBLICATIONS**

“Connecting the Countryside via E-Commerce: Evidence from China”, with Victor Couture (Berkeley), Yizhen Gu (Jinan) and Lizhi Liu (Georgetown), Conditionally accepted at *American Economic Review: Insights*

“Tourism and Economic Development: Evidence from Mexico’s Coastline”, with Cecile Gaubert (Berkeley), *American Economic Review*, 2019, Vol. 109(6), pp. 2245-93

“Retail Globalization and Household Welfare: Evidence from Mexico”, with David Atkin (MIT) and Marco Gonzalez Navarro (Berkeley), *Journal of Political Economy*, 2018, Vol. 126(1), pp. 1-73, Lead Article

“Trade Integration, Market Size, and Industrialization: Evidence from China’s National Trunk Highway System”, *Review of Economic Studies*, 2014, Vol. 81(3), pp. 1046-70

**POLICY REPORTS**

“Artisanal Mining, Livelihoods, and Child Labor in the Cobalt Supply Chain of the Democratic Republic of Congo”, with Benjamin Krause (Berkeley) and Raul Sanchez de la Sierra (Berkeley)

**WORKING PAPERS**

“Firm Heterogeneity in Consumption Baskets: Evidence from Home and Store Scanner Data”, with Thibault Fally (Berkeley), Revise and resubmit at *Review of Economic Studies*

“Scaling Agricultural Policy Interventions: Theory and Evidence from Uganda”, with Lauren Falcao Bergquist (U Michigan), Thibault Fally (UC Berkeley), Matthias Hoelzlein (UC Berkeley), Ted Miguel (UC Berkeley) and Andres Rodriguez-Clare (UC Berkeley)

“A New Engel on Price Index and Welfare Estimation”, with David Atkin (MIT), Thibault Fally (Berkeley) and Marco Gonzalez-Navarro (Berkeley)

“Trade Liberalization, the Price of Quality, and Inequality: Evidence from Mexican Store Prices”

“ICT and Education: Evidence from Student Home Addresses”, with Rosa Sanchis-Guarner (Imperial College) and Felix Weinhardt (Humboldt University Berlin)

**INVITED SEMINARS & CONFERENCES**

2020 (Incl. scheduled) Universidad de los Andes, Bogota, CESifo Global Economy Conference in Munich (keynote), Yale Trade and Development Conference

2019 (Incl. scheduled) Berkeley Development Seminar, World Bank Macro/Trade Seminar, West Coast Trade Workshop at UC San Diego, Oxford Joint CSAE and International Seminar, LSE Applications Seminar, Sciences Po/PSE Paris Trade Seminar, Duke Macro Seminar, Chicago Joint Harris/Development Seminar, Harvard/MIT International Seminar, LSE Capabilities Seminar, IGC Conference on Firms, Trade and Development at Stanford

2018 Stanford International Seminar, Princeton International Seminar, Georgetown International Seminar, UCLA/UCSD International Workshop, Princeton Joint Development and Macro Seminar, IADB Trade Policy Seminar, West Coast Trade Workshop at UC Irvine, Princeton IES Summer Workshop, NBER ITI Summer Institute, NBER DEV Summer Institute, IGC/SCID Firms, Trade and Development Conference at Stanford

- 2017 Responsible Cobalt Initiative (RCI) Meeting in Shanghai, University of Zurich Growth & Development Seminar, Cornell-Notre Dame Macro-Development Conference in London, Fed Board International Seminar, NBER ITI Summer Institute (discussant), NBER PIE Summer Institute, University of Chicago Becker Applied Workshop, Dartmouth International Seminar, Yale Development Seminar, CEPR CURE Conference at PSE/Sciences Po, Johns Hopkins SAIS International Seminar, Harvard-MIT Development Seminar, Tufts University Econ Dept Seminar, NBER Chinese Economy Program Meeting in Shenzhen, NBER ITI Winter Meeting at Stanford, IGC Firms, Trade and Development Conference at Columbia
- 2016 AEA Meetings San Francisco, U Penn Empirical Micro Seminar, PacDev at Stanford, NYU Development Seminar, NBER ITI Spring Meeting, Brown University Trade Seminar, Princeton IES Summer Workshop, NBER DEV Summer Institute, NBER PRPD Summer Institute, NBER Growth Summer Institute, NY Fed Microeconomics Seminar, U Michigan Joint International and Development Seminar, CEPR Conference on Urban and Regional Economics at Philadelphia Fed (discussant), Santa Clara University Econ Dept Seminar, LSE/UCL Development Seminar
- 2015 ITAM Econ Dept Seminar, Berkeley International Seminar, NBER Spring Meeting IFM Group, U Chicago Global Economy Conference, Wharton Applied Economics Seminar, CEPR ERWIT at Sciences Po, NBER ITI Summer Institute (discussant), NBER EFG Growth Summer Institute (discussant), EEA Meeting in Mannheim (×2), Sciences Po Trade Seminar, Geneva Trade Seminar, UC San Diego Trade/Development Seminar, Berkeley ARE Seminar, Northwestern Applied Micro Seminar, USC Economic Dynamics Seminar, MIT International Seminar
- 2014 AEA Philadelphia, Harvard-MIT Development Seminar, Stanford International Seminar, Toronto Joint Trade/Development Seminar, UC Santa Cruz, Penn State New Faces (discussant), NBER ITI Summer Institute, NBER DEV Summer Institute (discussant), Simon Fraser University Econ Dept Seminar, University of British Columbia Trade Seminar, CEPR CURE Conference at Brown (discussant), University of Minnesota Applied Micro Seminar, NBER Development Program Fall Meeting, Princeton International Seminar, Urban Economics Association Annual Meetings in DC, IGC Trade Program Meeting at Stanford, UC Berkeley Trade Work in Progress Seminar, World Bank Trade and Development Conference in DC
- 2013 Warwick, UCL, Duke, Kellogg M&S, UC Berkeley ARE, UC Berkeley Econ, Stanford GSB, Harvard Business School BGIE, Brown, UC San Diego, Columbia, IIES Stockholm, Sciences Po Paris, Penn State Trade/Development Seminar, UCLA Trade Seminar, Yale Trade Seminar, UC Davis International/Macro Seminar, UC Irvine History/Development Seminar, Dartmouth International Seminar, IGC Trade Group Meeting

### **REFEREEING**

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, China Economic Review, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Explorations in Economic History, International Economic Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of International Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, National Science Foundation, Quantitative Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, World Bank Economic Review

**RESEARCH GRANTS & AWARDS**

2018 - 2019 Clausen Center Faculty Grant  
 2017 AER Excellence in Refereeing Award  
 2016 - 2017 Electronics industry research grant for multinational sourcing in the DR Congo  
 2016 - 2017 Hellman Family Faculty Award 2016  
 2016 - 2017 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Global Development Program Grant  
 2016 - 2017 Weiss Family Fund Grant  
 2016 IGC Grant for Scaling Up Agricultural Policy Interventions  
 2016 Berkeley Haas Fisher Center Faculty Grant  
 2016 Clausen Center Faculty Grant  
 2016 CEGA Faculty Grant  
 2016 Haas Dean's Office Grant  
 2016 JOEG Best Referee Award  
 2007 - 2012 PhD scholarship from UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)  
 2009 - 2010 Carl Zeiss Foundation Young Researcher Grant  
 2006 LSE Department Prize for best MSc Dissertation  
 2006 LSE Graduate Merit Award  
 2005 LSE Department Prize for best Bachelor's graduation  
 2005 LSE Athletic Union Full Colours Award for 3 years on Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Squash Team  
 2002 - 2005 German National Merit Foundation Scholarship

**PHD ADVISING AND PLACEMENTS**

2019 Matthias Hoelzlein, Isabela Manelici, Roman Zarate  
 2018 Sean Higgins (Northwestern, Kellogg)  
 2017 Sergii Meleshchuk (IMF)  
 2016 Lauren Falcao Bergquist (U Michigan), Sandile Hlatshwayo (IMF)  
 2015 Simon Galle (BI Oslo)

**PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT**

07/2005 - 09/2005 Internship at United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Bangkok  
 07/2004 - 09/2004 Internship at Allianz Corporation, Group Strategy Unit, Munich  
 06/2003 - 08/2003 Internship at Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Contemporary Studies, Delhi  
 03/2002 - 05/2002 Internship at Centre International de Coopération pour le Développement Agricole, Paris  
 05/2001 - 07/2001 Internship at German Chamber of Commerce and Trade, Asunción, Paraguay  
 09/2000 - 11/2001 Foreign peace service (in lieu of military) at municipal education and health facilities, San Felipe, Chile

**LANGUAGES**

German (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate)

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Married to Tuong-Vi Faber, daughter born in May 2018  
 Citizenship: German, US Permanent Resident