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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.

Research Fields

Development Economics, Experimental Economics, Behavioral Economics.

Teaching Experience

Summer 2018 & 2019 (*planned*) Behavioral Insights for Business and Finance, Universidad de los Andes - School of Management.
2018-Present 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, 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.

Research Experience and Other Employment

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

2019	CSAE (Oxford), BRIQ Workshop on Beliefs (Bonn; <i>planned</i>), WGAPE (Berlin), IMEBESS (Utrecht; <i>planned</i>), CEA (Calgary; <i>planned</i>), NASMES (Seattle; <i>planned</i>), ESA World (Vancouver; <i>planned</i>), Bayesian Crowd Conference (Rotterdam; <i>planned</i>), ECBE (San Diego; <i>planned</i>).
2018	ECBE (Bergen, as discussant), SEEDEC (Wageningen), M-BEES (Maastricht), THEEM (Kreuzlingen), CSAE (Oxford), UECE Lisbon Meetings (Lisbon).
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).

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

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).

Refereeing

American Economic Review, Experimental Economics, Management Science, Portuguese Economic Journal.

Publications

Coutts, A., *Good news and bad news are still news: Experimental evidence on belief updating*. Forthcoming **Experimental Economics**. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10683-018-9572-5>

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

Working Papers

Identifying communication spillovers in lab in the field experiments [Submitted]

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

Does Information Break the Political Resource Curse? Experimental Evidence from Mozambique [Joint with Alex Armand, Pedro Vicente, and Ines Vilela] [Submitted]

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]

Rent-seeking in the field: Experimental evidence from rural villages in Mozambique [Joint with Alex Armand, Pedro Vicente, and Ines Vilela]

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