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### Employment

2015-Present 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.

### References

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### Research Fields

Development Economics, Experimental Economics, Behavioral Economics.

### Teaching Experience

Spring 2016/2017 Microeconomics II (Ph.D.), Nova SBE.  
Fall 2016 Game Theory (Master's), Nova SBE.  
Spring/Fall 2016 Behavioral Economics and Finance (Master's), Nova SBE.  
Fall 2014 Microeconomic Theory and Analysis (undergraduate), NYU, Teaching Assistant  
for Danilo Guaitoli.  
Spring 2011 Intermediate Macroeconomics (undergraduate), NYU, Teaching Assistant for  
Chetan Dave.  
2008-2009 Introductory Microeconomics/Macroeconomics, Queen's University, Teaching  
Assistant for Ian Cromb.

### **Research Experience and Other Employment**

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| 2015-Present | Novafrica Resident Member.   |
| 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**

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| November 2016  | UECE Lisbon Meetings in Game Theory, Lisbon, Portugal.                     |
| September 2016 | Advances with Field Experiments, University of Chicago, USA.               |
| August 2016    | European Economic Association, Geneva, Switzerland.                        |
| July 2016      | GAMES: 5th World Congress of Game Theory Society, Maastricht, Netherlands. |
| July 2016      | Novafrica Conference on Economic Development, Lisbon, Portugal.            |
| July 2016      | Portuguese Economic Journal, Coimbra, Portugal.                            |
| June 2016      | French Association of Experimental Economics, Cergy-Pontoise, France.      |
| April 2016     | IMEBESS Meeting, Rome, Italy.  |
| March 2016     | Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Lisbon, Portugal.                      |
| March 2016     | Royal Economic Society Junior Meetings, Sussex, UK.                        |
| September 2015 | European ESA Meeting, Heidelberg, Germany.                                 |
| January 2015   | Royal Economic Society Post Graduate Meeting, London, UK.                  |
| October 2014   | North American ESA Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA.                      |
| June 2014      | International ESA Meeting, Honolulu, HI, USA.                              |

### **Grants**

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| 2013-2014 | Russell Sage Foundation, Principal Investigator, Project #98-14-06 “Belief Biases With Financial Stakes”. |
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### **Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships**

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| 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.              |
| 2008      | Tri-Council Recipient Recognition Award, Queen’s University.                                      |
| 2007      | Joseph A Crumb Prize for Best Graduating Honors Economics Thesis, University of British Columbia. |
| 2007      | Dal Grauer Memorial Scholarship, UBC.   |
| 2007      | Margaret Lawrence Scholarship in Arts, UBC.   |
| 2007      | Trek Excellence Scholarship for Continuing Students, UBC.   |
| 2007      | Summer Scholarship, UBC.  |

## **Working Papers**

*Testing Models of Belief Bias: An Experiment* [Revise and resubmit at Games and Economic Behavior]

*Good News and Bad News are Still News: Experimental Evidence on Belief Updating*

*Social Learning in Experimental Games: Evidence from Rwanda*

## **Work In Progress**

*On the Mechanics of the Political Resource Curse: Information and Local Elite Behavior in Mozambique* [Joint with Alex Armand, Pedro Vicente, Ines Vilela]

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

*Performance Beliefs and Allocation of Teamwork: An Experiment* [Joint with Leonie Gerhards, Zahra Murad]

*An Experimental Investigation of the Wisdom of Crowds* [Joint with Gonzalo Polavieja]

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