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Education

NOVA SBE

Lisbon

PHD ECONOMICS

09/2022 - present

- Advisor: Alex Armand
- Research Interest: Development-, Political-, Environmental Economics

University of Oxford

Oxford

VISITING PHD RESEARCHER, ODID

04/2026 - 06/2026

- Host: Nicolas Cerkez

Humboldt University

Berlin

MS ECONOMICS

10/2018 - 09/2021

- Thesis: "Gendered Dimensions of Forced Displacement: Evidence from Sudan"
- Exchange: UAB Barcelona
- Focus: Econometrics, Development

Goethe University

Frankfurt

BS ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

10/2013 - 09/2017

- Thesis: "Does Foreign Aid increase Political Stability?"
- Focus: Applied Econometrics, Microeconomics

Professional Experience

- 2021-2022 **Intern (Country Strategy)**, EBRD (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development)
- 2020-2021 **Research Assistant (Behavioural Economics)**, ISDC (International Security and Development Center)
- 2019 **Research Assistant (Migration)**, DeZIM (German Center for Migration and Integration Research)
- 2018 **Intern**, VW FS
- 2016-2017 **Working Student (Economic Research)**, Natixis
- 2016 **Working Student**, Union Investment

Publications

Motivating Community Health Workers

with Mattia Fracchia (IE Madrid), Pedro Vicente (NOVA SBE) and Teresa Molina-Millán (U. Alicante).
Handbook on Behavioural Field Experiments in the Social Sciences, forthcoming

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Enforcing Vote Buying: Experimental Evidence from Angola
joint with Pedro Vicente (NOVA SBE) and Wolfgang Stojetz (ISDC)

Climate Shocks, Gender Norms and Labor Supply

Presentations

2026: CSAE Conference (Oxford), CSAE Workshop (Oxford)*, NOVAFRICA Development Conference*, World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists* (WCERE) (*scheduled)

2025: NOVA PhD Research Group (2x), Lisbon Micro Group, Fragile Lives 2025 HiCN Annual Conference (Berlin)

Scholarships/ Awards

- 2026 **Award for International Research Visits**, Haddad Foundation 2500€
2022-2026 **PhD Scholarship**, Portuguese National Science Foundation (FCT)

Teaching Experience

- 2025 **Development Economics II (graduate)**, Teaching Assistant
2024 - **Policy Evaluation (graduate)**, Teaching Assistant
2023 - **Empirical Methods for Finance (graduate)**, Teaching Assistant
2016 **Introduction to Economics (undergraduate)**, Teaching Assistant

Academic Service

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

- 2026 **NOVAFRICA PhD Workshop on Development Economics**, Organizer *Lisbon*
2025 **NOVAFRICA Student Group**, Mentor *Lisbon*
2024 **NOVAFRICA PhD Workshop on Development Economics**, Organizer *Lisbon*

FURTHER EDUCATION

- 2026 **New Developments in DiD Estimators (Winter School, Xavier D'Haultfoeuille)**, *Lisbon*
2025 **Principals and Agents In Politics (Winter School, Ray Fisman)**, *Lisbon*
2024 **Practical Issues in Designing and Analysing Field Experiments (Summer School, David McKenzie)**, *Lisbon*
2023 **BREAD-IGC Virtual PhD Course on Environmental Economics**, *Online*

Languages and Programming

LANGUAGES

German (*native*), English (*fluent*), Russian (*native*), Spanish (*advanced*), Portuguese (*beginner*)

PROGRAMMING

RStudio, Python, Stata, MS Office, \LaTeX , QGIS

NATIONALITY

German