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Employment

Jan. 2021 - Assistant Professor of Economics, Schulich School of Business, York University,
Toronto, Canada.
2015 - Dec. 2020 Assistant Professor of Economics, Nova School of Business and Economics,
Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal.

Education

PhD. In Economics, New York University, 2015.
M.Phil. in Economics, New York University, 2014.
M.A. in Economics, Queen's University, 2010.
B.A. in Honours Economics, University of British Columbia, 2008.

Research Fields

Behavioral Economics, Development Economics, Experimental Economics.

Teaching Experience

Summer 2018 & 2019 Behavioral Insights for Business and Finance, Universidad de los Andes – School
of Management.
2020 Advanced Behavioral Economics (Master's), Nova SBE.
2018-2019 Development Economics (Bachelor's), Nova SBE.
2016-2020 Microeconomics II (Ph.D.), Nova SBE.
2016-2019 Game Theory (Master's), Nova SBE.
2016-2020 Behavioral Economics and Finance (Master's), Nova SBE.
Fall 2014 Microeconomic Theory and Analysis (Bachelor's), NYU, TA for Danilo Guaitoli.
Spring 2011 Intermediate Macroeconomics (Bachelor's), NYU, TA for Chetan Dave.
2008-2009 Introductory Micro/Macroeconomics, Queen's University, TA for Ian Cromb.

Supervision

PhD
2020 Ana Garcia Hernandez
Master's
2021 (expected) Tobias Tesing.
2020 Jiaming Liu, Marta Resina, Bernardo Silva, Carine Spellanzon.
2019 Miguel Castro, Daniela Sanches, Rita Silva, Annette Streicher.
2018 Robin Bohn, Joao Dias, Peter Dorfner, Xaver Schenker.
2017 Guilherme Roth, Hans Klimas.

Research Positions and Related Experience

2019-2020	Co-Director, Nova SBE Behavioral Lab (NBL).
2015-Present	Novafrica Resident Member, Economics for Policy Faculty Affiliate.
2011-2013	Center for Technology and Economic Development, NYU, Research Assistant.
Summer 2011	Assistant Coordinator for Innovations for Poverty Action, Uganda, “Evaluating Village Savings and Loan Associations in Uganda”. PIs: Dean Karlan, Bram Thuysbaert.
Summer 2010	Research Intern for Save the Children, Vietnam, “Expanding Access to Financial Services for Rural Low-Income Women”.
2008-2009	University of British Columbia, Research Assistant for Giovanni Gallipoli.

Conference Presentations

2020	WGAPE Berlin (Online), Workshop on Subjective Expectations (Online, <i>expected</i>)
2019	CSAE (Oxford), BRIQ Workshop on Beliefs (Bonn), WGAPE (Berlin), IMEBESS (Utrecht), CEA (Calgary), NASMES (Seattle), ESA World (Vancouver), Bayesian Crowd Conference (Rotterdam), ECBE (San Diego), Lisbon Meetings (Lisbon). ECBE (Bergen, as discussant), SEEDEC (Wageningen), M-BEES (Maastricht), THEEM (Kreuzlingen), CSAE (Oxford), UECE Lisbon Meetings (Lisbon). UECE Lisbon (Lisbon), NYU CESS (New York), ESA Europe (Vienna), PEJ (Vila Real), ESA World (San Diego), THEEM (Kreuzlingen). UECE Lisbon (Lisbon), Advances with Field Experiments (Chicago), EEA (Geneva), GAMES (Maastricht), Novafrica Conference (Lisbon), PEJ (Coimbra), ASFEE (Cergy-Pontoise), IMEBESS (Rome), SMYE (Lisbon), RES Junior (Sussex). ESA Europe (Heidelberg), RES Post Graduate Meeting (London).
2018	UECE Lisbon (Lisbon), NYU CESS (New York), ESA Europe (Vienna), PEJ (Vila Real), ESA World (San Diego), THEEM (Kreuzlingen).
2017	UECE Lisbon (Lisbon), Advances with Field Experiments (Chicago), EEA (Geneva), GAMES (Maastricht), Novafrica Conference (Lisbon), PEJ (Coimbra), ASFEE (Cergy-Pontoise), IMEBESS (Rome), SMYE (Lisbon), RES Junior (Sussex).
2016	ESA Europe (Heidelberg), RES Post Graduate Meeting (London).
2015	ESA North America (Fort Lauderdale), ESA World (Honolulu).
2014	ESA North America (Fort Lauderdale), ESA World (Honolulu).

Seminars

2018	WZB Berlin, SHUFE, NYU Shanghai, University of Amsterdam, University of Alicante, HEC Lausanne, University of Portsmouth.
2017	Catolica Porto, ICS - U Lisboa.
2015	Navarra Center for International Development.

Grants

2019	Faculty of Business & Law, Portsmouth University, Co-PI (with Boon Han Koh and Zahra Murad), “Gender and Competition”, 5000 GBP.
2018	Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia - Research Grant (Portugal), Co-PI (PI: Pedro Vicente), “Belief Systems and Health Behaviors in Guinea Bissau”, 239,852 EUR.
2017	Hamburgische Wissenschaftliche Stiftung, Co-PI (with Leonie Gerhards and Zahra Murad), “Performance Beliefs and Allocation of Teamwork: An Experiment”.
2013	Russell Sage Foundation, PI, Project #98-14-06 “Belief Biases with Financial Stakes”.

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships

2009-2014	MacCracken Graduate Fellowship (NYU).
2009-2013	SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship (SSHRC Canada).
2008	Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (Master's level; SSHRC Canada), Tri-Council Recipient Recognition Award (Queen's University), Joseph A Crumb Prize for Best Graduating Honors Economics Thesis (UBC), Dal Grauer Memorial Scholarship (UBC), Margaret Lawrence Scholarship in Arts (UBC), Trek Excellence Scholarship for Continuing Students (UBC), Summer Scholarship (UBC).
2007	

Service

2019	Co-founder of Nova SBE Behavioral Lab
2018-Present	Co-founder of Lisbon Micro Group (Join here: https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/lisbon-micro-group)
2018	Co-organizer of Lisbon Meeting on Economics and Political Science.
2016	Organizer of Beliefs and Decisions workshop, Nova SBE, Portugal.

Refereeing

American Economic Review, Economics Letters, European Economic Review, Experimental Economics, Economic Journal, International Journal of Health Economics and Management, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Management Science, Portuguese Economic Journal, Review of Economics and Statistics.

Publications

Coutts, A., 2019. *Good news and bad news are still news: Experimental evidence on belief updating*. **Experimental Economics**, 22(2), pp. 369-395.

Coutts, A., 2019. *Testing models of belief bias: An experiment*. **Games and Economic Behavior**, 113, pp. 549-565.

Armand, A., Coutts, A., Vicente, P. and Vilela, I., 2020. *Does Information Break the Political Resource Curse? Experimental Evidence from Mozambique*. **American Economic Review**, 110(11), pp. 3431-53.

Working Papers

Identifying communication spillovers in lab in the field experiments [Revise and Resubmit: **Journal of Development Economics**]

No one to blame: Biased belief updating without attribution [Joint with Leonie Gerhards and Zahra Murad] [Submitted]

Racial bias around the world.

Work In Progress

Incentive Effects in Providing Performance Feedback [Joint with Catia Batista and Julia Seither]

An Experimental Investigation of the Wisdom of Crowds [Joint with Joana Pais and Gonzalo Polavieja]

Measuring corruption in the field using behavioral games [Joint with Alex Armand, Pedro Vicente, and Ines Vilela]

Belief Systems and Health Behaviors in Guinea-Bissau [Joint with Teresa Millan and Pedro Vicente]

The Signals We Give: Gender, Feedback, and Competition [Joint with Boon Han Koh and Zahra Murad]

Attribution Bias in Financial Markets [Joint with Miguel Costa-Gomes]