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EDUCATION

Princeton University	Princeton, NJ
PhD in Economics	2022 -
Fields: Macroeconomics, Finance, Behavioral Economics	
São Paulo School of Economics (FGV-EESP)	São Paulo, Brazil
MSc in Economics	2019 - 2021
BA in Economics	2015 - 2018

RESEARCH

- “[Expectations and Frictions: Lessons from a Quantitative Model with Dispersed Information](#)”, with Marcel Ribeiro.
- “Inattention, Inflation, and Networks”, with Ina Hajdini.
- “[Macroeconomic and Welfare Benefits of Building Resilience in Disaster-Prone Developing Countries](#)”, with Yehenew Endegnanew, Samuel Mann, Marina Tavares, and Harold Zavarce.

EXPERIENCE

Princeton University	Princeton, NJ
Research assistant for Prof. Moritz Lenel	Dec 2023 - Present
International Monetary Fund (IMF)	Remote work
Research Projects Officer	Aug 2021 - Aug 2022

AWARDS & HONORS

Marimar & Cristina Torres Prize for Best Third-Year Paper, Princeton University	2025
Princeton University Graduate Fellowship	2022 - 2027
FGV-EESP Graduate Merit Scholarship	2019 - 2021
Top Undergraduate Performance Award granted by the Regional Council of Economics of São Paulo and FGV-EESP	2019
First place in the II and III Brazilian Econometrics Games	2017, 2018
FGV-EESP Undergraduate Merit Scholarship	2015 - 2018

TEACHING

Princeton University: Introduction to Macroeconomics (Undergraduate), Portfolio Theory and Asset Management (Masters)

FGV-EESP: Bayesian Macroeconometrics (PhD), Computational Methods in Macroeconomics (PhD), General Equilibrium Theory (PhD)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Presentations (including scheduled)

2025: Paris Conference on the Macroeconomics of Expectations
2024: LubraMacro, SED Winter Meeting

Service Organiser of the Princeton Macro Student Workshop (2025-2026)

SKILLS

Programming: Julia, Matlab, Python, Stata
Languages: English (fluent), Portuguese (native), Spanish (intermediate), French (intermediate)