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Education University of Basque Country

Ph.D., Economics. Expected completion date: December 2020. Fields: Causal Inference, Labor Markets, Health Economics M.A., Economics: Empirical Applications and Policies, 2016.

B.A., Economics, 2015.

University of Barcelona / EAE

High Program on Management and Sales (Distance Learning), 2010.

Research Foundations of Economic Analysis II, Basque Country University

Doctoral Research, 2017 to present

Researcher Assistant, 2015

Teaching Foundations of Economic Analysis II, Basque Country University

Teacher Assistant, Dynamic Macroeconomics, 2018

Awards and Master Student of the Year

Fellowships 2015 / 2016

Basque Government Doctoral Scholarship

Bilbao, Spain, 2017-2021

Languages Spanish (native), English (advanced), Basque (advanced) and Skills Stata (Advance), lyx (Advance). Gretl, Matlab (Beginner)

Conferences Ph.D. Meeting in Economics. Basque Country University, 2017

VIII Workshop in Economics and Cultural Management, 2018 20th Inthernational Conference on Cultural Economics, 2018 Ph.D. Meeting in Economics. Basque Country University, 2018

Next Conferences

Ph.D. Meeting (interdisciplinary. Topic: Health) . Basque Country University, 2019 (July)

Ph.D. Meeting in Economics. Basque Country University, 2019 (September)

Others Educational innovation Project (Basque Government)

MacroMath, 2015 to 2017. EcoMath, 2017 to 2019.

Economics Dissemination Blog

Div in Div, 2018 to present. http://www.ehu.eus/ehusfera/divindiv/

Non-Academic Jobs Management Assistant

(Max Center Shopping Centre. Management), 2006 to 2014.

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Research Papers

Thesis Dissertation First Paper Structural parameter identification using causal inference: the income elasticity of the demand for culture

This paper proposes an strategy to estimate the income arc-elasticity of the demand for culture and provides evidence using the Spanish household budget survey. Relying on the interpretation of income-expenditure pairs as potential outcomes, we use employment variation of household members to estimate two treatment effects: the treatment effect of unemployment on cultural expenditure and the treatment effect of unemployment on income. The income arc-elasticity is then computed as a function of those treatment effects. We find that when a household member enters an unemployment spell, households reduce cultural expenditure and their income falls significantly. The derived income elasticity estimates are economically sensible and comparable to those based on more traditional methods. A conditional on positive analysis indicates that participation in cultural markets does not change significantly and participating households exhibit larger income elasticity. Finally we assess how heterogeneous our results are depending on the gender and educational attainment of the unemployed household member and the phase of the business cycle.

Thesis Dissertation Second Paper The effect of negative income shock on Subjective Mental Health: The Spanish Unemployment

We examine the effects of a negative household income shock on Subjective Mental Health of unemployed members. We use different dataset covering the Great Recession. We find a negative impact on individuals mental health during unemployment spell. We show that the impact varies with the business cycle. We also find evidence that these effects are not only driven by a reduction in disposable income. This support the theory that individuals tend to evaluate their status in reference with past status and perspective about the future. Imposing an income transfer scheme to mitigate these effects should not only account for income losses. Instead, it should look at which kind of individuals report large negative effects after an income shock.