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## Education

### University of Oxford

Oxford, UK

PHD/DPHIL CANDIDATE AT THE BLAVATNIK SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

Ongoing

- *Dissertation Topic:* Essays in Governance and Development
- *Doctoral Advisors:* Dr. Clare Leaver, Dr. Kate Orkin
- *Conference Presentations:* NBER SI on Digital Economics and AI, Oxford CSAE, World Bank Research Seminar

### Stanford University

California, USA

MASTER'S IN INTERNATIONAL POLICY ([VALEDICTORIAN](#)); GPA: 3.95

Sept 2017 - June 2019

- *Specialization:* Governance for Development; Data Science
- *Thesis:* "The Causes of Malaria Elimination in Puerto Rico" ([blog](#)); Advisor: Dr. Grant Miller
- *La Caixa Graduate Fellow:* Awarded full tuition and monthly stipend (<10% acceptance rate)
- *Awards:* Top student in the master's program; FSI Small Research Grant

### Carlos III University of Madrid

Madrid, Spain

B.A. IN ECONOMICS AND LAW; TOP 5%

September 2011 - June 2017

- *Study Abroad Program:* UC Berkeley (2014/15). GPA: 3.95
- *Awards:* 2x Excellence Scholarship (2015/16 and 2012/13); Best incoming student: top GPA out of 120 new students in the double degree program (2011/12)

## Professional Experience

### World Bank Group

Washington DC, USA

GOVERNANCE SPECIALIST AT THE [GOVERNANCE GLOBAL PRACTICE](#)

November 2023 - Present

- **Managed research projects and collaborations** with client governments and Bank operations across Kenya, Peru, Chile, Croatia, and Romania on governance, justice, and digital technologies
- **Led the organization** of the inaugural [Global Forum on Justice and the Rule of Law](#), bringing together over 400 experts, academics and high-level government officials from over 60 countries
- **Led field trips and organized workshops** where I presented our work at the OECD Global Policy Roundtable in Equal Access to Justice, Colombia, Peru, Chile, Ethiopia and Kenya that led to the establishment of innovative research programs

RESEARCH ANALYST AT DEVELOPMENT IMPACT ([DIME](#))

July 2019 - November 2023

- **Co-designed, implemented, and contributed to analyze** impact evaluations in which we developed and deployed data-driven innovations that improved the efficiency, accessibility, and quality of justice in the aforementioned countries
- **Co-authored an academic article** on "[The Role of Justice in Development: The Data Revolution](#)", which evaluates the impact of justice on growth, conflict, and trust, and assesses the potential of the data revolution to improve justice systems in developing countries
- **Evaluated gender and ethnic discrimination in +130k Kenyan Judgments** using Natural Language Processing (NLP) in R, then published as [an academic paper](#)
- **COVID-19 response:** Developed a data-driven alarm system to predict spikes in COVID-19 cases in more than 190 countries worldwide; Wrote two blogs about our work ([blog 1](#), [blog 2](#)); Received WBG Development Economics Vice Presidency Award for co-leading this innovative work
- **Wrote grant applications** that procured \$800,000 in funding and effectively managed the work of 6 research assistants

### Stanford University

California, USA

RESEARCH ASSISTANT TO PROFS. GRANT MILLER & PASCALINE DUPAS

Nov 2018 - June 2019

- Led a research project evaluating the causal impact of Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) and swamp draining on the elimination of malaria in Puerto Rico
- Developed interactive map using geospatial tools in R to visualize the geographic differences in the reduction of malaria across municipalities
- Implemented a regression discontinuity design to evaluate the impact of granting a loan to a medium-sized firm on the firm's outcomes and the overall economy of Mexico

## Innovations for Poverty Action

Asunción & Caaguazú, Paraguay

### RESEARCH INTERN

Feb 2017 – April 2017

- Assisted in implementing an RCT in rural Paraguay to evaluate the impact of an innovative educational policy on 290 schools and more than 3,000 pre-school children
- Planned and coordinated fieldwork involving the management of 16 local surveyors and their supervisors

## Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Paris, France

### POLICY, RESEARCH, AND ADVICE; CENTER FOR TAX POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION (CTPA)

June 2016 – Dec 2016

- Wrote a chapter of the 2016 Global Relations Annual Report on tax policies undertaken by post-Soviet states in their transition from a centrally planned economy to a market economy after the fall of the Berlin wall
- Coordinated and assisted in organizing the 6th Latin American and the Caribbean (LAC) Fiscal Forum in Buenos Aires, bringing together 56 policy makers from 14 countries in LAC and 6 International Organizations

## Publications

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### CHAPTERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO FLAGSHIP REPORTS

**Transforming Justice in the Middle East and North Africa Through Data** (with D. Chen), chapter in *A New State of Mind: Greater Transparency and Accountability in the Middle East and North Africa*. MENA Economic Update; October 2022. Washington, DC: World Bank

**Government Analytics Using Machine Learning** (with S. Bhupatiraju, D. Chen, S. Jankin, G. Kim, M. Kupi), *The Government Analytics Handbook: Leveraging Data to Strengthen Public Administration*

**Digitalization of Justice: The Impact of Judicial Speed on Firm Outcomes in Croatia** (with D. Chen). In “Data, Digitalization, and Governance”, *Europe and Central Asia Economic Update (Spring)*, Washington, DC: World Bank

### ACADEMIC WORKING PAPERS

**Improving Justice Through Information and Accountability: Evidence from a Nationwide Randomized Experiment in Kenya** (with M. Chemin, D. Chen, V. Di Maro, P. Kimalu, M. Mokaya), *TSE Working Papers 22-1391*, Toulouse School of Economics (TSE)

**The Role of Justice in Development: The Data Revolution** (with D. Chen), *Policy Research Working Paper; No. 9720*. World Bank, Washington, DC

**Do Judges Favor their Own Ethnicity and Gender? Evidence from Kenya** (with D. Chen, J. Graham, S. Singh), *Policy Research working paper, no. WPS 9956, Impact Evaluation series*. Washington, DC

**The Evolution of the COVID-19 Pandemic Through the Lens of Google Searches** (with R. Marty, N. Khan, A. Reichert), *Forthcoming at World Bank Working Paper Series*

### WORK IN PROGRESS

**Information Provision and Court Performance: Experimental Evidence from Chile** (with P. Carrillo, D. Chen, B. Silveira).

**Training and Bureaucratic Performance: Evidence from Peruvian Judges** (with D. Chen, B. Silveira).

**Improving the Quality of Legal Aid: Impact Evaluation of Tech-Enabled Conciliation in Peru** (with D. Chen, G. Kim, B. Silveira) AEA RCT Registry. December 14.

## Employment Related Assets

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- **Languages:** Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate)
- **Software:** R & RShiny, Stata,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , GitHub, SurveyCTO, Microsoft Office package
- **Additional Software Skills:** Shiny applications; Web scraping; Geospatial analysis; Web development