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Summary

Experienced economist working on development policies for more than ten years – first in the Brazilian Government and now at the Inter-American Development Bank. Solid experience with the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies within complex environments involving public and private actors.

Experience

Ministério do Planejamento e Orçamento
Director
May 2023 - Present (1 year 4 months)
Brasília, Federal District, Brazil

Inter-American Development Bank
Impact Evaluator - Economist (Consultant)
July 2021 - April 2023 (1 year 10 months)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

• Guided operational teams within the IDB to ensure they comply with the institutional M&E system and its guidelines during the entire operational cycle.
• In partnership with operational teams and IT, developed new data collection tools (WebApp based) to improve IDB's monitoring and evaluation practices.
• Designed and implemented impact evaluations for IDB loans on the topics of urban mobility and financial access for micro, small, and medium firms (SMEs).

BNDES
8 years

Principal Economist
2016 - 2019 (3 years)
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Strategic Planning Area

• Led the creation of a division dedicated to monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness (M&E) of BNDES policies.
• Managed a team with 5+ economists solely dedicated to impact evaluations.

• Trained the impact evaluation team in causal inference techniques and coding (R and Stata).
• Developed and implemented an automatized solution for short-term impact evaluations based on large data sets acquired or scrapped by the M&E unit (Serasa, RAIS, and other Brazilian data sources).
• Negotiated and implemented a formal M&E system for BNDES, which demanded constant interaction with the Brazilian Federal Government, BNDES Board of Directors, and representatives of operational areas to (re)design credit policies and communicate effectiveness results.
• Led the elaboration and publication of the annual BNDES Effectiveness Report
• Provided evidence-based reports to guide the BNDES' strategic planning.

Senior Economist / Program Officer
2012 - 2016 (4 years)
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Indirect operations area

• Developed impact evaluations for BNDES credit lines targeting micro, small, and medium companies (SMEs).
• Implemented automatized routines to monitor market trends and forecast the demand for BNDES credit lines by SMEs.
• Developed policy reports (transport and agricultural machinery), and other ad hoc analyses to guide the BNDES business strategy.

Economist / Program Officer
2011 - 2012 (1 year)
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Export Promotion area
• Analyzed, approved, and executed loans supporting the export of civil engineering projects.
• Monitored the execution and disbursement for a portfolio of credit operations associated with infrastructure projects worth US$ billions on multiple countries in Latin America and Africa.
• Negotiated with several actors within the Brazilian Government and with representatives from other Latin American and African Governments.

Institute for Applied Economic Research (Ipea)
Impact Evaluator / Economist
2009 - 2011 (2 years)
Brasília, Federal District, Brazil

• Led impact evaluations of the Brazilian Government's export promotion policies.
• Structured and lead a research team dedicated to monitoring Brazilian trade performance.
• Developed analytical tools and ad hoc studies to guide executive teams in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Industry and Trade on international trade negotiations.

Education

George Mason University - Schar School of Policy and Government
Doctor of Philosophy - PhD, Public Policy Analysis · (2019 - 2024)

School of Economics, Business and Accounting at the University of São Paulo
Master of Science - MS, Economics · (2008 - 2010)

Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
Bachelor's degree, Economics · (2004 - 2007)