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Education:

Sep 2015- Jan 2020	University of Sussex	PhD in Economics
Sep 2012- Mar 2015	University of Bologna	MSc Economics and Market policy, cum laude
Sep 2009- Jul 2012	University of Bologna	BSc International Relations & Diplomatic Affairs, cum laude

Research Interests:

Political economy, poverty, inequality, development, and migration.

Working Experience:

May 2021- current	Extended-term consultant at the World Bank, Development Data Group-Indicators and Services. Main tasks: global poverty measurement and reporting, including research and analysis on poverty measurement in countries with limited data, analysis of long-term poverty in Nigeria, PSIA for Nigeria. Reporting to Christoph Lakner, Dean Jolliffe, Tara Vishwanath.
July 2020-May 2021	Consultant at the World Bank, Development Data Group-Indicators and Services. Main tasks: global poverty monitoring and reporting, team member for the <i>Poverty and Shared Prosperity Report 2020</i> . Working on projects aimed at improving poverty measurement. Reporting to Christoph Lakner.
Jan 2020-June 2020	Consultant at the World Bank, Development Economics Research Group-Poverty and Inequality unit. Main tasks: team member for the <i>Poverty and Shared Prosperity Report 2020</i> , contribute to maintaining Povcalnet database. Reporting to Christoph Lakner, Francisco Ferreira.
Jan 2020- May 2020	Researcher for project evaluating the effect of improved neonatal health care on maternal health outcomes in Nigeria with Dr. Pedro Rosa Dias and Dr. Marcos Vera-Hernandez.
Dec 2019- Feb 2020	Researcher for project on the effect of Official Development Assistance on health care delivery with Dr. Pedro Rosa Dias and Dr. Rodrigo Moreno-Serra.
Dec 2018-Aug 2019	Research Assistant for Migrating out of Poverty project (funded by UK Department of International Development) with Dr. Julie Litchfield. Main task: data cleaning and organization, statistical analysis and report writing. Main topics: household consumption, migration, subjective well-being with a focus on Ethiopia.
Jul 2018-Jun 2019	Research Assistant for impact evaluation of transfer program with Dr. Pedro Rosa Dias, Dr. Antonio Galvao. Main task: replication analysis and dataset preparation.
Jan 2018- Feb 2018	Research Assistant for Capitalizing Human Mobility for Poverty Alleviation and Inclusive Development for Myanmar (funded by Myanmar Livelihood and Food Security Trust Fund) with Dr. Julie Litchfield. Main tasks: economic analysis of drivers of migration and report writing.

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- Jun 2016- Jan 2019 Doctoral Tutor at the University of Sussex teaching second-year undergraduate courses in: Introduction to Development Economics, Advanced Microeconomics, Global Economic Issues. Main tasks: seminar preparation and delivery, exam marking. Supervised by: Dr. Farai Jena, Dr. Vikram Pathania, Dr. Shilan Dargahi.
- Oct 2015- Feb 2016 Research Assistant for ISFM-Malawi Clinton Development Initiative Project with Dr Annemie Maertens. Main tasks: data cleaning, literature review on agricultural economics.

Publications:

Aziz Atamanov, R. Andres Castaneda Aguilar, Tony H. M. J. Fujs, Reno Dewina, Carolina Diaz-Bonilla, Daniel Gerszon Mahler, Dean Jolliffe, Christoph Lakner, Mikhail Matytsin, Jose Montes, Laura L. Moreno Herrera, Rose Mungai, David Newhouse, Minh C. Nguyen, Francisco J. Parada Gomez Urquiza, Ani Rudra Silwal, Diana M. Sanchez Castro, Marta Schoch, David L. Vargas Mogollon, Martha C. Viveros Mendoza, Judy Yang, Nobuo Yoshida and Haoyu Wu, "[March 2020 PovcalNet Update: what's new](#)", World Bank Group Global Poverty Monitoring Technical Note, no. 11., March 2020.

Castaneda Aguilar, R. Andres, Fujs, Tony H. M. J., Jolliffe, Dean, Lakner, Christoph, Mahler, Daniel, Nguyen, Minh C., Schoch, Marta, Vargas Mogollon, David, Viveros, Martha, Tetteh Baah, Samuel, Yonzan, Nishant, Yoshida, Nobuo. 2020. "*September 2020 PovcalNet Update: What's New*", Global Poverty Monitoring Technical Note 14., World Bank, Washington, DC.

Nguyen, Minh Cong; Wu, Haoyu; Lakner, Christoph; Schoch, Marta. "*March 2021 Update to the Multidimensional Poverty Measure : What's New (English)*." Global Poverty Monitoring Technical Note, no. 17 Washington, D.C.: World Bank Group.

Lain,Jonathan William; Schoch,Marta; Vishwanath,Tara. "Estimating a Poverty Trend for Nigeria between 2009 and 2019." Policy Research working paper,no. WPS 9974,COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Washington, D.C. : World Bank Group, 2022

Current Working Papers:

"Wealth inequality and political preferences: evidence from the housing price boom in England and Wales." – PhD Thesis Chapter. **Media Coverage:** [The Sunday Times](#), [The Guardian](#)

"Does mandatory conscription affect political preferences and national identity? Evidence from Germany and Spain" – PhD Thesis Chapter

"The effect of migration on household consumption: evidence from rural Ethiopia." – PhD Thesis Chapter

"The Effect of Return Migration on the Household Welfare: Evidence from Ethiopia" with J. Litchfield and AH Tsegay, Migrating out of poverty Working Paper 66

"Estimating a poverty trend for Nigeria between 2009 and 2019" joint with J. Lain and T. Vishwanath

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Blog posts, Non-Academic Articles, Media coverage:

“Picking up the pace of poverty reduction in Nigeria” with J. Lain and T. Vishwanath, World Bank Africa Can End Poverty Blog
“The new website for the World Bank’s Multidimensional Poverty Measure”, March 2021, World Bank Data Blog
“March 2021 global poverty update from the World Bank ” March 2021, World Bank Data Blog.
“Monitoring poverty at the US\$3.20 and US\$5.50 lines: differences and similarities with extreme poverty trends ” with S. Freije-Rodriguez and C. Lakner, November 2020, World Bank Data Blog.
“A quarter of the world lives in societal poverty” with D. Jolliffe and C. Lakner, December 2020, World Bank Data Blog.
“Sub-Saharan Africa shows largest overlaps between monetary and non-monetary poverty” with C. Lakner, M. Cong Nguyen and S. K. Tetteh Baah. December 2020
“The number of poor people continues to rise in Sub-Saharan Africa, despite a slow decline in the poverty rate” with C. Lakner, December 2020, World Bank Data Blog.
“African countries show mixed progress towards poverty reduction and half of them have an extreme poverty rate above 35%” with C. Lakner. December 2020, World Bank Data Blog.
“Global poverty reduction is slowing: regional trends help understanding why” with C. Lakner, November 2020, World Bank Data Blog.
“Progress toward ending poverty has slowed” with C. Lakner and M. Fleury, October 2020, World Bank Data Blog.
“Where the extreme poor live” with C. Lakner and M. Fleury, October 2020, World Bank Data Blog.
“Covid-19 in Latin America: A pandemic meets extreme inequality” with F. Ferreira. Let’s Talk Development! World Bank Group blogs, June 2020.
“Covid-19 in Latin America: A pandemic meets extreme inequality” with F. Ferreira Vox LACEA, June 2020.
“Inequality and social unrest in Latin America: The Tocqueville Paradox revisited” with F.Ferreira. Vox Lacea, March
“Inequality and social unrest in Latin America: The Tocqueville Paradox revisited” with F.Ferreira. Let’s Talk Development! World Bank Group blogs, March 2020
“Wealth inequality and political preferences: evidence from the housing price boom in England and Wales.” Doctoral thesis chapter covered by [The Sunday Times](#), [The Guardian](#), 2019.

Programming Skills:

Programming level: STATA, LaTeX, LyX. Intermediate level: R. User level: GitHub, ArcGIS, SPSS, Google Earth Engine.

Training, Workshops, Conferences, Lectures:

Feb 2022	Speaker at Poverty Learning Days- World Bank: Course on multidimensional poverty
Dec 2021	Guest Lecture at University of Maastricht: Global Poverty and Sustainable Development
July 2021	Paper Presenter at ECINEQ 2021 Congress
Dec 2020	Paper Presenter at RIDGE-LACEA Poverty and Inequality Workshop
Nov 2020	Invited speaker at Latin America 2020, Chatham House
Jan 2020	ASSA Annual Meeting 2020 San Diego.
Apr 2019	Paper presenter at PhD conference University of Sussex
Apr 2019	Paper presenter at Royal Economic Society Annual Conference-University of Warwick
Apr 2019	Paper presenter at Royal Economic Society-Symposium for Junior Researchers-University of Warwick

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Nov 2018	Paper presenter at CESifo group workshop on Political Economy
Nov 2018	Paper presenter – Internal seminar series University of Sussex
Jun 2018	Centre for Microdata Methods and Practice (CEMMAP)- Partial Identification in practice with A. Rosen CEMMAP course-Machine Learning and Econometrics with V.Chernozhukov
May 2018	CEMMAP course – Panel Data Methods with J.M. Wooldridge
Dec 2017	CEMMAP course - Implementing STATA command
Aug 2017	Paper presenter at European Economic Association Annual Meeting 2017-Lisbon
May 2017	Doctoral School on Dynamics of Inequality- CESifo group Munich
Nov 2016	Presenter at internal seminar series University of Sussex

Awards:

Sep 2016 - Sep 2018	Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) Doctoral Studies Scholarship
Sep 2016- Jun 2017	SAGE publishing Ltd and University of Sussex Library doctoral scholarship
Jan 2014– Nov 2014	Academic tutor grant University of Bologna

Other Relevant Experience:

Jan-Jul 2018	Organising member of ESRC-funded PhD seminar Series at University of Sussex
Jan-Mar 2018	Organising committee member Royal Economic Society Symposium for Junior Researchers
Jun 2016	I.S.E.O institute Summer School in Economics 2016
Mar 2016	Assistant in organisation of Royal Economic Society Conference 2016
Sep 2011 –Mar 2012	Erasmus International Exchange – WW Universitaet Muenster (GE)

Personal:

Nationality	Italian, Swiss
Languages	Italian (native), Spanish (fluent), English (fluent)

References:

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Tara Vishwanath: tvishwanath@worldbank.org. Lead Economist, The World Bank.
Francisco H. G. Ferreira: f.d.ferreira@lse.ac.uk. Amartya Sen Professor of Inequality Studies and Director International Inequalities Institute London School of Economics.
Pedro Rosa Dias: p.rosa-dias@imperial.ac.uk Associate Professor of Health Economics, 389 Business School Imperial College London (PhD thesis adviser)
Julie Litchfield: J.A.Litchfield@sussex.ac.uk Senior Lecturer. Department of Economics, University of Sussex, UK. (PhD thesis adviser)