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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics	**University of Chicago** (USA)	2000-2005
Dissertation: "Joining the EU: Capital Flows, Migration and Wages"		
Advisers: Robert Lucas; Casey Mulligan; Nancy Stokey (chair).		
Fields of Specialization: Economic Growth, Public Finance.		
M.Sc. in Economics	**Katholieke Universiteit Leuven** (Belgium)	1997-1998
Licenciatura in Economics	**Universidade Católica Portuguesa** (Portugal)	1993-1997
Visiting Student	**University of Warwick** (UK)	1996-1997

CURRENT POSITION AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Nova School of Business and Economics (Portugal)
Full Professor 2023 –

NOVAFRICA Research Center, Nova School of Business and Economics (Portugal)
Founder and Scientific Director 2015 –

National Council for Migration and Asylum Policies (Portugal)
Councilor 2024 –

Rockwool Foundation (Germany)
Research Fellow 2025 –

CEPR (UK)
RPN Member 2025 –

JPAL (USA)
Invited Researcher 2020 –

Center for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM) (UK)
Research Fellow 2011 –

Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) (Germany)
Research Fellow 2005 –

PAST POSITIONS

Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Nova School of Business and Economics (Portugal)

Associate Professor with Habilitation in International Economics 2015 – 2023

Assistant Professor with Habilitation in International Economics 2014 – 2015

Assistant Professor 2011 – 2014

LISER (Luxembourg)

FNR Visiting Fellow 2024 –2025

University of Notre Dame, Keough School of Global Affairs and Department of Economics (USA)

Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow 2017-2018

NOVAFRICA Research Center, Nova School of Business and Economics (Portugal)

Founding Executive Director 2011 – 2015

Trinity College Dublin, Department of Economics (Ireland)

Assistant Professor 2008 – 2011

University of Oxford, Department of Economics (UK)

Postdoctoral Research Fellow 2005 – 2008

University of Chicago, Department of Economics (USA)

Lecturer 2003 – 2005

World Bank (USA)

Consultant 2011 – 2013

International Growth Centre (UK)

Consultant 2011 – 2012

International Monetary Fund (USA)

Economist 2003 – 2003

Universidade Católica Portuguesa, FCEE and CEA (Portugal)

Teaching and Research Assistant 1998 – 2000

MAIN FIELDS OF INTEREST

International Migration, Private Sector Development, Financial Inclusion, Education, Technology Adoption, Policy Impact Evaluation.

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

"Why do People Migrate Irregularly? Evidence from a Lab in the Field Experiment in West Africa" (joint with Tijan Bah), ***Journal of Public Economics***.

"Is Mobile Money Changing Rural Africa? Evidence from a Field Experiment" (joint with Pedro C. Vicente), ***Review of Economics and Statistics,*** 107 (3): 835–844, May 2025.

"Brain Drain or Brain Gain? Effects of High-Skilled International Emigration on Origin Countries" (joint with Daniel Han, Johannes Haushofer, Gaurav Khanna, David McKenzie, Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak, Caroline Theoharides, and Dean Yang), ***Science***, 388, eadr8861, May 2025.

"What Matters for the Decision to Study Abroad? A Lab-in-the-Field Experiment in Cape Verde" (joint with David Costa, Pedro Freitas, Goncalo Lima and Ana Balcao Reis), ***Journal of Development Economics***, 173: 103401*,* March 2025.

"COVID-19 and Changes in Intentions to Migrate from The Gambia", (joint with Tijan Bah, Flore Gubert and David McKenzie), ***Journal of African Economies,*** 33(1): 1–19, January 2024. (Lead Article.)

"Testing Classic Theories of Migration in the Lab" (joint with David McKenzie), ***Journal of International Economics,*** 145, 103826, November 2023.

"Can Information and Alternatives to Irregular Migration Reduce "Backway" Migration from the Gambia?" (joint with Tijan Bah, Flore Gubert and David McKenzie), ***Journal of Development Economics,*** 165, 103153, October 2023.

"Closing the Gender Gap Profit Gap" (joint with Sandra Sequeira and Pedro C. Vicente), ***Management Science,*** 68 (12): 8553–8567, December 2022.

"Keep It Simple: A field experiment on information sharing among strangers" (joint with Marcel Fafchamps and Pedro C. Vicente), ***World Bank Economic Review,*** 36 (4): 857–888, November 2022.

"Improving Access to Savings through Mobile Money: Experimental Evidence from African Smallholder Farmers" (joint with Pedro C. Vicente), ***World Development***, volume 129: 104905, May 2020.

"Adopting Mobile Money: Evidence from an Experiment in Rural Africa" (joint with Pedro C. Vicente), ***American Economic Association P&P***, volume 110: pp. 594–598, May 2020.

"Do Migrant Social Networks Shape Political Attitudes and Behavior at Home?" (joint with Julia Seither and Pedro C. Vicente), ***World Development***, volume 117: pp. 328-343, May 2019.

"Migrant Remittances and Information Flows: Evidence from a Field Experiment" (joint with Gaia Narciso), ***World Bank Economic Review***, volume 32 (1): pp. 203–219, February 2018.

"Return Migration, Self-Selection and Entrepreneurship" (joint with Tara McIndoe-Calder and Pedro C. Vicente), ***Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics***, volume 79: pp. 797–821, October 2017.

"Do Migrants Send Remittances as a way of Self-Insurance?" (joint with Janis Umblijs), ***Oxford Economic Papers***, volume 68 (1): pp. 108-130, January 2016.

"Directed Giving: Evidence from an Inter-Household Transfer Experiment" (joint with Dan Silverman and Dean Yang), ***Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization***, volume 118: pp. 2-21*,* October 2015. (Lead Article.)

"International Specialization and the Return to Capital" (joint with Jacques Potin), ***B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics (Advances)***, volume 15 (2): pp. 467–508, January 2015.

"Migration, Risk Attitudes, and Entrepreneurship: Evidence from a Representative Immigrant Survey" (joint with Janis Umblijs), ***IZA Journal of Migration,*** volume 17 – 3, September 2014.

"Stages of Diversification in a Neoclassical World" (joint with Jacques Potin), ***Economics Letters***, volume 122 (2): pp. 276–284, February 2014.

"Testing the 'Brain Gain' Hypothesis: Micro Evidence from Cape Verde" (joint with Aitor Lacuesta and Pedro C. Vicente), ***Journal of Development Economics,*** volume 97(1): pp. 32–45, January 2012.

"Do Migrants Improve Governance at Home? Evidence from a Voting Experiment", (joint with Pedro C. Vicente), ***World Bank Economic Review,*** volume 25(1), pp. 77-104, May 2011.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"From Destination to Origin: Experimental Evidence on the International Spillovers of Migrant Integration" (joint with Lara Bohnet, Jules Gazeaud and Julia Seither) *NOVAFRICA Working Paper No. 2503. [revision in progress]*

"Behavioral Constraints of Microentrepreneurs" (joint with Julia Seither), *NOVAFRICA Working Paper No. 1906*. *[revision in progress]*

"Providing Information at Origin: Experimental Evidence on Migration Intentions and Decisions from Cape Verde" (joint with Pedro Freitas, Goncalo Lima and Ana Balcao Reis)

"Best Friends Forever? Experimental Evidence on Peer Influence in Educational Choices" (joint with Pedro Freitas, Ana Balcao Reis, and Wayne Sandholtz)

"Raising Educational Aspirations: Experimental Evidence from Campus Visits" (joint with Pedro Freitas, Ana Balcao Reis, Wayne Sandholtz and Jose Tavares)

"Entrepreneurship as a Social Mobility and Inclusion Strategy" (joint with Miguel Ferreira, Inês Gonçalves, Francisco Queiró and Rita Vaz)

"Grade Shaming or Healthy Competition? How Public Relative Performance Feedback Affects Students' Achievements" (joint with Alex Coutts and Julia Seither)

"Promoting Migrant Remittances using Mobile Money: Evidence from a Field Experiment" (joint with Pedro C. Vicente)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"The brain drain from developing countries" (joint with Frédéric Docquier), *IZA World of Labor,* 31, 2026.

"International Migration" (joint with Dean Yang, Gaurav Khanna, David McKenzie, Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak, and Caroline Theoharides), *VoxDevLit*, 1, 2025.

"Mobile Money" (joint with Tavneet Suri, Jenny Aker, Michael Callen, Tarek Ghani, William Jack, Leora Klapper, Emma Riley, Simone Schaner, and Sandip Sukhtankar), *VoxDevLit*, 2(2), February 2023.

"Mobile Money" (joint with Tavneet Suri, Jenny Aker, Michael Callen, Tarek Ghani, William Jack, Leora Klapper, Emma Riley, Simone Schaner, and Sandip Sukhtankar), *VoxDevLit*, 2(1), February 2021.

"International Migration and Social Network Spillovers of Political Norms" (joint with Julia Seither, and Pedro Vicente). In *Economic Globalization and Governance*, Springer, January 2021.

"International Migration and the Transfer of Political Norms: Examples from Cape Verde and Mozambique" (joint with Julia Seither, and Pedro Vicente). In L. Chauvet; F. Gubert; T. Jaulin; S. Mesplé-Somps (eds.), *Migrants: Agents of Political Change in Africa?,* DeBoecke, January 2018.

"Lessons from a pilot randomised impact evaluation of farmer participatory innovative agricultural practices" (joint with Gharad Bryan and Dean Karlan), *International Growth Center Policy Note*, August 2017.

"The diffusion of mobile money: Evidence from a lab experiment in the field" (joint with Marcel Fafchamps and Pedro C. Vicente), *International Growth Center Policy Note*, January 2016.

"Remittance flows to developing countries: trends, importance and impact" (joint with Gaia Narciso and Carol Newman), in Louis Brennan (ed.), *Enacting Globalization: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on International Integration,* Palgrave Macmillan, December 2013.

"Primary Sector in Sao Tome and Principe - Challenges and Opportunities for International Trade Integration", in Olivier Cadot (ed.), *Diagnostic Trade Integration Study*, World Bank, September 2013.

"Migrant Remittances and Information Flows: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment" (joint with Gaia Narciso), *Migration: New Developments*, 19, Spring 2013.

"Migrant Remittances and Risk Preferences: Evidence from a Representative Immigrant Survey" (joint with Janis Umblijs), *Migration: New Developments*, 20, Spring 2013.

"A Randomized Impact Evaluation of the Introduction of Mobile Banking in Mozambique" (joint with Pedro Vicente and Ana Ines Vilela), *International Growth Center Policy Note*, September 2012.

"Mobilizing Migrant Remittances for Agricultural Modernization in Mozambique" (joint with Dean Yang), International Growth Center Policy Note, February 2012.

"International Experiences of Mobile Banking Regulation" (joint with Félix Simione and Pedro C. Vicente), *International Growth Center Policy Note*, January 2012.

"Empirical Considerations about the Brain Drain", (joint with Aitor Lacuesta and Pedro C. Vicente), *Moneda y Credito*, volume 226, pp. 33-98, December 2008.

"Will the East Follow Portugal?", *Portuguese Economic Development in the European Space Conference Proceedings*, pp. 165-219, Bank of Portugal, February 2006.

PERMANENT WORKING PAPERS

"Migrant networks and migrant intentions to return" (joint with Francesco Cestari), *NOVAFRICA Working Paper No. 1602,* December 2016.

"Assessing the role of social networks on migrant labor market outcomes" (joint with Ana Isabel Costa), *NOVAFRICA Working Paper No. 1601*, April 2016.

"Introducing Mobile Money in Rural Mozambique: Evidence from a Field Experiment" (joint with Pedro C. Vicente), *NOVAFRICA Working Paper No. 1301,* September 2013.

"Why Doesn't Labor Flow from Poor to Rich Countries? Micro Evidence from the European Integration Experience", *Oxford Working Paper No. 402*, August 2008.

"Joining the EU: Capital Flows, Migration and Wages", *Oxford Working Paper No. 342*, August 2007.

"Brain Drain or Brain Gain? Micro Evidence from an African Success Story" (joint with Aitor Lacuesta and Pedro C. Vicente), *IZA Discussion Paper No. 3035*, August 2007.

"Can the Fund's Medium-Term Growth Projections Be Improved?" (joint with Juan Zalduendo), *IMF Working Paper No. 04/203*, October 2004.

MAIN RESEARCH GRANTS

International Growth Centre (IGC) – Project: *"Experimental evidence on the role of information and beliefs about business performance and job opportunities on occupational choices of microentrepreneurs in Mozambique"* (Principal Investigator; co-PI Priscila de Oliveira): 70,000 GBP.

La Caixa Foundation: *"Raising Educational Aspirations"* (Principal Investigator; co-PIs: Pedro Freitas, Ana Balcao Reis, Wayne Sandholtz and Jose Tavares): 65,000 EUR.

La Caixa Foundation: *"Entrepreneurship as a Social Mobility and Inclusion Strategy"* (joint with Miguel Ferreira and Francisco Queiró): 99,940.00 EUR.

Portuguese National Science Foundation (Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia, FCT): *"Raising Educational Aspirations"* (Principal Investigator; co-PIs: Pedro Freitas, Ana Balcao Reis, Wayne Sandholtz and Jose Tavares): 249,840 EUR.

Aga Khan Foundation: *"Mentoring Success of Immigrant College Students"* (joint with Ana Balcão Reis and Pedro Freitas): 236,223 EUR.

Portuguese Ministry of Internal Affairs AMIF: *"Mentoring Success of Immigrant College Students"* (joint with Ana Balcão Reis and Pedro Freitas): 111,337 EUR.

European Commission AMIF: *"Information Gaps and Irregular Migration"* (Principal Investigator, Consortium Leader; co-PIs: Tijan Bah, Flore Gubert and David McKenzie): 999,218 EUR.

Portuguese National Science Foundation (Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia, FCT) – Project: *"Integrating Immigrants as a Tool for Broad Development: Experimental Evidence for Portugal and Cape Verde"* (Principal Investigator; co-PI: Sónia Dias): 239,936 EUR.

International Growth Centre (IGC) – Project: *"Farmer Participatory Experimentation in Mozambique"* (joint with Gharad Bryan and Dean Karlan): 30,000 GBP.

International Growth Centre (IGC) – Project: *"Entrepreneurship Training in Mozambique: The Role of Business Skills vs. Aspirations – Pilot Stage"* (joint with Julia Seither): 20,000 GBP.

Islamic Development Bank (IDB) - Project: *"Farmer Participatory Experimentation in Mozambique"* (joint with Gharad Bryan and Dean Karlan): 793,945 USD.

IZA/DFID Growth and Labour Markets in Low Income Countries Programme (GLM | LIC) – Project: *"Promoting Migrant Remittances using Mobile Banking: Evidence from a Field Experiment"* (Principal Investigator; co-PI: Pedro C. Vicente): 269,640 EUR.

International Growth Centre (IGC) – Project: *"The Diffusion of Mobile Money: Evidence from a Lab Experiment in the Field"* (joint with Marcel Fafchamps and Pedro C. Vicente): 29,700 GBP.

Portuguese National Science Foundation (Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia, FCT) – Project: *"A Randomized Impact Evaluation of Mobile Banking in Mozambique"* (joint with Pedro C. Vicente): 138,624 EUR.

USAID Development Innovation Ventures (DIV) – Project: *"Mobile Banking, Business Training and Microenterprise Development in Mozambique"* (Principal Investigator; co-PIs: Sandra Sequeira and Pedro C. Vicente): 293,146 USD.

USAID Mozambique Mission – Project: *"Promoting Correct Fertilizer Use through Information and Commitment Savings using Mobile Banking – Pilot Stage"* (joint with Dean Yang): 80,000 USD.

MIT Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative (ATAI) – Project: *"Promoting Correct Fertilizer Use through Information and Commitment Savings using Mobile Banking – Pilot Stage"* (joint with Dean Yang): 53,474 USD.

International Growth Centre (IGC) – Project: *"Mobile Banking, Business Training and Microenterprise Development in Mozambique"* (joint with Sandra Sequeira and Pedro C. Vicente): 68,490 GBP.

MIT Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative (ATAI) – Project: *"Mobilizing Migrant Remittances for Agricultural Modernization in Mozambique – Pilot Stage"* (joint with Dean Yang): 29,700 USD.

International Growth Centre (IGC) – Project: *"A Randomized Impact Evaluation of Mobile Banking in Mozambique"* (joint with Pedro C. Vicente): 95,794 GBP.

International Growth Centre (IGC) – Project: *"Mobilizing Migrant Remittances for Agricultural Modernization in Mozambique – Pilot Stage"* (joint with Dean Yang): 29,980 GBP.

European Union NORFACE Programme for International Migration (NORFACE) – Project: *"International Migration and Information Flows"* (joint with Gaia Narciso): 225,972 EUR.

OTHER RESEARCH GRANTS AND HONORS

Luxembourg National Research Fund – INTER Mobility Grant, 2024-2025;

Nova School of Business and Economics – Nova Forum Research Grant (Portugal), 2011-2013;

IRCHSS (Irish Research Council) – Full Scholarship for PhD Student Janis Umblijs, 2009-2012;

Trinity College Dublin (Ireland) – Arts and Social Sciences Benefactions Fund, 2008-2011, 2009-2012, 2010-2012;

Trinity College Dublin (Ireland) – Start-up Fund, 2009-2011;

University of Oxford (UK) – George Webb Meddley Fund, Various Research Awards, 2005-2008;

Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian (Portugal) – PhD Fellowship, 2004-2005 (Declined);

University of Chicago (USA) – Esther & T. W. Schultz Endowment Fund Dissertation Fellowship, 2004-2005;

University of Chicago (USA) – Division of the Social Sciences Graduate Fellowship, 2003-2004;

Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (Portugal) – PhD Scholarship, 2000-2004;

Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian (Portugal) – Extraordinary PhD Fellowship, 2000-2001;

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium) – Best M.Sc. Dissertation of the Year, *Summa cum Laude,* 1997-1998;

European Union (EU) Erasmus Scholarship, 1996-1997.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Universidade Nova de Lisboa – Nova School of Business and Economics: International Migration; Economics of Immigration; Private Sector Development; Development Economics; Global Economics; Intermediate Macroeconomics;

University of Notre Dame – Department of Economics: Development Economics;

Trinity College Dublin – Department of Economics: Ph.D. Growth, Trade and Factor Flows; M.Sc. Macroeconomics; International Trade; Intermediate Macroeconomics; Money and Banking;

University of Oxford – Department of Economics: M.Sc. International Trade; M.Phil. Macroeconomics;

University of Chicago – Department of Economics: Lecturer Intermediate Macroeconomics; Teaching Assistant Introductory Macroeconomics and Introductory Microeconomics;

University of Chicago – Graduate School of Business: Teaching Assistant Executive MBA Macroeconomics and MBA Real Estate Finance and Economics;

Universidade Católica Portuguesa – Department of Economics: Assistant Lecturer Money and Banking; Mathematics I and II; Portuguese Economy; Economic History.

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

PhD: (Year of graduation and first placement in parenthesis)

Arianna Cima (ongoing);

Vitor Cavalcante (ongoing);

Rita Mira Vaz (ongoing);

Daniele Chiavenato (ongoing);

Tijan Bah (2020 – Research Assistant Professor, University of Navarra);

Julia Seither (2019 – Postdoc, University of Chicago/UCEMA);

Ruth Fortmann (2019 – Economist, UK Competition Authority, DaTa Digital Innovation Unit);

Christoph Deuster (2018 – Economist, United Nations - Population Division) (co-advised, main supervisor: Frederic Docquier);

Janis Umblijs (2013 – Postdoc, University of Oslo - Frisch Institute);

MSc:

Nova SBE: Cecilia Daneo, Christina Schultheiss, Kaïs Jomaa, Nídia Michinge, Maria Catarina Louro, Maria Vaz Pato, James Ahabyona, Maja Pekkari; Margarida Caroço, Rita Mira Vaz, Eva Frohlich, Beatriz Gomes, Felix Hackl, Manuel Spader, Ana Mota, Eduardo Teixeira, Manuel Fialho de Almeida Palma Ferro, Maria Inês Melo, Maria Joana Vassalo, Gonçalo Gameiro, Felix Gaschler, Leon Sander, Rita Neves, Tiago Martins, Joana Monteiro, Rodrigo Cristóvão, Tiago Pombeiro, Maria da Assunção Magalhães, Júlia Tin Gomes da Silva, Sofia Ferreira Geraldo, Anastasiya Levina, João Ribeiro, Vitor Cavalcante, Clara Bento, Beatriz Gonçalves, Matilde Rodrigues, Simon Jacob, Rui Mascarenhas, Ana Isabel Costa, Francesco Cestari, Marta Caeiro, Guilherme Rodrigues, Teresa Pedro, Julia Seither.

TCD: Marcos Pareto, Kevin Sonneveld, Edward Gaffney;

Oxford: Ngoc Nguyen, Mauro Caselli, Tobias Riedl, Peifang Kuah, Annabel Watson, Thomas Albrecht, Yahan Wu.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

University Service:

Vice-Dean for Research, Nova School of Business and Economics – since 2026;

Vice-Dean and President of the Pedagogical Council, Nova School of Business and Economics – 2023-2024;

Academic Director of the MSc in Economics, Nova School of Business and Economics – 2019-2022;

Sophister Coordinator for the Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin – 2010-2011;

Committee Member for MSc in Economics, Trinity College Dublin – 2008-2010.

Keynote Speaker:

X Workshop on Immigration, Health and Wellbeing (Lisbon, Portugal), November 2026;

IV SPANDE Workshop in Development Economics (Alicante, Spain) , October 2026;

Workshop on the Economics of Irregular Migration (Hamburg, Germany), October 2025.

Junior Workshop on the Economics of Migration (Paris, France), June 2023.

EBRD-KCL Workshop on the Economics and Politics of Migration (London, UK), June 2022.

Workshop on the Economics of Migration (Frankfurt, Germany), April 2016.

Conference Organizer:

NOVAFRICA *Conference on Economic Development*, Nova School of Business and Economics, June 2026.

NOVAFRICA/NEEKC/LISER/UCV International *Conference on Migration and Education*, Universidade de Cabo Verde, September 2025.

CEPR Nova SBE Symposium on Development Economics, hosted by NOVAFRICA, Nova School of Business and Economics, April 2025.

NOVAFRICA *Conference on Economic Development*, Nova School of Business and Economics, June 2024.

15th International Conference on Migration and Development, Co-organized by AFD, Nova SBE and World Bank, Nova School of Business and Economics, September 2022.

NOVAFRICA *Conference on Economic Development*, Nova School of Business and Economics, June 2022.

NOVAFRICA *Conference on Economic Development in Africa*, Nova School of Business and Economics, June 2019.

NOVAFRICA/World Bank *Workshop on Globalization and Development*, Nova School of Business and Economics, June 2017.

NOVAFRICA *Conference on Economic Development in Africa*, Nova School of Business and Economics, July 2016.

Central Bank of Mozambique/International Growth Center/NOVAFRICA *Conference on Financial Development in Mozambique: Innovation and Challenges*, Maputo – Mozambique, July 2015.

NOVAFRICA/Nova Finance Center *Conference on Financial Development in Africa*, Nova School of Business and Economics, March 2014.

FECUAN/NOVAFRICA *Conference on Housing Markets and Urban Development in Sub-Saharan Africa*, Luanda - Angola, May 2013.

Launching NOVAFRICA *Conference on Economic Development in Africa*, Nova School of Business and Economics, September 2012.

CEPR/TEMPO *Conference on International Migration*, TCD, October 2010.

Seminar Co-Organizer:

NOVAFRICA Seminar Series, Nova School of Business and Economics, 2012- .

FECUAN/NOVAFRICA Seminar Series, FECUAN, Luanda - Angola, 2013-2014.

Economics Department/IIIS Research Seminars, Trinity College Dublin, 2009-2010.

Scientific Committee:

18th International Conference on Migration and Development, Paris, September 2025.

17th International Conference on Migration and Development, Bologna, December 2024.

16th International Conference on Migration and Development, Boston, October 2023.

15th International Conference on Migration and Development, Lisbon, September 2022.

1st EBRD & King's College London Workshop on the Economics and Politics of Migration, London, April 2020.

Portuguese Economic Journal Conference, Evora, July 2019.

NORFACE Conference *"Migration: Global Development, New Frontiers"*, UCL, London, April 2013.

Refereeing:

Articles: American Economic Review; Quarterly Journal of Economics; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; Economic Journal; Journal of the European Economic Association; Review of Economics and Statistics; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Public Economics; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; World Bank Economic Review; World Development; Journal of Population Economics; Labour Economics; Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics; Oxford Economic Papers; Scandinavian Journal of Economics; BE Journal of Macroeconomics; Economica; Economics Bulletin; Empirical Economics; International Migration Review; IZA World of Labor; Journal of African Economies; Journal of Development Studies; Oxford Development Studies; Review of Development Economics; Review of International Economics.

Books: Oxford University Press; Pearson Education;

Grants: 3ie; European Research Council; EU Horizon 2020; IZA GLM-LIC Program; National Science Foundation.

Ph.D. Examiner:

Sharmin Sazedj (Nova SBE); Amy Aidara (U Porto); Ana Garcia (Nova SBE); Paulo Guilherme (Nova SBE); Claudia Alves (Nova SBE); Vladimir Otrachshenko (Nova SBE); Laura Cornelsen (London Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine); Julie Byrne (NUI Maynooth).

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING FORTHCOMING)

2026:

Immigration Policy Lab Seminar (Zurich, Switzerland);
Applied Micro Seminar Series at CERGE-EI (Prague, Czech Republic);
CEPR conference on the Political Economy of Migration at the LSE (London, UK);
University College Dublin Seminar (Dublin, Ireland);
IV SPANDE Workshop in Development Economics (Alicante, Spain);
X Workshop on Immigration, Health and Wellbeing (Lisbon, Portugal);
2026 NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development (Lisbon, Portugal).

2025:

LACEA (Recife, Brazil);
RIDGE Summer School (Recife, Brazil);
ARE-CEGA UC Berkeley Seminar (San Francisco, USA);
Workshop on the Economics and Politics of Irregular Migration (Hamburg, Germany) – Keynote Speaker;
NOVAFRICA International Conference on Migration and Education (Praia, Cabo Verde);
RWI/Development Economics Network Berlin (DENeB) joint seminar (Berlin, Germany);
Rockwool Foundation Migration Forum (Berlin, Germany);
EBRD (London, UK).

2024:

17th AFD/World Bank International Conference on Migration and Development (Bologna, Italy);
Experiments and Behavioral Economics in Entrepreneurship, Management, and Organization (Trolleholm Castle, Sweden);
LISER (Luxembourg);
Maastricht University (Netherlands);
UNU Wider Conference (Maputo, Mozambique);
Centre for Studies in Economics and Finance – CSEF (Napoli, Italy);
Kiel Institute for the World Economy (Kiel, Germany);
2024 NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development (Lisbon, Portugal).

2023:

Junior Workshop on the Economics of Migration (Paris, France) – Keynote Speaker;
16th AFD/World Bank International Conference on Migration and Development - Boston University (Boston, USA).
Vienna Economics Seminar (Vienna, Austria);
12th Dutch Development Economics Workshop (Groningen, Netherlands);
ISCTE International Development in Africa Lecture (Lisbon, Portugal);
IDN Workshop on "Human security and the support for development" (Lisbon, Portugal).

2022:

3rd EBRD-KCL Workshop on the Economics and Politics of Migration (London, UK) – Keynote Speaker;
15th AFD/World Bank Conference on International Migration and Development - NOVAFRICA (Lisbon, Portugal).
3rd CReAM/RWI Workshop on the Economics of Migration (Essen, Germany);
Tilburg University (Tilburg, Netherlands);
St Andrews University (St Andrews, UK);
JILAEE 2022 Special ESA Meeting (Buenos Aires, Argentina);
2022 NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development in Africa (Lisbon, Portugal).

2021:

EBRD Research Webinar (London, UK);
Universidad Carlos III Economics Seminar (Madrid, Spain);

INFOMIGTRAIN Workshop on "*Information Gaps and Backway Migration to Europe"* (Banjul, The Gambia);
Univ Luxembourg/LISER Seminar (Luxembourg);
Paris School of Economics Seminar (Paris, France);
Toulouse School of Economics (Toulouse, France).

2020:

American Economic Association Annual Meetings (San Diego, USA);
CSAE Webinar - University of Oxford (Oxford, UK);
The Economics of Migration Webinar;
The Graduate Institute Economics Webinar (Geneva, Switzerland);
Australian National University Webinar (Canberra, Australia);
Cape Town University Technology Webinar (Cape Town, South Africa);
IOM GMDAC/MIGNEX Webinar on "*Sampling respondents in migration surveys: challenges and trade-offs*";
University of East Anglia Economics Webinar (UK);
FERDI Workshop on Financial Inclusion in Sub-Saharan Africa (France).

2019:

Paris School of Economics Development Seminar (Paris, France);
International Migration Economics – Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (Barcelona, Spain);
IPA Researcher Gathering on Financial Inclusion (Northwestern University, Chicago);
CSAE Conference (Oxford, UK);
Centre for European Policy Studies – MEDAM Seminar on Migration (Brussels, Belgium);
UNU-WIDER/Maastricht University Joint Seminar (Maastricht, Netherlands);
IZA Migration Conference (Dublin, Ireland);
EU/IOM EMN Conference on "*Migration and Communication – Information Campaigns in Countries of Origin and Transit*" (Vienna, Austria);
NCID Workshop on International Migration (University of Navarra, Spain);
Instituto Gulbenkian da Ciência (Oeiras, Portugal);
2019 NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development in Africa (Lisbon, Portugal).

2018:

11th AFD/World Bank Conference on International Migration and Development – Stanford University (San Francisco, USA);
Georgetown University (Washington DC, USA);
World Bank, Research Department (Washington DC, USA);
IFPRI (Washington DC, USA);
IZA GLM-LIC Conference on Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries – University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, USA);
Notre Dame University, Kellogg Institute Seminar (Notre Dame, USA);
Sustainability and Development Conference – University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, USA);
Gottingen University, Globalization and Development Seminar (Gottingen, Germany);
WZB workshop "Migrant integration in Africa, Europe, and Beyond" (Berlin, Germany).

2017:

Notre Dame University, Kellogg Institute Seminar (Notre Dame, USA);
IPA Researcher Gathering on Financial Inclusion, Northwestern University (Chicago, USA);
IZA GLM-LIC Conference on Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries - World Bank (Washington DC, USA);
Notre Dame University, Development Economics Workshop (Notre Dame, USA);
Workshop on "*Migration and Conflict*", Université Catholique de Louvain (Louvain, Belgium);
IFPRI Conference on "*The Role of Information in Improving Rural Services and Governance*" (Washington DC, USA);
Economia Viva Conferences 2017 on "*Immigration Policy: Walls or Bridges?*", Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Lisboa, Portugal).

2016:

ASSA/Econometric Society North American Meetings (San Francisco, USA);
CSAE Conference (Oxford, UK);
2nd Workshop on the Economics of Migration (Frankfurt, Germany) – Keynote Speaker;
IPA Researcher Gathering on Financial Inclusion, Yale University (New Haven, USA);
Advances in Micro Development Economics – Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (Barcelona, Spain);
2016 NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development in Africa (Lisbon, Portugal);
IZA GLM-LIC Conference on Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries – Oxford University (Oxford, UK);
Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain).

2015:

AEA (Boston, USA) (Presenter and Discussant).
8th World Bank Conference on International Migration and Development (Washington, DC);
Central Bank of Mozambique/International Growth Center/NOVAFRICA Conference on "Financial Development in Mozambique: Innovation and Challenges" (Maputo, Mozambique);
IZA GLM-LIC Conference on Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries - World Bank (Washington, DC).

2014:

CMD/CMH/DIAL Conference on "Following the Intangible Flows: Transnational Approaches to Immaterial Remittances" (Princeton University, USA);
NOVAFRICA Conference on "Financial Development in Africa" (Nova SBE, Lisbon, Portugal) (Discussant).

2013:

SEEDEC - Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries (Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen, Norway);
NEUDC (Harvard University, Cambridge, USA) (Presenter and Discussant);
International Growth Center Conference – "*Growth Week*" (LSE, London);

IPA Conference on "Evidence on Innovations in Savings and Payments" (Kampala, Uganda);
CSAE Conference (Oxford, UK) (Presenter and Discussant);
CReAM/NORFACE Conference on "Migration: Global Development, New Frontiers" (UCL, London, UK).

2012:

Central Bank of Mozambique/International Growth Center Workshop on Mobile Money (Maputo, Mozambique);
USAID – Mozambique Office (Maputo, Mozambique);
Université Paris I Sorbonne (Paris, France);
INOVA/NOVAFRICA Research Seminar (Nova SBE, Lisbon, Portugal);
2012 NOVAFRICA Launching Conference on "Economic Development in Africa" (Nova SBE, Lisbon, Portugal) (Presenter and Discussant);
Migrants' CHOICES Workshop - NIDI (The Hague, Netherlands);
3rd NORFACE Migration Conference (Mannheim, Germany).

2011:

CSAE Conference (Oxford, UK) (Presenter and Discussant);
CReAM/ NORFACE Conference on "Migration: Economic Change, Social Challenge" (UCL, London);
IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development (ITAM, Mexico);
Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Lisbon, Portugal);
International Growth Center Conference – "*Growth Week*" (LSE, London, UK);
Universite Catholique de Louvain (Belgium).

2010:

CSAE Conference (Oxford, UK) (Presenter and Discussant);
CEPR TOM Final Conference (Venice International University, Italy);
CReAM/World Bank Conference on "Migration, Development, and Global Issues" (UCL, London, UK);
University College Dublin (Department of Economics);
CEPR TEMPO Conference on International Migration (TCD) (Presenter and Discussant);
NEUDC (MIT) (Presenter and Discussant).

2009:

ASSA/Econometric Society North American Meetings (San Francisco, USA);
AEA Annual Meetings (San Francisco, USA) (Discussant);
University College Dublin (Geary Institute);
Trinity College Dublin (Department of Economics);
Dublin Economics Workshop (International Economics);
World Bank Conference on International Migration and Development (Washington, DC);
European Trade Study Group Annual Meetings (Rome);
NEUDC (Tufts University) (Presenter and Discussant);
National University of Ireland, Galway (Department of Economics);
ESRI.

2008:

ASSA/Econometric Society North American Meetings (New Orleans, USA);
International Monetary Fund - Research Department (Washington, DC, USA);
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Leuven, Belgium);
Université Catholique de Louvain (Louvain, Belgium);
Université de Namur (Namur, Belgium);
Nottingham University (Nottingham, UK);
University of Sussex (Brighton, UK);
Cardiff Business School (Cardiff, UK);
Trinity College Dublin (Dublin, Ireland);
City University of London (London, UK);
University of London – Royal Holloway (London, UK);
Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada);
Norface Seminar I: Europe and Financial Globalization (Germany) (Discussant);
Gothenburg University (Gothenburg, Sweden);
European Economic Association Annual Meetings (Milan, Italy);
European Trade Study Group Annual Meetings (Warsaw, Poland);
Norface Seminar II "FDI and the Globalisation of European Labour Markets" (Munich);
European Commission DG ECFIN's Annual Research Conference 2008 "Boosting growth and productivity in an open Europe: The role of international flows of goods, services, capital and labour" (Brussels, Belgium);

2007:

University of Oxford (CSAE);
World Bank/IZA Conference on Employment and Development (Bonn, Germany);
ESPE Annual Meetings (Chicago, USA);
SOLE/IZA Transatlantic Meetings of Labor Economists (Buch/Ammersee, Germany);
CSAE Conference (Oxford, UK) (Presenter and Discussant);
University of Manchester (Manchester, UK);
University of Oxford, Department of Economics (Oxford, UK);

2006:

Bank of Portugal Conference "Portuguese Economic Development in the European Area" (Lisbon, Portugal);
Instituto Superior de Economia e Gestão (Lisbon, Portugal);
University of Oxford - CSAE (Oxford, UK);
European Trade Study Group Annual Meetings (Vienna, Austria);
University of Oxford - Department of Economics (Oxford, UK);

2005:

International Monetary Fund;
Rutgers University;
University of Quebec at Montreal;
North Carolina State University;
University of Oxford - Department of Economics;
Catholic University of Louvain;
Bank of Portugal;

University of Navarra;
Aarhus University;
European Economic Association Annual Meetings (Amsterdam, Netherlands);
European Trade Study Group Annual Meetings (UCD, Dublin, Ireland);

2003-2004:

International Monetary Fund (Research and PDR Department Joint Workshop);
University of Chicago (Department of Economics).

MEDIA COVERAGE

English: BBC, The Economist; Financial Times; Washington Post; EuroNews; GRTS.

Portuguese: AIM (Agência de Informação de Moçambique); Antena 1; CNN Portugal; Deutsche Welle; Diário de Notícias; Diário Económico; Económico TV; Expresso; Expresso das Ilhas; Jornal de Notícias; LUSA; Observador; Oje; Público; Rádio Renascença; RDP África; Revista Exame; RTC – Cabo Verde; RTP; RTP3; RTP África; Sábado; SIC; SIC Notícias; Sol; TSF; TVI; TVI 24; TV Moçambique, Visão.

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