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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).	<i>2018-2024 (expected)</i>
M.A. in Economics, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).	<i>2018-2020</i>
M.A. in Economics, <i>Highest Honors</i> , Universidad de Chile.	<i>2012-2013</i>
B.A. in Economics, Universidad de Chile.	<i>2008-2011</i>

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Monetary Economics, and International Economics.

JOB MARKET PAPER

Large Devaluations, Heterogeneous Consumption Adjustments, and Macroeconomic Implications.

This paper studies massive drops in consumption across households during large devaluations associated with sudden stops. Using cross-country comparison and the Mexican 1994 peso crisis as a case study provides evidence that, unexpectedly, non-tradable consumption decreased considerably, as much as tradable. Employing micro-data, we show that non-tradable consumption falls more for higher-income households. Moreover, expenditure share in non-tradable increases with income level, reflecting the presence of non-linear Engel curves, so higher income households concentrate expenditure on non-tradable. Based on this empirical evidence, we build an open economy framework incorporating heterogeneous households and non-homothetic CES preferences, disciplined to the Mexican 1994 peso crisis, to study counterfactual macroeconomic aggregate response during large devaluations. We show that the propagation across economic sectors of disturbances through household consumption decisions is asymmetric, depressing production more when the disturbance starts from the tradable than the non-tradable sector. Moreover, we provide evidence through a sufficient statistic of amplification in consumption decline produced by the interaction between heterogeneous expenditure shares across household distribution and MPCs.

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Firms' price setting and market power during episodes of high inflation (With Luis Felipe Céspedes and Patricio Toro).

Welfare effects of foreign shocks: A granular instrumental variable approach (With Bernardo Candia and Youyou Xu).

Closing the Connectivity Gap between the Rich and Poor: Online Governance Reform for Internet Market Failures (With Bernardo Candia, and Jelena Laketic).

Optimal Monetary Policy in a Small Open Economy with Input-Output Linkages (With Akira Ishide and Sihwan Yang).

ARTICLES

Exchange rate pass-through, monetary policy, and real exchange rates: Iceland and the 2008 crisis (With Sebastian Edwards). *Open Economies Review*, Vol. 33 (2), pp. 197-230, 2022. [NBER working paper](#). In media: [VoxEU](#), [Anderson Review](#)

PRE-DOCTORAL ARTICLES

Accumulation of reserves in emerging and developing countries: mercantilism versus insurance (With José De Gregorio). *Review of World Economics*, Vol. 155, pp. 819-857, 2019. [Working Paper](#)

International banking and cross-border effects of regulation: Lessons from Chile (with Alejandro Jara). *International Journal of Central Banking*, Vol. 13 No. S1, pp. 95-127, 2017. [Working Paper](#)

OTHER PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH

The demand for cash: Stylized facts and substitution by electronic means of payment (With Alejandro Jara). *CEPAL Review*, Number 135, pp. 129-157, 2021.

International exposure of Chilean banking system: characteristics and risk (with Alejandro Jara and Faruk Miguel). *Journal Economía Chilena (The Chilean Economy)*, Nota de Investigación Económica, Central Bank of Chile, Vol. 20 Number 3, 2017.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant , Sebastián Edwards, University of California, Los Angeles	<i>2019-present</i>
Consultant Central Bank of Guatemala , Main consultant Sebastián Edwards.	<i>2022</i>
Financial Economics Research Economist , Central Bank of Chile	<i>2014-2018</i>
Research Assistant , Manuel Agosín, Universidad de Chile	<i>2013-2014</i>

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Dissertation Fellowship , Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta	<i>2023</i>
Dissertation Internship , Central Bank of Chile	<i>2023</i>
The Princeton Initiative , Princeton University	<i>2021</i>
Internal scholarship for graduate studies , UCLA	<i>2019-present</i>
Excellence scholarship for foreign graduate studies , Chilean Government	<i>2020-2022</i>
Excellence scholarship for foreign graduate studies , Central Bank of Chile	<i>2018-2020</i>
Graduated with highest honors , Master of Economics, University of Chile	<i>2014</i>

Excellence scholarship for domestic graduate studies, Chilean government *2013-2014*
Circle of Academic Excellence, undergraduate, University of Chile *2008-2011*
Excellence Scholarship for high incoming ranking, University of Chile *2008*

RESEARCH FUNDS AND GRANTS

Clausen Center for International Business & Policy Grant, UC Berkeley (*coauthor) *2023*
Graduate Student Research Fellowship, LEAP at Berkeley Law (*coauthor) *2023*
Lewis L. Clarke Data Purchase and Data Collection Award. Econ. Dept. UCLA *2022*
Lewis L. Clark Conference Presentation Award. Econ. Dept. UCLA *2021, 2022*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, MBA, The Global Economy. UCLA *2023*
Teaching Assistant, MBA, Doing Business in Emerging Markets. UCLA *2023*
Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate, Principles of Economics (Macro). UCLA *2022*
Lecturer, International Finance, Bachelor of Economics. Universidad de Chile *2014*
Teaching Assistant, Graduate, Econometrics, Macroeconomics. Universidad de Chile *2013*
Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate, International Finance. Universidad de Chile *2013*
Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics. Universidad de Chile *2011*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Computer Skills: Matlab, Python, R, Stata, Eviews.
Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent)
Additional Interests: Swimming, Scuba Diving (Open Water Diver PADI certification).

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship Chilean
Civil status Married, one child

REFERENCES

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