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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Macroeconomics, International Finance, Economic Development and History

UNIVERSITY DEGREES

PhD in Economics, University of Cambridge, 1992

MPhil in Economics, University of Cambridge, 1987

BA (Honors) in Economics, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, 1985

BSc in Electrical Engineering, UFF, Rio de Janeiro, 1985

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English, Portuguese (native), and Spanish; working knowledge of French

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

Matlab, Dynare, Mathematica, and STATA.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 10/1998-12/2017: **Senior Economist**
International Monetary Fund (IMF)
(On leave: Sep-Dec/2017, 12/2013-11/2015 & 10/2007 09/2010)
- 12/2013-11/2015: **Senior Economist**
Joint Vienna Institute
- 10/2007-09/2010: **Senior Research Economist**
Inter-American Development Bank
- 09/1995-9/1998: **Country Desk Economist**
Western Hemisphere Department, **IMF**
- 01/1994-08/1995: **Junior Economist (“EP”)**
Western Hemisphere and European Departments, **IMF**
- 01/1993-12/1993: **Assistant Professor**
(tenure track)
University of London

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- 06/2018 – 07/2018: **Visiting Scholar**
IMF Research Department
- 08/2013 – 11/2013: **Visiting Professor**
Economics Department, Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-RJ)
- 10/2011 – 08/2013: **Acting Deputy Chief**
Open Economy Macroeconomics Division,
IMF Research Department
- 01/2012 – 06/2013: **Seminar Coordinator**
IMF Research Department
- 09/2003-06/2004: **Visiting Scholar**
Department of Economics, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
- 10/1991-12/1992: **Research Fellow**
Institute of Latin American Studies, University of London

TEACHING

08/9/2018-ongoing:	<i>Advanced Macroeconomics (PhD), ISEG</i>
08/9/2018-ongoing:	<i>International Economics (Master's), ISEG</i>
07/2/2018-8/6/2018:	<i>Macroeconomics II (Undergraduate), ISEG</i>
07/02/2018-8/6/2018:	<i>Economic Policy and Entrepreneurial Activity (Undergraduate), ISEG</i>
15/9/2017-15/12/2017:	<i>Macroeconomics II (Undergraduate), ISEG</i>
19/10/2015 – 30/10/2015:	<i>Financial Programming and Policies, Joint Vienna Institute [participants' rating = 4.8/5.0]</i>
25/05/2015 – 05/06/2015:	<i>Fiscal Analysis and Forecasting, Financial Ministry of the Republic of Georgia and the IMF institute</i>
23/03/2015 – 27/03/2015:	<i>Macroeconomic Policies in Times of High Capital Mobility, Joint Vienna Institute]</i>
09/02/2015 – 20/02/2015:	<i>Macroeconomic Management and Financial Sector issues, Joint Vienna</i>
8/12/2014 – 19/12/2014:	<i>External Vulnerability and Early Warning Exercise, Joint Vienna Institute</i>
27/10/2014 – 31/10/2014:	<i>Macro Prudential Tools, Bank of England & Joint Vienna Institute</i>
20/10/2014 – 24/10/2014:	<i>Macroeconomic Forecasting, Centre for Excellence in Finance, Montenegro</i>
26/05/2014 – 27/06/2014:	<i>Applied Economic Policy, Joint Vienna Institute</i>
24/03/2014 – 29/03/2014:	<i>Macroeconomic Policies in Times of High Capital Mobility, Joint Vienna Institute,</i>
10/02/2014 – 21/02/2014:	<i>Macroeconomic Management and Financial Sector Issues, Joint Vienna Institute, Austria</i>
12/08/2013 – 18/10/2013:	<i>Macroeconomics II (post-graduate), Catholic University (PUC) of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</i>

PUBLICATIONS

Full Journal Articles

- “Fiscal Discoveries and Yield Decouplings”, *IMF Economic Review*, 65(4), pp. 704-44, December 2017 (with Ana Fostel and Romain Rancière)
- “Default Premium”, *Journal of International Economics*, 107, pp. 91-110, July 2017 (with Rui Mano)
- “World Food Prices and Monetary Policy”, *Journal of Monetary Economics*, 75, pp.69-88, October 2015 (with Roberto Chang)
- “External Liabilities and Crises”, *Journal of International Economics*, Vol. 94(1), pp. 18-32, May 2014 (with Gian Maria Milesi-Ferretti)
- “Monetary Rules for Commodity Traders”, *IMF Review*, Vol. 61(1), pp.52-91, 2013 (with Roberto Chang)
- “Common Factors in Latin America’s Business Cycles”, *Journal of Development Economics*, 95, pp. 212-228, 2011 (with Marco Aiolfi and Allan Timmemann)
- “Persistent Gaps and Default Traps”, *Journal of Development Economics*, 89, pp. 271-284 (with Ana Fostel and Sandeep Kapur), 2009.
- “Volatility and the Debt Intolerance Paradox”, *IMF Staff Papers*, 56, No.3, pp.195-218, June 2006 (with Sandeep Kapur)
- “Effective Exchange Rates and the Classical Gold Standard Adjustment”, *American Economic Review*, 95(4), pp. 1259-75, September 2005 (with Solomos Solomou)
- “Fiscal Deficits and Inflation”, *Journal of Monetary Economics*, Vol. 52, pp. 529-54, April 2005 (with Marco Terrones)
- “Determinants of Argentina’s External Trade”, *Journal of Applied Economics*, May 2002, pp.19-57 (with Elisabetta Falcetti)
- “Effective Exchange Rates: 1870-1913”, [European Review of Economic History](#), vol. 4, pages 361-382, December (with Solomos Solomou)
- “Mexico and Export-Led Growth: the Porfirian Era Revisited”, *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, vol.22, no.1, January 1998, pp.59-78

“Recession and Recovery in the United Kingdom in the 1990s: Identifying the Shocks”, *National Institute Economic Review*, July 1996 (with R.Ramaswamy)

“A New Wholesale Price Index for Brazil during the Period 1870-1913”, *Revista Brasileira de Economia*, Vol. 46(4), Oct.-Dec. 1992, pp.519-33.

“Do Tratado de Probabilidade a Teoria Geral: O Conceito de Racionalidade em Keynes”, *Revista de Economia Política*, Vol.12 (1), Jan/Mar 1992, pp.60-75.

Book Chapters and Monographs

Meeting Globalization’s Challenges, Princeton University Press, forthcoming. (with Maurice Obstfeld).

“Reforms and External Balances in Peripheral Europe” in *Economic Crisis and Structural Reforms in Southern Europe: Policy Lessons*, edited by D. Katsikas and P. Manasse, London: Routledge, Dec 2017.

“Financial De-Dollarization: A Global Perspective and the Peruvian Experience”, in Yamada, G. & Winkelried, D. (eds), *Política y Estabilidad Monetaria en Perú*, Lima.

“The Credit Channel and Monetary Transmission in Brazil and Chile: A Structured VAR Approach”, in Céspedes, L. et al. (eds.), *Monetary Policy Under Financial Turbulence*, Central Bank of Chile, March 2011 (with Adrian Pagan)

“Default Traps”, in Kolb, R. (ed.) *Sovereign Debt: From Safety to Default*, John Wiley & Sons, 2011. (with Ana Fostel and Sandeep Kapur).

“Volatility Regimes and Global Stock Returns”, in Bollerslev, T., J. Russell, and M.Watson (eds), *Volatility and Time Series Econometrics: Essays in Honor of Robert Engle*, Oxford Economic Press, December 2009 (with Allan Timmermann)

“Sudden Stops and Currency Drops: A Historical Look”, in Sebastian Edwards et. al. (eds.), *The Decline of Latin American Economies*, NBER/ University of Chicago, 2007

The Failure of Export–Led Growth in Brazil and Mexico, Institute of Latin American Studies Monograph series, University of London, 1993

Shorter Articles

- “Dollar Dependence”, *Finance and Development*, Vol. 53, No. 3, September 2015 (with Marco Terrones).
- “Emerging Markets Show Resilience to the Capital Flow Cycle”, *IMF Survey Magazine*, April 2016 (with Rudolf Bems).
- “To Pay the Piper”, *Finance and Development*, Vol. 52, No. 4, December 2015 (with Rui Mano).
- “Measuring the Interest Premium for Past Default”, *VOX-EU*, September 29th, 2015 (with Rui Mano).
- “South-Eastern European Monetary History from the 19th Century to World War II – Foreword”, Central Banks of Austria, Bulgaria, Greece, Romania and Serbia, 2014.
- “Comments on Filardo and Lombardi’s “Has Asian emerging market policy been too pro-cyclical when responding to swings in commodity prices?”, in Packer & Mehrotra (ed.s), *Globalization, Inflation and Monetary Policy in Asia and the Pacific*, BIS and People’s Bank of China, 2013, pp. 155-158.
- “External Liabilities and Crisis Risk”, *VOX-EU*, September 4th, 2013 [Joint with Gian Maria Milesi-Ferretti]
- “Comments on Jeffrey Frankel’s ‘A Comparison of Product Price Targeting and Other Monetary Anchor Options for Commodity Exporters in Latin America’,” *Economía*, 12(1), Fall 2011.
- “O Alimento e a Guerra Cambial”, *Valor Econômico*, 7 June 2011
- “Alimentos e a Política Econômica”, *Valor Econômico*, 10 February 2011
- “Global Food Prices and Inflation Targeting”, *VOX-EU*, 27 January 2011 (with Roberto Chang)
- “A Retomada do Crédito”, *Estado de São Paulo*, p.8, 21 April 2010
- “Um Bonus da Estabilidade: O Crédito e o Emprego Formal”, *Valor Econômico*, p.16, October 2008.
- “Backcasting Latin America”, *Finance and Development*, December 2007, pp.39-43

“Why Real Exchange Rates”, *Finance and Development*, September 2007, pp.46-47

WORKING PAPERS

“Capital Account Liberalization and the Composition of Bank Liabilities”, working paper REM/ISEG 2018/53. (with Daniel Te Kaat)

“Reforms and External Balances in Southern Europe and Ireland”, REM/ISEG working paper 2018/27

“International Financial Integration and Funding Risks: Bank-Level Evidence From Latin America”, IMF working paper WP/17/224 (with Valeria Dinger and Daniel Te Kaat)

“Financial De-Dollarization: A Global Perspective and the Peruvian Experience” IMF working paper”, IMF working paper WP/16/97

“External Balance Assessment (EBA) Methodology”, IMF working paper, WP/13/27 December 2013 (with S. Phillips and others)

“World Food Prices, the Real Exchange Rate-Terms-of-Trade Nexus, and Monetary Policy”, IMF working paper 13/114, March 2013 (with Roberto Chang)

"Financial Dependence, Formal Credit and Informal Jobs - New Evidence from Brazilian Household Data," Inter-American Development Bank WP 4642, December 2009 (with Carmen Pages & Maria Fernanda Rosales) & IZA Discussion paper 4609.

“Monetary Transmission in an Emerging Targeter: The Case of Brazil”, IMF working paper 08/191 (with Douglas Laxton and Adrian Pagan)

“Perspectives on Low Global Interest Rates”, IMF working paper WP/06/76, March 2006 (with Sandy Mackenzie)

“The New Economy and Global Stock Returns”, IMF WP 00/216 (with Robin Brooks)

“Determinants of Dollarization: The Banking Side”, IMF WP 00/146 (with Marco Terrones)

“Banks and Monetary Shocks: How Far Can we Go with the Credit View?” WP 00/68 (with Sergio Rodriguez)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLICY REPORTS

IMF-WB-WTO, Making Trade as an Engine of Growth for All: The Case for Trade and for Policies to Facilitate the Adjustment, Washington DC, April 2017 [Section II]

World Economic Outlook, October, 2016, Chapter 3 [Box 3.5]

World Economic Outlook, April 2016, Chapter 2 (Lead co-author)

World Economic Outlook, September 2011, Chapter 3 [Boxes 1.5 and 3.2]

The Age of Productivity, Inter-American Development Bank/Palgrave, April 2010.

The Aftermath of the Crisis: Policy Lessons and Challenges for Latin America and the Caribbean, Inter-American Development Bank, March 2010.

All That Glitters May Not be Gold: Assessing Latin America's Recent Economic Performance, Inter-American Development Bank, April 2009

World Economic Outlook, International Monetary Fund, October 2007, Chapter 5

World Economic Outlook, April 2006, Chapter 1

World Economic Outlook, May 2003, Chapter 3

World Economic Outlook, May 2002, Chapter 2

World Economic Outlook, May 2001, Chapters 3 and 4

World Economic Outlook, October 2000, Chapter 2 (Lead Author)

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (past five years)

Financial Outlook Forum, Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon. Paper: Portugal's External Balances: Development Prospects, May 24th, 2019

ISEG Macro seminar. Paper "Trade Liberalization: Aggregate Gains versus Sectoral Losses, and the Perils of Partial Reform", March 2019.

Nova University, Macro group seminar. Paper: "Financial Frictions and International Risk Sharing", April 20th, 2018

Lisbon School of Economics and Management, Seminar on the Portuguese Economy, ISEG, March 13th, 2018

University of Cologne, Conference on Women in Macroeconomics. Paper: Financial Frictions and International Risk Sharing, November 25th, 2017

American University, School of Foreign Service. Paper: World Economic Outlook: Global Prospects and Policy, March 25th, 2016

SAIS, John Hopkins University. Paper: World Economic Outlook: Global Prospects and Policy, November 30th, 2016

George Washington University. Paper: "World Economic Outlook: Global Prospects and Policy", October 27th, 2016

Bank of International Settlements, August 18-19th, 2016, Conference on "The Commodity Cycle: Macroeconomic and Financial Stability Implications," Discussant.

Goethe-Universität, June 29th, 2016. Paper: Default Premium.

Central Bank of Iceland, April 28-29th, 2016 Conference on Capital Flows, Systemic Risk and Policy Responses, Discussant

Bank of Canada, April 25th, 2016 Conference on commodity prices, Paper: "World Food Prices and Monetary Policy".

International Monetary Fund, Press Briefing on the Analytical Chapters of the World Economic Outlook, March 2016

[Online video <http://www.imf.org/external/mmedia/view.aspx?vid=4834175211001>]

University of Osnabrück, November 24th, 2015, Paper: Default Premium

University of Oxford, All Souls College, November 19th, 2015, Paper: Default Premium.

Central Bank of Latvia, High-level conference on "Quo Vadis Europe?", October 28th, 2015, Panel Discussant. Topic: Debt and Growth.

[Online video: <https://www.macroconomics.lv/conference-quo-vadis-europe-how-achieve-growth-high-debt-environment>]

Universidad Carlos III, October 5th, 2015. Paper: Default Premium.

Bundesbank-CEPR-IMF-OeNB conference on Macro Financial Linkages and Current Account Imbalances, “Opening Address”, Vienna, July 2th, 2015

Nova Business School, Seminar paper: “Default Premium”, Lisbon, Feb. 13th 2015

Oestereichische Nationalbank, Seminar paper: “Default Premium”, Vienna, November 28th 2014

Trinity College, Dublin, Seminar paper: “World Food Prices and Monetary Policy”, Sept. 26th 2014

Swiss National Bank, Seminar paper: “World Food Prices and Monetary Policy”, Zurich, April 22nd, 2014

Vienna Graduate School of Economics, Seminar paper: “World Food Prices and Monetary Policy”, March, 10th, 2014

Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Seminar paper: “External Liabilities and Crises”, Rio de Janeiro, November 18th, 2013

People’s Bank of China, High-level conference on “Globalization, Inflation and Monetary Policy in Asia”, Panel Discussant, Beijing, 23-25th September 2013

George Washington University, Seminar paper: “External liabilities and Crises”, Washington DC, 18th September 2013

Peterson Institute of International Economics, High-level Conference on “Currency Wars”, Panel Discussant, Washington DC, April 2nd, 2013

[Online video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ji5XIAZYGck>.]

Rutgers University, Seminar paper: “Fiscal Discoveries and Sudden Decouplings”, New Jersey, Nov 28th, 2012

Swiss National Bank, Conference on External Adjustment, Paper: “The IMF’s Approach to external balance assessment”, August 23nd-24th, 2012

European Central Bank, Paper: “Sudden Stops and Sovereign Defaults”, June 22nd-23rd, 2012

Central Bank of Turkey, Paper: “Monetary Rules for Commodity Traders”, Istanbul, April 6-7th, 2012

Central Bank of Chile, Paper: “Commodity Prices and Monetary Policy”, Santiago de Chile, January 10th, 2012

Central Bank of Bolivia Annual Conference, Panel Discussant on Managing Commodity Shocks, La Paz, July 2011

NBER Summer Camp 2011, Seminar Paper: “Sudden Stops and Sovereign Defaults”, Cambridge, Mass, July 2011

Society of Economic Dynamics Conference, Seminar Paper: “Sudden Stops and Sovereign Defaults” (co-authored with Ana Fostel and Romain Ranciere), June 2011

MEDIA COVERAGE

Recent

Wall Street Journal (US), April 2016: <http://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2016/04/08/the-strange-case-of-the-missing-crisis/>

CCTV (China), April 2016: <http://english.cctv.com/2016/04/08/VIDEYjhyUCNB6TmzKi3A3EdY160408.shtml>

FTse Global Markets (UK), April 2016: <http://www.ftseglobalmarkets.com/news/imf-report-charts-decline-of-investment-inflows-into-emerging-markets.html>

The National (Middle East), April 2016: <http://www.thenational.ae/business/economy/emerging-markets-face-costly-economic-crises-with-exit-of-capital-warns-imf>

Past

Time Magazine (US), “Will Food Prices Kill the Recovery?”, Piece by S. Gandel on paper “Food Prices and Monetary Policy, 20 January 2011
[Online: <http://business.time.com/2011/01/20/will-rising-food-prices-kill-the-recovery/>]

The Financial Times (UK), “Is the Euro the 21st Gold Standard”, Economists’ Forum Blog by Edward Gottesman citing paper “Effective Exchange Rates and the Classical Gold Standard Adjustment” (AER, 2005), 13 August 2012.
[Online: <http://blogs.ft.com/economistsforum/2012/08/is-the-euro-the-21st-century-gold-standard/>]

Exame (Brazil), “A Informalidade no Brasil”, Article quoting paper on “Formal Credit and Informal Jobs” (IZA DP 4609), July 28th, 2010

The Financial Times (UK), “Brazilian Banks Return Profits with Interest”, Based on interview with FT correspondent Jonathan Wheatley, 28 June 2010
[Online: <https://next.ft.com/content/aa1e61b4-82d6-11df-b7ad-00144feabdc0>]

Valor Econômico (Brazil), Article by Maria Clara do Prado on the paper “Sudden Stops and Currency Drops: A Historical Look”, June 8th, 2006.

Washington Post (US), “Think Globally”, Article by James K. Glassman citing paper “The New Economy and Global Stock Returns”, 27 June 2004.
[Online: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A7352-2004Jun26.html>]

Down Jones International News (US), Article by John Connor on the paper “Fiscal Deficits and Inflation” (JME 2005), 18 April 2003.

The Economist (UK), Section “Economic Focus” on the same paper, 24 March, 2001
[Online: <http://www.economist.com/node/541275>]

The International Herald Tribune, Article by James K. Glassman on paper “The New Economy and Global Stock Returns” (IMF WP 00/2016), 9 April, 2001

REFEREE WORK:

American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, Economic Journal, Economics Letters, IMF Review, IMF Staff Papers, International Journal of Central Banking, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic History, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Financial Econometrics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of International Money and Finance, Journal of Macroeconomics, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, Journal of Monetary Economics, MIT press, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of International Economics, Economic History Review, Oxford Economic Papers, World Bank Review.

GRANTS and AWARDS

Marie Curie Global Fellowship (2016-2018), European Commission
[Awarded in February 2015 and abdicated in December 2015 to return to IMF]
Research Teamwork Award, Research Department, IMF, June 2013

Individual Research Grant, Research Department, IMF, May 2006

Research Scholarship, Ellen McCarthur Fund, University of Cambridge, 1990

Grant for fieldwork in developing countries, Luca D'agliano Foundation, 1989

Finley Bursar Award, Darwin College, Cambridge, 1989

Post-Graduate Research Scholarship, Ministry of Science and Technology, Brazil, 1986-90

Junior Scientist Research Grant ("Bolsa de Iniciação Científica"), Ministry of Science and Technology, Brazil, 1983-84

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Financial Frictions and International Risk Sharing"
[Joint with Roberto Chang]

"Trade Liberalization: Aggregate Gains versus Sectoral Losses, and the Perils of Partial Reform"
[Joint with Maurice Obstfeld]

"The Global Financial Cycle and Bank Leverage: Evidence from a longer Panel"
[Joint with Daniel Te Kaat]

"Test-Benching Current Account Models"
[Joint with Allan Timmermann]

"Does Inflation Targeting Lower Capital Flow Volatility?"

OTHER INTERESTS

Classical Guitar (Pro-level with distinction award by Levine School of Music)

Sailing (Basic keelboat certified, US sailing association)

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