

# Matías Giacobasso

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## CONTACT

### INFORMATION

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### EMPLOYMENT

September 2023 -: Senior Researcher at VATT Institute for Economic Research, Finland

### EDUCATION

**Ph.D. Global Economics and Management** 2017 - 2023  
UCLA, Anderson School of Management

**Bachelors Degree in Economics** 2007 - 2013  
Universidad de la República (UdelaR)

### FIELDS OF INTEREST

Public Economics, Labor Economics, Development Economics and Behavioral Economics

### PUBLICATIONS

“Dissecting Inequality-Averse Preferences” - Bergolo, M., Burdin, G., Burone, S., De Rosa, M., Giacobasso, M., and Leites, M. (2022). Dissecting Inequality-Averse Preferences. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 200, 782-802

“Tax Audits as Scarecrows. Evidence from a large field experiment” - Bergolo, M.; Ceni, R.; Cruces, G.; Giacobasso, M. and Perez-Truglia, R. (2021). Tax Audits as Scarecrows. Evidence from a large field experiment *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 15(1), 110-153

Digging into the Channels of Bunching: Evidence from the Uruguayan Income Tax. - Bergolo, M., Burdin, G., De Rosa, M., Giacobasso, M., & Leites, M. (2021). Digging into the Channels of Bunching: Evidence from the Uruguayan Income Tax. *The Economic Journal*, 131(639), 2726-2762.

“Misperceptions about Tax Audits.” - Bergolo, M., Ceni, R., Cruces, G., Giacobasso, M., and Perez-Truglia, R (2018), Misperceptions about Tax Audits. *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 108 : 83-87.

### WORKING PAPERS

Job Market Paper: “Growing Up Over the Social Safety Net: The Effects of a Cash Transfer Program on the Transition to Adulthood” (In progress)

“Where Do My Tax Dollars Go? Tax Morale Effects of Perceived Government Spending”, with Brad Nathan, Ricardo Perez-Truglia, and Alejandro Zentner, NBER Working Paper No. 29789. (2022)

“Labor Income Responses of Top Incomes to Tax Changes: Evidence from a Tax Reform in Uruguay”, with Marcelo Bergolo, Gabriel Burdín, Mauricio De Rosa, Martín Leites and Horacio Rueda. Available at SSRN 4007698 (2022) - Submitted

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

Research Project: “The Consequences of Mass Suspensions in Cash Transfer Programs: Evidence from the Enforcement of Education Conditionalities in Asignaciones Familiares - Plan de Equidad”, with Marcelo Bergolo, Maria Sauval, and Mariana Zerpa

Research Project: “Attitudes and Preferences for Redistribution: Dynamics of Intergenerational Transmission and the Effect of Public Policy” with Marcelo Bergolo, Paola Giuliano, and Martin Leites

Research Project: “The Effects of CCT on Birth Outcomes of the Third Generation” with Noemi Kaczowicz

### GRANTS FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division 2022

Ph.D. Global Research Award, Center for Global Management 2022

Universidad de la Republica, Research Grant: “Attitudes and Preferences for Redistribution: Dynamics of Intergenerational Transmission and the Effect of Public Policy” 2021-2023

Ph.D. Global Research Award, Center for Global Management

2020

Anderson Fellowship, UCLA Anderson School of Management

2017 - 2022

**PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)** **2023:** Society of Labor Economists; 20th Midwest International Economic Development Conference; PacDev; Economics Department, University of Delaware; California Policy Lab; Rockwool Foundation Berlin; VATT Institute for Economic Research; Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin; Facultad de Economía y Negocios, Universidad de Chile; Departamento de Economía, Pontificia Universidad Católica; Centro de Economía Aplicada, Universidad de Chile.

**2022:** NBER Public Economics Program Meeting (PEf22); 7th Zurich Conference on Public Finance in Developing Countries; NTA 115th Annual Conference; International Institute of Public Finance, Annual Congress; XV Ridge Forum, Workshop on Public Economics

**2019:** - International Institute of Public Finance, Annual Congress, Glasgow, Scotland, 2019

**2018:** - International Institute of Public Finance, Annual Congress, Tampere, Finland, 2018 - “The Impact of Public Policies on Labor Markets and Income Distribution”

**2015:** Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association - Labor Network Conference, Santiago de Chile, 2015 - “Are Labor Markets in Latin America Prepared for the New Challenges?”

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE** *Refereeing:* Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, The Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics, Public Finance Review, Economic Inquiry, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Estudios Económicos, Journal of Politics

**TEACHING** *Teaching Assistant*

**University of California, Los Angeles - Anderson School of Management**

- Business and Economics in Emerging Markets (Prof. Leo Feler), MBA/FEMBA - Spring, 2022
- Managerial Economics (Prof. Tricaud), FEMBA - Winter 2022
- Managerial Economics (Prof. Wasserman and Prof. Giuliano), MBA - Winter 2019 and Fall 2021
- Economic Analysis for Managers (Prof. Edwards), Executive MBA - Winter 2019-2021

*Teaching Assistant*

2016- 2017

**Universidad de la República**

- Labor Economics, Undergraduate level
- Poverty and Inequality, Undergraduate level

**OTHER RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT** Research Assistant for Prof. Natalie Bau UCLA (2020-2022); Prof. Nico Voigtländer, UCLA (2021); Research Fellow California Policy Lab (Fall, 2019); Prof. Melanie Wassermann, UCLA (Spring/Summer, 2019; Summer 2020); Research Assistant Instituto de Economía (IECON), Department of Economics, Universidad de La República (2014-2017)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE** Technical Assistant Sep 2013 - Nov 2015  
**Oficina de Planeamiento y Presupuesto (Office of Planning and Budget), Presidency of the Republic**

- Development of Micro-Simulating models for public policies design

Internship

March, 2009 - June, 2009

**Dirección General Impositiva (National Tax Agency)**

**PRE-PHD PUBLICATIONS (IN SPANISH)** “Pre and Post Taxes and Transfers: A fiscal equity exercise for Uruguay” with Maier, S; Mendez, N; Pineyro, L; Rijo, L; Vera, S.; Vila, J., Serie Macroeconomía del Desarrollo No.175

“Income Cash Transfers and Labor Market: How does “Asignaciones Familiares - Plan de Equidad” affects labor informality?”, with Failache E. and Ramírez, L. DIE 01/16, IECON .

**LANGUAGES** Spanish: Native  
English: Fluent