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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 2018 Development Economics (Bachelor's), Nova SBE.
2016-Present Microeconomics II (Ph.D.), Nova SBE.
2016-Present Game Theory (Master's), Nova SBE.
2016-Present Behavioral Economics and Finance (Master's), Nova SBE.
Fall 2014 Microeconomic Theory and Analysis (Bachelor's), NYU, Teaching Assistant 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.

Research Experience and Other Employment

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

2018	ECBE (Bergen, as discussant), SEEDEC (Wageningen), THEEM (Kreuzlingen), CSAE (Oxford).
2017	UECE Lisbon (Lisbon), NYU CESS (New York), ESA Europe (Vienna), PEJ (Vila Real), ESA World (San Diego), THEEM (Kreuzlingen).
2016	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).
2015	ESA Europe (Heidelberg), RES Post Graduate Meeting (London).
2014	ESA North America (Fort Lauderdale), ESA World (Honolulu).

Invited Seminars

2018	WZB Berlin, SHUFE (<i>planned</i>), University of Alicante, University of Amsterdam.
2017	Catolica Porto, ICS - U Lisboa.
2015	Navarra Center for International Development.

Grants

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).
2007 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).

Publications

Coutts, A. (2018). *Good news and bad news are still news: Experimental evidence on belief updating*. **Experimental Economics**, 1-27.

Working Papers

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

Social Learning in Experimental Games: Evidence from Rwanda

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

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

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]