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Current Position

Postdoctoral Scholar at the Stone Center in the City University of New York. Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean at the World Inequality Database.

1 Positions and Training

Aug.2021-: Researcher for the GC Wealth project at the City University of New York

Oct.2019-Present: Regional coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean at the World Inequality Lab (WIL), Paris School of Economics

2019-2021: Postdoctoral Researcher at the Centre for the Study of Wealth Inequality, INSEAD Europe

2017-2019: Research Fellow at WIL, Paris School of Economics

2014-2019: PhD in Economics at Sorbonne University (Paris 1), Jury: Facundo Alvaredo, François Bourguignon, Emmanuel Flachaire, Jérôme Gautié, Elvire Guillaud, Julian Messina, Nora Lustig.

2012-2014: Master in Applied Economics at Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

2009-2012: *Licence* in Economics at Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

2 Research

Journal Articles

1. Top Incomes in Chile: A Historical Perspective on Income Inequality (1964-2017), with Jorge Atria, Claudia Sanhueza and Ricardo Mayer, *Review of Income and Wealth*, 66(4), pp. 850-874, 2020.
2. Measuring the Capital Share and Inequality: Increasing Gaps between National Accounts and Micro-data: Forthcoming in the *Journal of Economic Inequality*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10888-021-09482-x>

3. The Weight of the Rich: Improving Surveys Using Tax Data, with Thomas Blanchet and Marc Morgan. Forthcoming in the *Journal of Economic Inequality*

Chapters in Books

1. Riqueza en Chile: Medición y Tributación (with Pablo Gutierrez), in *Impuestos justos para el Chile que viene: desafíos y propuestas para un nuevo pacto fiscal* ed: Jorge Atria and Cristobal Otero (Forthcoming Sep. 2021)
2. Desigualdad y Distribución del Crecimiento Económico en Chile, in *Impuestos justos para el Chile que viene: desafíos y propuestas para un nuevo pacto fiscal* ed: Jorge Atria and Cristobal Otero (Forthcoming Sep. 2021)

Working Papers

1. Land Inequality, Productivity and Biodiversity: A View from Space (with Dylan Glover)

Abstract Agriculture occupies close to half of habitable land worldwide. While certainly being essential to human development, it often had devastating effects on the environment, largely contributing to global warming and land degradation in general. In this article, we study how the distribution of agricultural land-ownership relates to its productivity; where productivity has a twofold interpretation, first in terms of crop yields, but also on the land's capacity for carbon dioxide absorption. We innovate by combining French cadastral data with other georeferenced data, mostly from NASA's satellite imagery, covering the last decade at the least. Available data not only allows us to identify crops at the plot level, surrounding ecosystems and protected areas, but also to study the land's productivity at a 2.5 hectare resolution. We find that higher land inequality is correlated to lower productivity, at the canton level, controlling for both time and canton fixed effects. We conjecture that land concentration impacts productivity through the lowering of biodiversity, given the high level specialisation among farmers; and consensual findings by the literature in biology, reporting a positive relation between biodiversity and biomass.

2. More Unequal or Not as Rich? Distributing the Missing Half of National Income in Latin America, (with Mauricio De Rosa and Marc Morgan)

Abstract Household survey-based estimations suggest that Latin America experienced a significant income inequality reduction in the first fifteen years of this century, yet recently available studies using tax data provide less optimistic results. Moreover, previous estimates considered different income aggregates and only accounted for around half of national income, hence preventing the interplay between growth and income inequality to be properly analyzed. Based on a coherent procedure, we combine surveys, tax records, social security data and national accounts to provide consistent and comparable inequality estimates for a number of Latin American countries –covering 80% of the population–, making explicit assumptions and analyzing their effect on the estimations. Results indicate that only one of the following stories is true: either Latin America was not as rich as we thought it was, or inequality did not fall as we thought it did.

Work in Progress

3. Extreme Wealth Inequality: the Case of Chile, (with Pablo Gutierrez)
4. An Inventory of Micro-Micro Income Data in Latin America, (with Facundo Alvaredo, Mauricio De Rosa and Marc Morgan)
5. Accounting for Capital and Wealth in Latin America, (Luis Bauluz and Marc Morgan)

3 Teaching and Outreach

Teaching Experience

2014-2016: Financial and Monetary Economics, Teaching Assistant for Professors Jézabel Couppey- Soubeyran and Bruno Tinel at Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. 2nd year of *Licence*.

2014-2016: Comparative Economics Theory, Teaching Assistant for Professors Michael Assous and Christophe Ramaux. 2nd year of *Licence*.

Conferences and Presentations

Perspectivas sobre la desigualdad en América Latina y Costa Rica at Universidad de Costa Rica, Dec. 2020. *Charlas de los Viernes* at Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia, Nov. 2020. PhD Seminar “Should we care about inequality?” at INSEAD, Fontainebleau, Oct. 2019. Keynote speaker at the *Seminario Desigualdad*, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC-UN), Santiago, Sep. 2019. *Seminaire Travail en Economie Politique* (STEP) at Sorbonne Paris 1, Paris, Jun. 2018. Workshop on harmonization of household surveys, fiscal data and national accounts at the Paris School of Economics, Paris, May 2018. COES-LSE *Desigualdades* conference at *Universidad de Chile*, Santiago, Nov. 2016.

Refereeing

Journal of Economic Inequality. International Tax and Public Finance. Journal of Income Distribution. Socio-Economic Review. Economics of Transition. Empirical Economics.

Media Outreach

1. “La letra chica del impuesto a la fortuna” *La Tercera*, May 10, 2021
2. “La crisis es inevitable en América Latina, la desigualdad no” *El País*, May 31, 2020

3. “Apesar da crise da Covid-19, América Latina pode conter aumento da desigualdade”
Folha de São Paulo, May 5, 2020
4. “Rage against the system: From Chile to Lebanon, why the sudden wave of protests?”
France 24 – The Debate, Oct. 22, 2019
5. “Au Chili, deux pays coexistent au sein d’un même” *Le Monde*, Oct 5, 2019

4 Further Information

Research Interests

Income and wealth distribution, political economy, economic history, institutions, biodiversity.

Prizes and Scholarships

2014-2017: Contrat Doctoral, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

2009-2014: Bourse excellence major, AEFÉ, Campus France.

References

Thomas Piketty

Facundo Alvaredo

Mark Stabile