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Areas of Interest

Primary: Applied microeconomics

Secondary: Political economy, Environmental economics

Current Position

2017-now **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Toulouse School of Economics

Education

- 2009-2014 **PhD in Economics** European University Institute, Italy
Thesis: Policy incentives and economic outcomes : three essays in applied microeconomics
Supervision: Andrea Mattozzi (EUI), Jérôme Adda (Bocconi U.), Massimo Morelli (Bocconi U.)
- 2009-2010 **MRes in Economics** European University Institute, Italy
- 2007-2009 **MSc in Economics, Markets and Public Policies** University of Minho, Portugal
Thesis: Strategic interaction in local fiscal policy (*Grade: 18 out of 20*)
Supervision: Linda Veiga (U.Minho & NIPE), Miguel Portela (U.Minho, NIPE & IZA Bonn)
- 2004-2007 **BSc in Economics** University of Minho, Portugal (*Grade: 16 out of 20*)

Positions Held

- 2014-2017 **Postdoctoral Researcher**
London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom
Grantham Research Institute for Climate Change and the Environment and LSE Cities
- 2013-2014 **Researcher in Political Economy**
Department of Sociology, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- 2011-2012 **Research Assistant**
European University Institute, Italy for Luigi Guiso
- 2011 **Research Assistant**
European University Institute, Italy, for Massimo Morelli
- 2007-2009 **Researcher in Economics**
Economic Policies Research Unit (NIPE), University of Minho, Portugal
Projects *Political Competition and Economic Performance* and
Interactions between economics and politics in Portugal, coordinated by Linda Veiga

Publications

Interactions in Local Governments' Spending Decisions: Evidence from Portugal (2015) *Regional Studies*, 49(9): 1441-1456 [With Linda Veiga and Miguel Portela]

Book Chapters

Climate-resilient cities (2016) In Fankhauser, S., and McDermott, T. Eds "The economics of climate-resilient development", Edward Edgar Publishing, July 2016 [With Graham Floater and Jared Finnegan]

Working Papers

Policy Distortions as a Signaling Tool: The Case of US Environmental Expenditures (2017) Updated version of GRI and CCCEP paper 225-2016

Policy Uncertainty and Investment in Low-Carbon Technology (2014) Updated version of EUI Working Paper ECO 2012/27 [With Silvia Albrizio]

Work in Progress

Local labor impact of wind energy investment: an analysis of Portuguese municipalities [With Linda Veiga]

Flood risk and endogenous government decisions [With Ling Teh]

Interdisciplinary Publications and WPs

Influence of climate change on summer cooling costs and heat stress in urban office buildings (2017) *Climatic Change*, published online first [with Hans Hooyberghs, Stijn Verbeke, Koen de Ridder and Graham Floater]

Climate change, heat stress and production: a framework for assessing adaptation costs in the city economy (2016) GRI paper 248 and CCCEP paper 278 [with Graham Floater, Hans Hooyberghs, Stijn Verbeke and Koen de Ridder]

The revision of the 2014 European tobacco products directive: an analysis of the tobacco industry's attempts to break the health silo (2016) *Tobacco Control* 2016, 25:108-117 [with Anna Gilmore, Silvy Peters, Martin McKee, and David Stuckler]

Quantifying the Influence of Tobacco Industry on EU Governance: Automated Content Analysis of the EU Tobacco Products Directive (2014) *Tobacco Control* 2014, 23:473-478 [with Anna Gilmore, Silvy Peters, Martin McKee, and David Stuckler]

Policy Reports

Cost Assessment Framework, 2017, RAMSES Project [With Matt Ulterino, Diego Rybski, Graham Floater]

Adaptation Cost Curves, 2016, RAMSES Project [With Graham Floater, Boris Prahl, Diego Rybski]

Methods inventory for infrastructure assessment, 2016, RAMSES Project [With Oliver Heidrich, Diego Rybski, Ramana Gudipudi, Graham Floater, Richard Dawson]

Economic costs of climate change in European cities, 2015, RAMSES Project [With Graham Floater]

Grants and Awards

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| 2016 | IAERE Young Environmental Economist Award for Pork Barrel as a Signaling Tool: The Case of US Environmental Policy |
| 2014 | Conference Grant of the Royal Economic Society |
| 2012-2013 | Thesis completion grant, European University Institute |
| 2009-2013 | Doctoral Grant SFRH/BD/60628/2009, Portuguese Science and Technology Foundation (FCT) |
| 2009-2011 | PhD Scholarship from the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| 2008-2009 | Merit Award (<i>Bolsa de Mérito</i>) for performance on postgraduate studies, U. Minho |
| 2004-2005 | Award <i>Conselho Académico</i> (2004/2005) for student entering the degree in Economics with the best grade, University of Minho |
| 2001-2004 | Award <i>Mérito Escolar</i> (2004) for senior's best grade, and Honorable Mention for exceptional school work (2001/2002), High School Alberto Sampaio. |

Teaching and Supervision

- 2014-2015 MSc supervision: Sue youn Kim, MSc Environmental Economics and Climate Change, Department of Geography and Environment, London School of Economics, UK. Thesis entitled "Determinants of Recycling - Extrinsic and intrinsic drivers in the case of Korea", year 2014/2015.
- 2015 Guest Expert, Critical Topics in Urban Studies (M.Sc. 4Cities Urban Studies)
- 2014 Invited Guest Lecturer, lecture on Health and Welfare in Britain and the United States: Policy and Practice (Oxford UVA Summer Program)
- 2013 Lesson on "The current Eurozone crisis explained", Financed by the Province of Florence with Silvia Albrizio
- 2012-2013 Collaborator teaching in the project *Educazione*, of Villaggio dei Popoli, Florence

Professional Service

- 2016-2014 Organizer, Grantham Research Workshops 2016/2017, London School of Economics
- 2015 Jury in MSc defense: Cristóvão da Silva Pereira, Master's in Monetary and Financial Economics, University of Minho, Portugal.
- 2013-2016 Manuscript revision for *European Economic Review*, *Regional Studies*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *S.S and Medicine*

Selected Presentations

- 2017 TSE Environmental group Seminar (Toulouse, France), European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (Athens, Greece), MINES-ParisTech (Paris, France), DIW (Berlin, Germany)
- 2016 Spanish Economic Association Symposium (Bilbao, Spain), Food for thought Seminar, Bocconi University (Milan, Italy), 4th IZA Workshop on Labor Market Effects of Environmental Policies (Bonn, Germany), Bruneck Workshop on The Political Economy of Federalism and Local Development (Bruneck, Italy), 10th Meeting of the Portuguese Economic Journal (Coimbra, Portugal), European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (Zurich, Switzerland), Italian Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (Bologna, Italy), GRI Seminar LSE (London, UK)
- 2015 NIPE Seminar, University of Minho (Braga, Portugal), European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (Helsinki, Finland), GRI Seminar LSE (London, UK), European Climate Change Adaptation Conference (Copenhagen, Denmark)
- 2014 Oxcarre Seminar, Oxford University (Oxford, UK), 8th Meeting of the Portuguese Economic Journal (Braga, Portugal)
- 2013 Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (Paris, France), Lisbon Meeting on Institutions and Political Economy (Lisbon, Portugal)
- 2012 European Economic Association, 2012 (Malaga, Spain), European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (Prague, Czech Republic), CAGE Political Economy Easter School (University of Warwick, United Kingdom), European Energy Market, 2012 (Florence, Italy)

Languages

Portuguese (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Intermediate), French (Beginner)

Computing

Stata, Mathematica, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office Suite