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## Employment

Assistant Professor of Finance, London School of Economics and Political Science 2019-  
Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Columbia Business School 2018-2019

## Education

**Columbia University**, New York, NY  
PhD in Economics, 2018  
Dissertation Committee:  
Jon Steinsson (co-chair), Ricardo Reis (co-chair), Emi Nakamura, Patrick Bolton, David Weinstein

**Harvard Kennedy School**, Cambridge, MA  
Master in Public Administration in International Development, 2011

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA  
Bachelor of Science (*cum laude*) in Engineering Sciences, 2005

**Research Interests** International Finance, Macroeconomics, Corporate Finance

## Working Papers

"Inflows and Spillovers: Tracing the Impact of Bond Market Liberalization"  
"Default, Commitment, and Domestic Bank Holdings of Sovereign Debt"  
"Bank-Firm Matching, Leverage, and Credit Quality"

## Work in Progress

"Low Interest Rates and Bank Performance in Japan," with Yann Koby

## Honors and awards

Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Economics, Columbia University 2017-2018  
Macro Financial Modeling Group Dissertation Fellowship 2015  
Harriss Prize for Best Second Year Paper, Columbia University 2014  
Dean's Fellowship, Columbia University 2012-2017

## Conferences and Seminars

2020: University of Warwick (scheduled).

2019: Princeton University (2nd Annual Conference for Women in Economics), University of Chicago (Junior Finance & Macro Conference).

2018: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Harvard Business School, MIT Sloan, London School of Economics, Boston University, Bank of Canada, Federal Reserve Board, Duke University, Centre de Recerca en Economia Internacional, UC Santa Cruz, Bank of England, Baruch College, Queens CUNY, Barnard College, University of Hawaii, NBER Summer Institute (Capital Markets and the Economy), NBER Japan Project Meeting, Wharton, Fudan Fanghai International School of Finance, Guanghua School of Management, Peking University.

2015: Ridge Workshop in Buenos Aires.

**Refereeing** American Economic Review, Journal of Monetary Economics.

## Teaching

### *London School of Economics and Political Science*

FM473: Financial Markets

### *Columbia University*

Intermediate Macroeconomics, Teaching Assistant for Jon Steinsson, 2017

Introduction to Econometrics, Teaching Assistant for Seyhan Erden and Miikka Rokkanen, 2016

Political Economy, Teaching Assistant for Alessandra Casella, 2014

Corporate Finance, Teaching Assistant for Emily Breza and Mauricio Larrain, 2013-2014

### *Harvard Kennedy School*

Economics of International Financial Policy, Teaching Assistant for Jeffrey Frankel, 2012

Advanced Macroeconomics for the Open Economy, Teaching Assistant for Jeffrey Frankel, 2010-2011

Advanced Microeconomic Policy Analysis II, Teaching Assistant for Asim Khwaja, 2011

### *Research Assistantships*

Ricardo Reis (2014-16), Dani Rodrik (2011-12), Jeffrey Frieden (2011-12), and Jeffrey Frankel (2010-12).

## Industry Experience

International Finance Corporation, World Bank, Investment Analyst (Hong Kong), 2008-2009

J.P. Morgan Securities Asia Pacific Limited, Investment Banking Analyst (Hong Kong), 2005-2007

## Personal

Canadian and UK Citizen.

Languages: English (native), French (fluent), Spanish (proficient), Mandarin (proficient).