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## Academic Positions

01/2024 – Research Fellow – School of Economics, The University of Queensland (UQ)

## Education

### *Doctoral Studies*

#### **London School of Economics (LSE)**

*PhD.* in Economic Geography (2018 – 2023)

DISSERTATION: *“Essays on Globalization, Commodities, and Local Economic Development”*

Fields of specialization: Economic Geography, International Trade, Development Economics

### *Prior Education*

Universidad Católica del Norte (UCN – Chile).

*BA.* Business Management (2008 – 2012)

*MSc.* Applied Economics [Regional Science] (2013 – 2014)

## Publications

### *Journal Articles (mostly pre-doctoral work)*

#### [Technology, Geography, and Diversification in a Small Mineral Economy](#)

(with M. Lufin)

*The Extractive Industries and Society*, 11:1-14, 2022.

#### [Mining Linkages in the Chilean Copper Supply Network and Regional Economic Development](#)

(with M. Atienza and M. Lufin)

*Resources Policy*, 70:1-12, 2021.

#### [Wage Compensation for Fly-In/Fly-Out and Drive-In/Drive-Out Commuters](#)

(with D. Paredes and D. Fleming)

*Papers in Regional Science*, 97(4):1337-1353, 2018.

#### [Cities, Wages, and the Urban Hierarchy](#)

(with D. Paredes)

*Journal of Regional Science*, 56(4):596-614, 2016.

## Working Papers

[Booming Sector, Multinationals, and Local Economic Development](#) (Job Market Paper)

Urbanization and the Optimal Routes to Structural Change Out of Agriculture ([link to old version](#))  
(with M. Vargas and J. Berdegúe)

[Global Value Chains and Industrial Upgrading in Local Labor Markets: Lessons from the Copper Industry](#)

Commodity Price Shocks and Illicit Supply Chains: Evidence from the Gold Rush in the Peruvian Amazon

## Work in Progress

The Material Basis of Innovation Value  
with Y. Li (Fudan University)

The Politics of the Resource Curse  
with S. Rickard (LSE)

## Research Grants

2024–2025 Department of Resources (Queensland Government), Australia  
With Steven Micklethwaite (Principal Researcher) and Ian Mackenzie (US\$ 110,000)  
Project: *“Optimising Future Copper Production.”*

2016–2019 National Fund for Scientific and Technological Development (FONDECYT), Chile  
With M. Vargas and J. Berdegúe (Principal Researcher) (US\$ 125,000)  
Project: *“Cities and Development in Chile.”*

2016–2017 National Institute for Agricultural Development (INDAP), Chile  
With J. Berdegúe (Principal Researcher), C. Cazzuffi, M. Vargas and D. López (US\$180,000)  
Project: *“Baseline for the Impact Evaluation of Rural Development Policies.”*

## Honours and Fellowships

2019 AAEA-LAS Outstanding Selected Poster Award by Paper Submission, USA

2018–2022 Ph.D. Scholarship, National Commission for Scientific Research (Conicyt/ANID), Chile

2017 PRSCO Award for the Best Paper by a Young Regional Scientist, Taiwan

2014 Andrew Isserman Prize for Best Young Scholar Paper, SOCHER, Chile

2013–2014 Department of Economics Scholarship, UCN, M.Sc. Studies, Chile

2008–2012 Academic Excellence Scholarship, UCN, B.A. Studies, Chile

2008–2012 Scholarship Bicentenario, MINEDUC, B.A. Studies, Chile

## Other Appointments and Visiting Positions

08/2023 – 12/2023	Lecturer in Economics (visiting), Universidad Católica del Norte (UCN–Chile)
04/2023 – 07/2023	Visiting Graduate Research Fellow, London School of Economics (LSE)
09/2021 – 08/2022	Subwarden (pastoral student support), LSE Bankside Hall, UK
05/2020 – 06/2020	Short-Term Consultant, Jobs and Development Group, World Bank, USA
04/2015 – 12/2017	Research Adjunct, Latin American Center for Rural Development- Rimisp, Chile
04/2014 – 12/2014	Research Associate, Department of Economics, Universidad Católica del Norte (UCN)

## Referee Service

Journal of Regional Science; Resources Policy; Annals of Regional Science; Social Indicators Research; The Extractive Industries and Society; Socio-Economic Planning Sciences; Journal of Regional Research

## Teaching Experience

The University of Queensland (UQ)  
- ECON3510 International Trade Theory and Policy 2025 (1st semester)

Universidad Católica del Norte (UCN – Chile)  
- EC695 Statistical Learning 2023 (2nd semester)  
- EC200 Macroeconomics 2023 (2nd semester)  
- EC301 Microeconomics 2023 (2nd semester)

## Presentations (by invitation)

2025 Australasian and Agricultural Resource Economics Society (AARES)  
Pre-conference workshop - Resources Transitions and the Australian Economy

## References

[Riccardo Crescenzi](#) (supervisor)  
Professor of Economic Geography  
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[J. Vernon Henderson](#) (second-year examiner)  
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Professor of Economic Geography  
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[Daria Taglioni](#) (examiner)  
Research Manager, Trade Integration Unit  
World Bank, Development Research Group  
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## Computer Skills

STATA, R, Python, Matlab and ArcGIS

## Personal

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent)

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