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EDUCATION

University of Washington

Doctor of Philosophy

Econometrics and Quantitative Economics

September 2019 - June 2025 (expected)

University of Washington

Master of Arts

Economics

September 2019 - March 2022

University of Brasilia

Master of Science

Economics

January 2017 - March 2019

Federal University of Sao Paulo

Bachelor's Degree

Economics

March 2011 - March 2015

FIELD

Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics, Political Economy, Development Economics

JOB MARKET PAPER

The Impact of Office Proximity in Legislative Voting: Evidence from Brazil

Spatial proximity within the congress is an important source of peer effects, as it influences the patterns of social interactions of legislators and their decision-making. I take advantage of a randomized office lottery in the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies to estimate the effects of spatial proximity on legislative decision-making. I find that office proximity increases agreement between neighboring legislators in contested votes; they show a significant 2 percentage points increase in voting convergence, about eight times the average effect observed across all voting decisions. Furthermore, the presence of experts, such as committee members, amplifies this effect to 4.5 p.p. in closely contested votes. These findings indicate that office proximity enhances other sources of influence in contested decisions, with its effects primarily driven by expertise. This aligns with cue-taking theories, suggesting that legislators rely on perceived experts – often standing committee members responsible for reporting the measure – to guide their voting behavior, particularly in closely contested scenarios.

WORKING PAPER

The Impact of Internet Infrastructure Expansion on Female Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Brazil's Broadband Policy

with Ana Almeida

PUBLISHED WORK

A natural language measure of ideology in the Brazilian Senate

with Bernardo Mueller and Daniel O. Cajueiro, *Revista Brasileira de Ciencia Politica* (37), 2022.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Federal University of Sao Paulo

Research Assistant for Prof. Mauri Oliveira

August 2012 - July 2014

WORK EXPERIENCE

Chamber of Deputies of Brazil

Summer Intern

July 2019 - August 2019

Brazil

Bradesco Bank

Cost Management Intern

September 2014 - September 2015

Brazil

TEACHING

Principle of Microeconomics (Instructor)

Autumn 2023

Economic Growth of Brazil (Instructor)

Winter 2022

Principle of Microeconomics (TA)

Spring 2020, Autumn 2020, Winter 2021, Spring 2021

Economic Analysis of the Law (Grader)

Spring 2022

Public Economics (Grader)

Autumn 2024

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

(2019) James K. & Viola M. Hall Fellowship, University of Washington

(2017-2019) Graduate scholarship, National Research Council (CNPq)

(2012-2014) Scientific Initiation Scholarship (PIBIC), National Research Council (CNPq)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Northwest Development Workshop (NWDW), 2024

Presentation title: Random Peer Effects in Legislative Behavior: Evidence from Brazil

Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), 2023

Student referee

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Computer Languages

Python, R, SQL

Software & Tools

LaTeX, Microsoft Office, BigQuery, Spark

LANGUAGES

Portuguese: Native

English: Fluent

Spanish: Advanced

French: Intermediary

REFERENCES

Rachel Heath (Chair)

Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, University of Washington

Alan Griffith

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Washington

Isabelle Cohen

Assistant Professor, Evans School of Public Policy & Governance, University of Washington