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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Causal inference in development economics and public policy, mechanism identification, behavioral insights in public policy, implementation and delivery of social services, well-being and happiness, philosophy of economics, philosophy of social sciences.

EDUCATION

<i>PhD in Economics</i>	<i>2022-present</i>
<i>University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA</i>	
<i>Master in Philosophy of Science</i>	<i>2018-2020</i>
<i>Universidad de Santiago de Chile, Santiago, Chile</i>	
<i>Micromaster in Data, Economics and Development Policy</i>	<i>2018-2019</i>
<i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology - Edx</i>	
<i>Bachelor in Economics</i>	<i>2012-2017</i>
<i>Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile</i>	

PUBLICATIONS

3. “Service design to balance waiting time and infection risk: An application for elections during the COVID-19 pandemic” (November 15, 2020). Olivares, Marcelo; Mondschein, Susana; Ordonez, Fernando Ivan; Schwartz, Daniel; Weintraub, Andres; Aguayo, Cristian; Canessa, Gianpiero; Torres-Ulloa, Ignacio - *Journal of Service Science*.
2. “Evidencia y Explicación en Economía: Modelos, RCTs y su amalgama” (July 2021). Torres-Ulloa, Ignacio. *Culturas Científicas*.
1. “Proposal for a method of evidence amalgamation in economics: On the search of causality and mechanisms” (October 2020). Master thesis: *Philosophy of Science*.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<i>Consultant - Research associate</i>	<i>2022-2022</i>
<i>International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, 3ie</i>	
<i>Survey design, IRB application, data collection implementation and quality assurance.</i>	

- Project: ADN Dignidad:

<i>Senior Research Associate</i>	<i>2017-2022</i>
<i>Poverty Action Lab - LAC, J-PAL, Santiago, Chile</i>	

Project and fieldwork management, experiment and survey design, research using on quantitative and qualitative methods. Experience on research topics as Public Procurement, Housing, Early Childhood Development and Credit Market Constraints.

- Project: Rental Voucher on Slums Population:
PIs: Marco González-Navarro, Raimundo Undurraga.
- Project: Frictions in Mortgage Refinancing: Evidence from Chile:
PIs: Vivek Bhattacharya, José Ignacio Cuesta, Gastón Illanes, Ana María Montoya, Raimundo Undurraga.

- Project: RCT Incubation of a Parenting Program in Early Childhood:
PIs: Francisco Gallego, Claudia Martínez, Marigen Narea.

Research Manager 2019-2022
 Universidad de Chile, Center of Public Systems, Santiago, Chile
 Management, design, execution of an RCT aiming to decrease over-expenditure in public procurement. Project funded by the Impact Evaluation Fund 2019, DIPRES, Chile.

- Project: Over-Expenditure in Public Procurement:
PIs: Pablo Celhay, Marcelo Olivares, Raimundo Undurraga.

Research Consultant 2021-2022
 Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism, Santiago, Chile
 Literature review, project management and experiment design to propose an alcohol warning label, aiming to decrease consumption by risk groups. Project in the context of a new regulation at the national level.

- Project: Design of an alcohol warning label:
PI: Daniel Schwartz.

Research Consultant 2021-2021
 United Nations Development Programme, UNDP, Santiago, Chile
 Impact evaluation data analysis, design and data collection management in a research project aiming to elicit social networks of older population. Sample collection for a future RCT.

- Project: Proyecto NODO:
PIs: Pablo Celhay

Research Assistant 2020-2021
 Institute of Complex Systems, ISCI, Santiago, Chile
 Project management, design, implementation and analysis of online experiments.

- Project: Service design to balance waiting time and infection risk:
PIs: Marcelo Olivares, Daniel Schwartz.
- Project: Value proposal in the retail credit card market:
PIs: Marcel Goic, Daniel Schwartz.

Research Consultant 2020
 Inter American Development Bank, IADB, Santiago, Chile
 Data collection for research on migration, discrimination and media coverage in Chile.

- Project: Immigration, Crime, and Crime (Mis)Perceptions:
PIs: Nicolás Ajzenman, Patricio Dominguez, Raimundo Undurraga.

Internship 2016
 Poverty Action Lab - LAC, J-PAL, Santiago, Chile
 Data analysis and project management support in an RCT aiming to evaluate the impact of high frequency SMS to parents on education outcomes, in Chile

- Project: Reducing School-Parent Information Gaps using SMS:

Field Worker 2014-2015
 Poverty Action Lab - LAC, J-PAL, Santiago, Chile
 In charge of getting participants consent and weekly data collection in public schools in Chile.

- Project: Reducing School-Parent Information Gaps using SMS:

HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS *Honors*

- *Maximum Distinction for Thesis, M.A - USACH* 2020

Scholarships

- *USACH Scholarship for Graduate Studies* 2018-2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE *Teaching Assistant* 2019

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, PUC, Santiago, Chile

- *Workshop on Impact Evaluation - Master in Public Policy*

Teaching Assistant 2015-2019

Universidad de Chile, U.Chile, Santiago, Chile

- *Job Competencies - Bachelor of Economics and Business*
- *Quality assurance in Higher Education - Bachelor of Economics and Business*

CREDENTIALS *PHRP*

- *Protecting Human Research Participants*

OTHERS *Analysis*

- *Stata (advanced), R (intermediate)*

Software Tools

- *Qualtrics (advanced), SurveyCTO (advanced), L^AT_EX(advanced)*

Languages

- *Spanish (native), English (IELTS 7.5 overall, TOEFL 101 overall)*

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