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EDUCATION

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) — London, UK
- PhD in Economics — 2023-present
  - *Visiting Student, CLEAN, Bocconi University* — Milan, Italy — Spring 2025
- MRes in Economics, *Distinction* — 2021-2023

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio) — Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- MSc in Economics — 2017-2019
- BS in Economics — 2012-2016
  - *Exchange Student, Universitat Pompeu Fabra* — Barcelona, Spain — 2014-2015

RESEARCH FIELDS

Labour, Development, Economics of Crime

REFERENCES

Stephen Machin
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AFFILIATIONS

Centre for Economic Performance (CEP), LSE — 2023-present
Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economics and Related Disciplines (STICERD), LSE — 2023-present
Crime, Law, and Economic Analysis (CLEAN), Bocconi University — 2025-present

WORKING PAPERS

"Reclaiming Neighborhoods: Violent Crime and Business Growth"

Job Market Paper

Abstract: One in four firms in Latin America identifies crime as a major constraint on its operations. Can reducing violence help businesses grow? I study Rio de Janeiro's Pacifying Police Units, one of the largest policing interventions in the developing world, which sharply reduced violence in some of the city's most violent neighborhoods. Linking its staggered rollout to geocoded administrative records for formal establishments and workers, I compare firms in earlier- and later-treated areas. Four years after treatment, incumbent firms employed 24 percent more workers and paid 26 percent higher wage bills. Gains were concentrated among small firms, and firm entry also rose. Customer-facing firms showed no clear advantage, which argues against customer inflows as the main explanation. Among small incumbents, higher-paying firms expanded more, new hires were more educated and experienced, and wages within firms showed no detectable increase. Under benchmark assumptions, a model of local labour markets attributes most of the small-firm employment response to improved access to workers, with a smaller contribution from reduced crime-related production costs. These findings suggest that public security interventions can help small firms grow, particularly by widening the pool of workers willing to work in previously unsafe areas.

"Call It Femicide: Legal Recognition, Victim Protection, and Domestic Violence"

CEP Discussion Paper 2177 | CESifo Working Paper 12956

with Rui Costa, Olivia Masi, and Matteo Sandi.

Abstract: Can criminal law prevent domestic violence and change how victims use the state? We study Brazil's 2015 recognition of femicide as qualified homicide using ten years of linked population, police, hospital, and prison records for 2.6 million women. Exploiting predetermined

municipal exposure to men with histories of violence against women, we find that police-recorded non-fatal domestic violence fell disproportionately in more exposed areas. Conditional on an incident reaching police, requests for protective measures rose, while pursuit of charges did not. Legal recognition at the lethal endpoint can therefore affect both violence below that margin and survivors' choice of state remedy.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Raising Children Apart: Child Support and Family Outcomes"
with Maria Eduarda Perpétuo.

"Fighting Domestic Violence: The Role of Monitoring Policies"
with Rui Costa, Olivia Masi, and Matteo Sandi.

"Drug Cartels and Deforestation in the Amazon"
with Lisa Beihy Pacheco and João Napolitano da Cunha.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Consultant, World Bank DIME, 2019-2021, Summer 2022 — Washington, USA

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Occasional Research Assistant, Center for Economic Performance, 2021-present — London, UK
Research Assistant for Prof. Claudio Ferraz, 2018-2019 — Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Research Assistant for Prof. Gabriel Ulyssea, 2017 — Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Research Assistant, Climate Policy Initiative, 2016 — Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

2026: LACEA-LAMES (Lima, Peru)

2025: Bocconi Food for Thought Seminar (Milan, Italy), CLEAN Summer Workshop (Milan, Italy), 2nd Workshop on Violence Against Women (Barcelona, Spain), Brazilian Econometric Society Annual Meeting (Sao Paulo, Brazil)

2024: 1st PhD Workshop on the Economics of Criminal Behavior (Freiburg, Germany)

Pre-PhD: Virtual NEDUC 2020, RIDGE 2019 May Forum, Brazilian Econometric Society Annual Meeting 2018, LACEA-LAMES 2018, 4th REAP & SBE Meetings

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (AS TEACHING ASSISTANT)

Economics for Public Policy (PP404), MPP, LSE, 2025, 2026
Introduction to Statistics, EMPA/EMPP, LSE, 2023, 2025
Introduction to Statistics (EC400), MSc Economics, LSE, 2024
Introduction to Econometrics (EC212), Summer School, LSE, 2023
Econometrics II (EC2C4), Undergraduate, LSE, 2023, 2024
Econometrics I (EC2C3), Undergraduate, LSE, 2022, 2023, 2024

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

CEP Grant (£1,000), 2025
STICERD PhD Grant (£5,000), 2025
Michio Morishima Travel Fund, 2025
LSE Teaching Bonus, 2023-2025
LSE PhD Fellowship, 2021-2026
Vinci Partners Master's Fellowship 2018-2019
Award for Best Master's Summer Paper, PUC-Rio, 2018
Fellowship, PUC-Rio, 2017-2019
Undergraduate Full Tuition Waiver, PUC-Rio, 2012-2016
Ranked 1st in the Admissions Exam, PUC-Rio, 2011

ACADEMIC SERVICE

LSE Labour Economics WIP Seminar Organizer, 2024-2025
LSE Student Applied Micro Seminar Organizer, 2023-2024
Mentor, Economics Applicant Mentoring Programme, 2023

OTHER

Languages: Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent)
Skills: Stata, R, Latex, Git
Citizenship: Brazilian

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