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Education

Ph.D. Economics, Department of Economics, Boston University, May 2012

Dissertation Title: *Historical Institutions and their Legacy: The Case of the Spanish Inquisition*

Dissertation Committee: Robert A. Margo, Christophe Chamley and Carola Frydman

M.Sc., Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, 2006

B.A., Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, 2004

Academic Work Experience

Lecturer, School of Economics, University of Sydney, August 2015- present

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, CAGE and Department of Economics, University of Warwick, August 2012- July 2015

Research Assistant for Professor Jordi Jaumandreu, Department of Economics, Boston University, Boston, Spring 2009

Research Assistant for Professor Daniele Paserman, Department of Economics, Boston University, Boston, Summer 2008

Research Assistant for Professor Bernardo Kugler, Department of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Summer 2004 - Spring 2005

Research Assistant for Professors Josep Lluís Carrion Silvestre, and Enrique Lopez Bazo, AQR, Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Summer 2003

Teaching Experience

Supervisor, Economics Research Project (Master of Economics) , University of Sydney, 2015

Lecturer, Introductory Macroeconomics, University of Sydney, 2015

Lecturer, The Industrial Economy: Its Global Shift, University of Warwick, 2013-2014

Teaching Fellow, Public Finance History, African-American Economic History and Law and Economics, Department of Economics, Boston University, Spring 2011

Instructor, Economic Institutions in Historical Perspective, Department of Economics, Boston University, Fall 2010

Teaching Fellow, Econometrics and Development Economics, Department of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Fall 2005 and Spring 2006

Working Papers

“War and Inquisition: Repression in Early Modern Spain”, CAGE Working Paper 119/2013, R&R Journal of Economic History

“Habemus papam? Polarization and Conflict in the Papal States” (with Francisco J. Pino)”, CAGE Working Paper 189/2014

“Long-run Effects of the Spanish Inquisition”, CAGE Working Paper 192/2014

Work in Progress

“Patterns of the Spanish Inquisition activity revisited: evidence from the most comprehensive Inquisition dataset” (with Mauricio Drelichman, Joachim Voth, Gustav Henningsen and Gunnar Knutsen)

“The Persistence of the Inquisitorial Mind: the effects of the Spanish Inquisition on economic, cultural and political outcomes” (with Mauricio Drelichman, Joachim Voth, Gustav Henningsen and Gunnar Knutsen)

“Persistent persecution behavior? Evidence from the Spanish Inquisition and the victims of the Spanish dictatorship” (with Diego Comin, Mauricio Drelichman, Joachim Voth, Gustav Henningsen and Gunnar Knutsen)

“Long live the Pope! Life expectancy in the Catholic Church hierarchy” (with Francisco J. Pino)

“Behind the emergence of Zipf’s law: Evidence from Catalonia (1358-1991)” (with Marc Badia and Pau de Soto)

External Grants

2015-2018 Insight Grant - Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Canada (joint with Mauricio Drelichman and Hans-Joachim Voth), CAD183,634

Fellowships and Awards

Rosenstein-Rodan Prize for the Best PhD Student Paper in Development Economics, May 2011

Tuition Fellowship, Department of Economics, Boston University, Spring 2011

Economic History Association Exploratory and Travel Grant, 2010

Ramon Areces Foundation Scholarship, Fall 2007-Spring 2010

Caja Madrid Foundation Scholarship, Fall 2006-Spring 2007 (renewal awarded)

MSc in Economics Tuition Fellowship, Department of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Fall 2005-Spring 2006

Conferences and Seminars

2015: World Economic History Congress, Kyoto, Japan - Historical Economics and the Economics of Religion Workshop - Queen's University, Belfast - Iberometrics VII, University of Porto, Portugal - (forthcoming) Conference on the contribution of history to development, NES Center for the Study of Diversity and Social Interactions, Moscow - Second Australian Cliometrics Meeting, Adelaide - Spanish Economic Association Annual Meeting, Girona

2014: University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark - BIG Seminar Series, Universitat de Barcelona - Seminar of the Department of Economic History and Institutions, Universitat de Barcelona - Workshop on Culture and Institutions, Universitat de Valencia - Oxford Development Economics Workshop, Oxford University

2013: AEA/ASSA Meetings 2013, San Diego, US, January 2013 - Iberometrics VI, Discussant, Zaragoza - Workshop "Political Economy, Economic History, and Religion", Berlin - University of Sydney, Australia - Australasian Econometrics Society Meetings, Sydney, Australia, July 2013 - University of Tasmania, Hobart, Australia - Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin - DONDENA Institute, Bocconi University, Milan - European University Institute, Economic History Working Group, Florence - Spanish Economic Association Annual Meeting, Santander, December 2013

2012: Barcelona Graduate School of Economics Winter Workshop, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, December 17, 2012 - Spanish Economic Association Annual Meeting, Vigo, December 2012 - Economic History Association 2012 Annual conference (discussant), Vancouver, September 2012 - All-UC Group in Economic History UCLA conference. How long is the shadow of history? The long-term persistence of economic outcomes, UCLA, Los Angeles, May 2012 - University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, February 2012 - Higher School of Economics - LSE, Moscow, Russia, February 2012

2011: Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference, Yale University, November 2011 - Harvard Economic History Tea, Harvard University, Boston, October 2011 - Economic History Association 2011 Annual Meeting, Poster Session, Boston, MA, September 2011 - European Historical Economics Society Conference, Dublin, Ireland, September 2011 - Australasian Econometrics Society Meetings, Poster Session, Adelaide, Australia, July 2011 - Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, June 2011 - Royal Economic History Society Annual Meeting, Cambridge (UK), April 2011 - Iberometrics V, Barcelona, March 2011 - Asia-Pacific Economic and Business History Conference, San Francisco, February 2011

2010: Spanish Economic Association Annual Meeting, Madrid, December 2010 - NBER Summer Institute, Development of the American Economy, Poster Session, July 2010 - Harvard Economic History Tea, Harvard University, Boston, March 2010 - CLADHE-II/AMHE-IV, Mexico DF, February 2010

Research Visits

University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia - Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, Italy - Universitat de Barcelona - Singapore Management University

Research Coverage Outside Academic Journals

website coverage

Nada es Gratis, <http://www.fedeablogs.net/economia/?p=37112>

DONDENA (Centre for Research on Social Dynamics) Interviews

Referee for the following Journals

Explorations in Economic History, Canadian Journal of Economics, European Economic Review, European Review of Economic History, Journal of the European Economic Association, Revista de Historia Economica - Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History, Social Science History

Conference and Workshop Organization

2015: CAGE Research Day, Warwick

2014: CAGE Research Day, Warwick - Economic History Workshop, University of Warwick

2013: CAGE Research Day, Warwick - Monash Workshop on Development Economics, Melbourne

Supervision

MSc Thesis: Claudia Deijl (2014) - Prize for the best Warwick MSc thesis in Economic Development, Oluwadamilola Omoniyi (2014), Chung Lam (2014)

Languages

Catalan and Spanish (native), English (fluent)

Professional Affiliations

Economic History Association (EHA), Economic History Society (EHS), European Historical Economics Society (EHES), Econometrics Society, European Economic Association, Spanish Economic Association