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CONTACT DETAILS

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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Current employment

University of Bristol Professor of Economics	2020-
Institute for Fiscal Studies Deputy Research Director	2019-

Past employment

Institute for Fiscal Studies
Associate Director (2016-2018), Senior Research Economist (2004-2015), Research Economist (2000-2002)

Centre for Microdata Methods and Practice (cemmap)
Senior Research Economist (2005-2008)

University of Porto, Centre for Economics and Finance at UPorto
Associate Researcher (2008-2011)

Bank of Portugal
Research Economist (1994-1997, 2002-2004)

Visiting Positions

University of Porto, Department of Economics Visiting Associate Professor	2018-2020
Bank of Portugal, Research Department Visiting Scholar	2017-18
University College London, Department of Economics Visiting Lecturer	2004-2012
Catholic University Lisbon, Department of Economics Visiting Lecturer	2008-2009
New University Lisbon (Nova), Department of Economics Visiting Lecturer	2004-2006
University of Chicago, Department of Economics Postdoc	2003

EDUCATION

University College London

Ph.D. in Economics

2002

Universidade Nova de Lisboa

MA in Economics

1997

Universidade Técnica de Lisboa

BA in Applied Maths and Economics

1995

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labour economics, Family economics, Applied microeconometrics, Public economics

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PUBLICATIONS

R. Blundell, J. Britton, M. Costa-Dias, and E. French, “The impact of health on labor supply near retirement”, *Journal of Human Resources*, 2022 (forthcoming).

R. Blundell, M. Costa-Dias, J. Cribb, R. Joyce, T. Waters, T. Wernham, and X. Xu, “Inequality and the covid crisis in the united kingdom”, *Annual Review of Economics*, 2022 (forthcoming).

A. Andrew, O. Bandiera, M. Costa-Dias, and C. Landais, “Women and men at work”, *Chapter, Deaton Review of Inequalities*, 2021.

R. Blundell, M. Costa-Dias, D. Goll, and C. Meghir, “Wages, experience and training of women over the lifecycle”, *Journal of Labor Economics*, vol. 39, no. S1, S275–S315, 2021.

A. Andrew, S. Cattan, M. Costa-Dias, C. Farquharson, L. Kraftman, S. Krutikova, A. Phimister, and A. Sevilla, “Inequalities in children’s experiences of home learning during the covid-19 lockdown in england”, *Fiscal Studies*, vol. 41, no. 3, pp. 653–683, 2020.

G. van den Berg, A. Bozio, and M. Costa-Dias, “Policy discontinuity and duration outcomes”, *Quantitative Economics*, vol. 11, no. 3, pp. 871–916, 2020.

R. Blundell, M. Costa-Dias, R. Joyce, and X. Xu, “Covid-19 and inequalities”, *Fiscal Studies*, vol. 41, no. 2, pp. 291–319, 2020.

P.-A. Chiappori, M. Costa-Dias, S. Crossman, and C. Meghir, “Changes in assortative matching and inequality in income: Evidence for the uk”, *Fiscal Studies*, vol. 41, no. 1, pp. 39–63, 2020.

M. Costa-Dias, R. Joyce, and F. Parodi, “The gender pay gap in the uk: Children and experience in work”, *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, vol. 36, no. 4, pp. 885–881, 2020.

M. Costa-Dias, R. Joyce, F. Postel-Vinay, and X. Xu, “The challenges for labour market policy during the covid-19 pandemic”, *Fiscal Studies*, vol. 41, no. 2, pp. 371–382, 2020.

P.-A. Chiappori, M. Costa-Dias, and C. Meghir, “The marriage market, labor supply and education choice”, *Journal of Political Economy*, vol. 126, no. S1, S26–S72, 2018.

R. Blundell, M. Costa-Dias, C. Meghir, and J. Shaw, “Female labor supply, human capital and welfare reform”, *Econometrica*, vol. 84, no. 5, pp. 1705–1753, 2016.

M. Costa-Dias, H. Ichimura, and G. van den Berg, “Treatment evaluation with selective participation and ineligibles”, *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, vol. 108, pp. 441–455, 502 2013.

R. Blundell and M. Costa-Dias, “Alternative approaches to evaluation in empirical microeconomics”, *Journal of Human Resources*, vol. 44, no. 3, pp. 565–640, 2009.

M. Costa-Dias, D. Dias, and P. Neves, “Stylised features of consumer price setting behaviour in portugal: 1992-2001”, *Portuguese Economic Journal*, vol. 7, no. 2, pp. 75–99, 2008.

R. Blundell, M. Costa-Dias, C. Meghir, and J. van Reenen, “Evaluating the employment effects of a mandatory job search program”, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, vol. 2, no. 4, pp. 569–606, 2004.

R. Blundell and M. Costa-Dias, “Alternative approaches to evaluation in empirical microeconomics”, *Portuguese Economic Journal*, vol. 1, no. 2, pp. 91–115, 2002.

R. Blundell and M. Costa-Dias, “Evaluation methods for non-experimental data”, *Fiscal Studies*, vol. 21, no. 4, pp. 427–468, 2000.

WORKING PAPERS AND UNPUBLISHED PAPERS

- M. Costa-Dias, E. Johnson-Watts, R. Joyce, F. Postel-Vinay, P. Spittal and X. Xu (2021). “Worker mobility and labour market opportunities,” IFS Working Paper 21/29.
- A. Andrew, S. Cattan, M. Costa-Dias, C. Farquharson, L. Kraftman, S. Krutikova, A. Phimister and A. Sevilla (2021). “The gendered division of paid and domestic work under lockdown,” IFS Working Paper 21/17, submitted.
- P. A. Chiappori, M. Costa-Dias and C. Meghir (2021), “Changes in Assortative Matching: Theory and Evidence for the US,” NBER w26932, submitted.
- M. Brewer, M. Costa-Dias and J. Shaw (2019) “The payoff to work and how it is taxed: a dynamic perspective,” IFS Working Paper W18/27
- A. Andrew, S. Cattan, M. Costa-Dias, C. Farquharson, L. Kraftman, S. Krutikova, A. Phimister and A. Sevilla (2020). “How are mothers and fathers balancing work and family under lockdown?” *Covid Economics: Vetted and Real-Time Papers*, CEPR.
- R. Blundell, J. Britton, M. Costa-Dias and E. French (2016). “The Dynamic Effects of Health on the Employment of Older Workers,” Michigan Retirement Research Center Research Paper No. 2016-348.
- Brewer, M., M. Costa-Dias J. Shaw (2012). “Lifetime inequality and redistribution,” IFS Working Papers W12/23, Institute for Fiscal Studies.
- Adda, J., M. Costa-Dias, C. Meghir and B. Sianesi (2007). “Labour market programmes and labour market outcomes: a study of the Swedish active labour market interventions,” Working Paper Series 2007:27, IFAU - Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy.

POLICY PAPERS AND BRIEFINGS

- M. Costa-Dias, E. Johnson-Watts, R. Joyce, F. Postel-Vinay, P. Spittal and X. Xu (2021). “Job opportunities during the pandemic,” IFS Briefing Note (doi:10.1920/BN.IFS.2021.BN0335).
- Andrew, Bandiera, Costa-Dias and Landais (2021), “The careers and time use of mothers and fathers,” IFS Briefing Note (<https://www.ifs.org.uk/inequality/the-careers-and-time-use-of-mothers-and-fathers/>).
- Andrew, Cattan, Costa-Dias, Farquharson, Kraftman, Krutikova, Phimister and Sevilla (2020), “Family time use and home learning during the COVID-19 lockdown,” IFS Report 178.
- Andrew, Cattan, Costa-Dias, Farquharson, Kraftman, Krutikova, Phimister and Sevilla (2020), “September return to school offers a chance to level the playing field,” IFS Observation.
- Andrew, Cattan, Costa-Dias, Farquharson, Kraftman, Krutikova, Phimister and Sevilla (2020), “Primary school closures created substantial inequality in time spent learning between pupils from poorer and better-off families - and re-opening schools may be the only remedy,” IFS Observation.

- Blundell, Costa-Dias, Joyce and Norris Keiller (2020), “What has been happening to career progression?,” IFS Briefing Note 301.
- Costa-Dias, Joyce and Norris Keiller (2020), “COVID-19 and the career prospects of young people,” IFS Briefing Note 299.
- Costa-Dias, Farquharson, Griffith, Joyce and Levell (2020), “Getting people back into work,” Covid Economics: Vetted and Real-Time Papers, CEPR.
- Blundell, Costa-Dias, Joyce and Xu (2020), “Covid-19: the impacts of the pandemic on inequality,” IFS Briefing Note 291.
- Andrew, Cattan, Costa-Dias, Farquharson, Kraftman, Krutikova, Phimister and Sevilla (2020), “How are mothers and fathers balancing work and family under lockdown?,” IFS Briefing Note 290.
- Costa-Dias, Norris Keiller, Postel-Vinay and Xu (2020), “Job vacancies during the Covid-19 pandemic,” IFS Briefing Note 289.
- Andrew, Cattan, Costa-Dias, Farquharson, Kraftman, Krutikova, Phimister and Sevilla (2020), “Learning during the lockdown: real-time data on children’s experiences during home learning,” IFS Briefing Note 288.
- Costa-Dias, Joyce, Postel-Vinay and Xu (2020), “The challenges for labour market policy during the Covid-19 pandemic,” IFS Observation.
- Costa-Dias, Farquharson, Griffith, Joyce, Levell (2020), “Getting people back into work,” IFS Briefing Note 286.
- Costa-Dias, Joyce and Parodi (2018), “Wage progression and the gender wage gap: the causal impact of hours of work,” IFS Briefing Note BN223.
- Costa-Dias, Elming and Joyce (2016), “The gender wage gap,” IFS Briefing Note.
- Adam, Costa-Dias and Sianesi (2014), “Evaluating the labour market impacts of Universal Credit: a feasibility study,” DWP ad hoc research report no. 6, July.
- Costa-Dias (2014), “Fertility, wealth and later life health,” MethodsNews Newsletter, Spring.
- Costa-Dias (2013), “Are you sure the two groups are comparable? Selection in evaluation questions,” MethodsNews Newsletter, Autumn.
- Brewer, Costa-Dias and Shaw (2012), “A dynamic perspective on how the UK personal tax and benefit system affects work incentives and redistributes income,” IFS Briefing Notes BN132.
- Costa-Dias and Varejão (2012), “Evaluation of Active Employment Policies in Portugal,” Faculdade de Economia, Universidade do Porto, prepared for the Ministry for the Economy and Employment of Employment, February; In portuguese: “Estudo de avaliação da políticas ativas de emprego: relatório final”.
- Costa-Dias and Shaw (2012), “Female labour supply, human capital and the lifetime effects of in-work benefits,” MethodsNews Newsletter, Summer.
- Costa-Dias, Dias and Duarte Neves (2005), “Price (in)flexibility in Portugal: evidence from micro data-part I,” *Economic Bulletin*, Banco de Portugal.
- Costa-Dias, Dias and Duarte Neves (2005), “Price (in)flexibility in Portugal: evidence from micro data-part II,” *Economic Bulletin*, Banco de Portugal.
- Costa-Dias (2004). “The empirical evaluation of social programmes,” conference volume The Portuguese Economy in Europe.
- Costa-Dias (1997). “Analysis of the economic cycles in Portugal between 1953 and 1993,” *Economic Bulletin*, Bank of Portugal, September.
- Costa-Dias and Portugal (1997). “Mobility and unemployment in the Portuguese labour market,” *Economic Bulletin*, Bank of Portugal, September.
- Costa-Dias and Mata (1997). “Transitions in the labour market,” *Economic Bulletin*, Bank of Portugal, March.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- UKRI, co-I, “The COVID-19 shock: continuity and change in labour markets and employment policies in Japan and the UK,” 2021–2024, funding for IFS team: £200,000.
- Youth Endowment Fund, co-I, “London VRU: Your Choice CBT programme,” 2021–2024, £1,500,000.
- ESRC, PI (ref. ES/V003704/1), “Welfare integration, labour supply and take-up,” 2021–2023, £256,000.
- Rockwool Foundation, co-I, “Mental health and peer effects in primary schools: implications for future educational achievement and labour market success,” 2021–2024, funding for UK team: DKK1,599,751.
- ESRC, co-I (ref. ES/V006452/1), “Machine learning methods for studying the trajectories of young offenders in administrative data,” Economic and Social Research Council, 2021–2022, £200,000.
- Rockwool Foundation, PI, “Mental health and risk of disconnection among young women,” 2020, £33,900.
- The Alan Turing Institute, co-I, “Specialisation, wages and inequality in a changing world of work,” 2019–2021, £130,000.
- Norface, co-I, “Human capital and inequality during adolescence and the working life,” 2018–2021, funding for the UK team: £540,180.
- Michigan Retirement Research Center , co-I, “Cognition, health, employment and wages near retirement in England,” 2016–2017, \$75,000.
- ESRC, PI (ref. ES/N015304/1), “Intergenerational transmission of human capital,” 2017–2020, £444,000.
- Michigan Retirement Research Center , co-I, “Health and older workers,” 2015–2016, \$100,000.
- ESRC, PI (ref. ES/N011562/1), “The taxation of human capital,” 2016–2018, £200,000.
- Joseph Rowtree Foundation (no.1506003), co-I, “Enhancing Understanding of Poverty and Low Income,” 2015–2017, £561,237.
- ESRC, PI (ref. ES/K00624X/1), “Education, Marriage and Labour Supply,” 2013–2016, £326,681.
- Department for Work and Pensions, co-I, “Feasibility Study of Quantitative Evaluation of the Labour Market Impacts of Universal Credit,” 2012–13, £38,425.
- ESRC, PI (ref. RES-194-23-016), “A lifetime perspective on the Distributional and Incentive Effects on the Tax System,” 2011–2012, £99,689.
- ESRC, PI (ref. RES-000-23-1524), “Evaluation and design of in-work benefits in dynamic economies: a GE approach,” 2006–2009, £247,002.
- ESRC, PI (ref. PTA-035-25-0018), “Master Classes, Training Courses and Symposia in Microdata Methods and Practice,” 2005–2008, £98,846.
- ESRC, co-PI (ref. RES-000-23-0797), “Advancing Programme Evaluation Methods,” 2004–2007, £147,715.
- Institute for Fiscal Studies, Doctoral Scholarship, 1998–2002.
- Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (Portugal), Doctoral Scholarship, 1997–2002.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

International Association for Applied Econometrics, Fellow	2020-
CEPR, Research Fellow in the Labour Economics Programme	2019-
Economic Journal refereeing prize	2018
IZA, Research Fellow	2009-
Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Working Group	
Research Fellow in the Family Inequality Programme	2013-

Award Amelia de Melo (top Master student in year cohort at Nova)	1997
Award SIBS (top undergraduate student in year cohort))	1995
Award Philips Portugal, SA (top undergraduate student in year cohort)	1995

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

EEA Summer Conference, Programme Co-Chair	2022
Annual Meeting of the Portuguese Economic Journal, Programme Chair	2022
Royal Economic Society, Council Member	2021-26
European Economic Association, Council Member	2021-25
Royal Economic Society, Conference Programme Committee Member	2021-23
Annual Meeting of the Portuguese Economic Journal, Scientific Committee Member	various years
Managing Editor, Fiscal Studies	2018-
Oslo Fiscal Studies, Scientific Advisory Board	2017-
Co-organiser, UCL-Cream-IFS Norman Conference	2019
Co-Director, Programme Evaluation for Policy Analysis (PEPA)	2011-15
Co-Organiser, IFS-STICERD Public Economics seminars	2011-
Co-Organiser, IFS seminars	2011-

REFEREEING

- **For journals:** American Economic Journal, American Economic Review, BE Journal of Economic Analysis Policy, Econometrica, Economica, Economic Journal, Economic Letters, Empirical Economics, Fiscal Studies, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Economic Surveys, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Oxford Economic Bulletin, Portuguese Economic Journal, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics
- **For funding bodies:** Research Grant Peer Review: Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC, UK), National Science Foundation (NSF, US)

TEACHING AND GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Teaching

- Research Methods in Economics (graduate): University of Bristol (2021)
- Dynamic Economics in Practice (graduate): University College London (2013, 2014, 2019), Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (2018)
- Maths and Statistics (graduate): UCL (2010-2013)
- Policy Evaluation Methods (short course, graduate level): University College London, University of Copenhagen, University of Porto, Catholic University of Lisbon (2007-15)
- Microeconometrics (graduate): University College London (2004-2007), Universidade Nova de Lisboa (2004-2006), Universidade Católica de Lisboa (2008-2009)
- Econometrics (undergraduate): University of Chicago (2003)

Graduate supervision (PhD level)

- Francesca Arduini (co-supervisor, predicted to finish in 2024)
- Francesca Salvati (co-supervisor, graduated from UCL in 2021, 1st job: Banca d'Italia)
- Francesca Parody (co-supervisor, graduated from UCL in 2019, 1st job: Colegio Carlo Alberto)

INVITED TALKS (PAST AND FORTHCOMING)

Keynote addresses and plenary sessions

- Econometric Society Conference in Dynamic Structural Econometrics on “Human Capital and Life Cycle Modeling” (Bonn, Aug 2021)
- Conference on “Taxation and Labor Supply” at the Luxembourg Institute for Socio-Economic Research (Jan 2020)
- Workshop of Labour and Family Economics at the University of York (Sep 2019)
- Understanding Society Scientific Conference (Jul 2019)
- Royal Holloway Research Day (Feb 2017)

Seminars and conferences

2022 University of Stockholm (May), European University Institute (Mar), Econometric Society Winter Meetings, invited session (Jan)

2021 Bocconi University (Nov), Stockholm School of Economics (Nov), Norface (DIAL) Conference (Oct), CEPR-Boconni meetings (Sep), University of Montevideo (May), Royal Economic Society Conference, Women’s Committee Session (Apr), World Bank (Mar), Georgetown University (Mar), Heriot Watt University (Mar), University of Bologna (Mar), Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Mar)

2020 University of Zurich (Nov), Bank of Portugal (Nov), UCL Gorman Conference (UCL, Oct), Welfare and the Low Wage Labour Market Workshop (IFS, Sep), University of Bristol (Feb), University of Essex (Feb)

2019 London School of Economics (Dec), University of Essex (Nov), Nuffield Workshop on Economics of Divorce (University of Oxford, Nov), University of Sussex (Nov), University of Copenhagen (Nov), Birkbeck University (Nov), Conference on Inequality and the Insurance Value of Transfers Over the Life Cycle (UCL, Oct), Bank of Spain (Oct), IFS-UCL conference in honour of Orazio Attanasio (Jul), IFS-STICERD seminar (Jun), Gorman Conference on Gender Equality, Couple Equity (UCL, May)

2018 Royal Holloway, Joint Bank of Spain – IFS conference on Taxation (Madrid), University of Bergen, CASE LSE, University of Porto, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Working Group workshop at the Leuven University

2017 IFS, Usoc Conference at University of Essex, Royal Holloway Research Day, Instituto Superior de Ciencias do Trabalho e da Empresa (Portugal), Cosme Gender Economics Workshop (Madrid, 2017), University of Oslo OFS Workshop on Family Economics (2017)

2016 and earlier SED Toulouse(2016), Cosme Gender Economics Workshop (Madrid, 2016), University of Copenhagen (2015), Cosme Gender Economics Workshop (Madrid, 2015), University of Copenhagen (2014), NBER Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Seminar Conference (2014), HM Treasury workshop on Dynamic Models of the Lifecycle for Tax Design (2014), Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Working Group workshop at the University of Chicago (2012), University of Copenhagen (2012), Universidad Carlos III (2011), (New University of Lisbon (2010), HM Revenue and Customs (2010), Universidad Carlos II (2010), Birkbeck College (2010), University of St. Gallen (2009), University of Aarhus (2008), COST final conference (Paris, 2008), Tilburg Institute (2006), Tinbergen Institute (2006), ISEG – Technical University of Lisbon (2006), IFAU (Sweden, 2006), Workshop on “The evaluation of labour market, welfare and firms incentives programmes” in Venice (organised by Padova University,

2006), IZA Workshop on “Structural Econometric Analysis of Labor Market Policy” (2005), CEMFI (Madrid, 2004), New University of Lisbon (2004), Yale University (2003), University of Chicago (2003), conference on “The Portuguese economy in Europe” organised by the Bank of Portugal (2004), Northwestern University (2003)

OTHER NON-ACADEMIC WORK

Frontier Economics, Consultant	2015-16
Employment Ministry Portugal, Consultant	2012
Social Disadvantage Research Centre at the University of Oxford, Consultant	2007