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RECENT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2006- Senior Research Economist, IFS.

2003-2006 Research Economist, IFS.

EDUCATION

2015 PhD in Economics, University College London (part-time)

Title: 'Empirical Studies on Firm-Level Innovation'

Supervisors: Professor Rachel Griffith and Professor Richard Blundell

2003 MSc. in Economics (Merit) – London School of Economics.

2000 BSc. (Licenciatura) Economics (Magna Cum Laude) - University of Buenos Aires.

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

1. 'Domestic Effects of Offshoring High-skilled Jobs: Complementarities in Knowledge Production', (with Rachel Griffith and Helen Miller), forthcoming in *Review of International Economics*, Oxford: Wiley, Jun 2016
2. 'Challenges to promoting social inclusion of the extreme poor: evidence from a large scale experiment in Colombia' (with O. Attanasio, K. Barron, P. Carneiro, and G. Stoye), *Economia*, a journal of LACEA, Volume (Year): Volume 16 Number 2 (2016); Issue (Month): Spring 2016 (April); Pages: 89-141
3. 'A tax micro-simulator for Mexico (MEXTAX) and its application to the 2010 tax reforms' (with D. Phillips), *Revista Centroamericana de Estudios Fiscales*, first issue.
4. 'Corporate tax in developing countries: current trends and design issues' (with A. Klemm and D. Phillips), *Fiscal Studies*, Vol. 35, No. 4, December 2014.
5. 'Geographic proximity and firm-university innovation linkages: evidence from Great Britain,' (with H. Simpson), *Journal of Economic Geography*, 2011, 11(6): 949-977.
6. 'Providing Employers with Incentives to Train Low-Skilled Workers: Evidence from the U.K. Employer Training Pilots,' (with E. Battistin, E. Fitzsimons, A. Goodman and H. Simpson), *Journal of Labour Economics*, 2011, Volume 29, Issue 1.
7. 'Understanding co-operative R&D activity: evidence from four European countries,' (with E. Kremp, A. López and T. Schmidt and H. Simpson), *Economics of Innovation and New Technology*, Volume 18, Issue 3, 2009, pages 243 – 265.
8. 'University research and the location of business R&D,' (with R. Harrison and H. Simpson), *Economic Journal*, 117, March 2007, C114–C141.
9. 'Outsourcing and offshoring of business services: the role of ICT,' (with R. Griffith), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, Papers and Proceedings of the Twentieth Annual Congress of the EEA, May 2006 4(2-3):594-601.

WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

1. 'The Global engagement in R&D: a portrait of biopharmaceutical patenting firms', July 2014 IFS Working Paper (W15/18), submitted.
2. 'Sanitation, nutrition and child height: evidence from the Philippines' (with B. Augsburg, P. Jarvis and B. Malde), mimeo, IFS.
3. 'VAT: how strong is the case for uniformity? Empirical evidence from Mexico', (with O. Attanasio and D. Phillips), February 2015, IFS Working Paper (W15/08)
4. 'ICT, Corporate Restructuring and Productivity' (with R. Griffith), April 2009, IFS Working Papers, W08/10
5. 'The location of innovative activity in Europe' (with R. Griffith, G. Macartney and H. Miller), November 2008, IFS Working Papers, W08/10

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOFTWARE, POLICY BRIEFS AND BLOG POSTS) SINCE 2010

1. 'Improving CLTS targeting: evidence from Nigeria' (with B. Augsburg, E. Flynn, and F Oteiza), IFS Briefing Note 183, June 2016
2. 'Promoting the social inclusion of the extreme poor at scale in developing countries: what do we know?' (with K. Barron and G. Stoye), IFS Observation, March 2015
3. 'Políticas a gran escala para la inclusión social de la población en pobreza extrema: evidencia de países en desarrollo', Foco Económico, February 2015
4. 'LATAX: A multi-country flexible tax micro-simulation model' (with David Phillips), Software, October 2015
5. 'Baseline report: Sustainable Total Sanitation – Nigeria' (with B. Augsburg and F. Oteiza), IFS mimeo, August 2015
6. 'Innovation offshoring and inventor substitution', (with R. Smeets). In: Beugelsdijk, S., Brakman, S., Van Ees, H., Garretsen, H. (Eds.) Firms in the international economy. Firm heterogeneity meets international business. MIT Press, Cambridge: pp.335-368, 2013.
7. 'Tax Design in Turkey and Other Middle Income Countries: Lessons from the Mirrlees Review', (with P. Johnson and D. Phillips), Economic Research Forum Research Report Series ERF-RR/13-01, June 2013
8. 'The distributional impact of reforms to direct and indirect tax in El Salvador Analytical Report and Results', (with Orazio Attanasio and David Phillips), Report to the World Bank, June 2012
9. 'Offshoring of high-skilled workers is not a zero-sum game', (with R. Griffith and H. Miller), VOX, CEPR Policy Portal, 15 March 2012
10. 'The distributional impact of reforms to direct and indirect tax in Mexico Analytical Report and Results', (with O. Attanasio, C. Emmerson and D. Phillips), Report to the World Bank, March 2011
11. 'The distributional impact of reforms to direct and indirect tax in Mexico Methodological Issues and Approach' (with O. Attanasio, C. Emmerson, D. Phillips and H. J. Villarreal Paez), Report to the World Bank, November 2010

GRANTS, CONSULTANCY AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2016-2018	'Improving tax policy analysis and development in partner countries with the Institute for Fiscal Studies.' Co-PI, DfID Accountable Grant for the creation of the Centre for Tax Analysis in Developing Countries (TAXDEV) 02/2016-03/2018, £1,063,000
2015-2016 2015	'Economic research, analysis and debate in Jordan', Investigator, led by ASI, £36,000 'SIID-ESRC Fellowship' to take part in the first of three consultations on the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals, April 2015 in Quito, Ecuador
2014-2017	'Sustainable Total Sanitation in Nigeria', Co-PI, WaterAid and Gates Foundation, £954,000.
2013-2014	'Social protection and beyond: labor markets, entrepreneurship and gender equality', Co-Investigator, IDRC-Fedesarrollo, USD 39,836
2012	'Modeling the Distributional Impact Tax Reforms in El Salvador', Co-PI, World Bank, USD 39,480
2011-2012	'When multinational firms locate research activity offshore does research activity at home decline? Evidence from firm-level data' Co-I, International Tax Policy Forum, USD 15,000
2010-2011	'Modeling of Tax Incidence in Mexico', Co-I, World Bank, USD 107,500
2007-2010	'Globalisation, innovation and productivity: international evidence and implications for policy', Co-I, ESRC (RES-180-25-0003), £197,957
2007-2008	'Investigating business-university innovation linkages'. Co-I, ESRC (RES-171-22-0001), £ 43,697
2006-2007	'Analysis of firms' structures and outsourcing in the UK'. Co-I, Department of Trade and Industry, UK Government, £22,266
2006	'Analysing business-university innovation linkages'. Co-I. Department of Trade and Industry, UK Government

- 2002 British Chevening Scholarship for postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom, British Council - Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- 2001 Scholarship Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Buenos Aires) for postgraduate studies in Public Policy

INVITED SEMINARS, CONFERENCE AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

- 2016 World Bank, Inside Government Research Conference (Washington DC), UNU WIDER Symposium on Taxation and Revenue Mobilization in Developing Countries (Helsinki),
- 2015 Overseas Development Institute (London), Public Economics UK Conference (Exeter), EDePO Conference (London)
- 2014 Central European University (Budapest)
- 2011 World Bank (Mexico City, February); Microsimulaciones Fiscales aplicadas a México (Mexico City, May)
- 2009 LACEA (Buenos Aires)
- 2008 ESRC Social Science Week (London)
- 2007 HM Treasury (London); Nottingham University; University College London; Conference on Patent Statistics for Policy Decision Making organised by the OECD and EPO (Venice); University of Strathclyde; University of KU Leuven (Leuven); ZEW (Mannheim)
- 2006 Royal Economic Society (Nottingham); European Economic Association (Vienna); Comparative Analysis of Enterprise (micro) Data (Chicago); Office for National Statistics workshop (London); Department for Trade and Industry workshop (London)
- 2005 University of Sussex; Comparative Analysis of Enterprise (micro) Data (Cardiff); AIM workshops at the Institute for Fiscal Studies and at the Oxford Saïd Business School

REFEREING ACTIVITY

Economic Journal; Fiscal Studies; Oxford Economic Papers; Research Policy; The Manchester School journal; Journal of Economic Geography; Economics of Innovation and New Technology; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of International Economics; Journal of Labor Economics.