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UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES:

2006 - 2008 MRes in Economics, London School of Economics, London, UK

2005 - 2006 MSc in Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain

2003 - 2006 Degree in Economics and Statistics, ENSAE, Paris, France

GRADUATE STUDIES:

2008 – PhD in Economics, London School of Economics (Expected Completion: Summer 2012)
Thesis Title: “The Labour Market Integration of Immigrants and their Children”

2009 – 2010 Visiting Scholar, Center for Labor Economics, University of California Berkeley, USA
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DESIRED TEACHING AND RESEARCH:

Fields: Labour Economics, Applied Econometrics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

2010 – 2012: Economic Policy Analysis (Master in Public Administration) LSE

2008 – 2009: Problems in Applied Econometrics (BSc Economics) LSE

RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD:

2010 – 2012: Teaching Fellow, Economics Department, LSE

Summer 2008: Consultant, The World Bank
Office of the Chief Economist, Europe and Central Asia Region

2007: Consultant, OECD
International Migration and Non-Member Economies Division

Summer 2005: Intern, OECD
International Migration and Non-Member Economies Division

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Portuguese (native), French (fluent), German (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate)

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2006 – 2009: PhD Scholarship, Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, Portuguese Ministry of Science and Technology

PRESENTATIONS

“Economic analysis using linked employer and employee data: bringing together theory and empirics”, FEP/UMinho, Porto, June 2011

“CEP Conference”, Brighton, May 2011

“Migration: Economic Change, Social Challenge”, UCL, London, April 2011

Labor Lunch, U.C. Berkeley, September 2010

“Fourth Meeting of the Portuguese Economic Journal”, Faro, June 2010

“EC/OECD technical seminar on the labour market integration of the children of immigrants”, Brussels, October 2009

COMPLETED PAPERS:

Job Market Paper:

“The Careers of Immigrants”

I use a unique linked employer employee panel covering all wage earners in the private sector in Portugal to shed new light on the careers of immigrants. During the first ten years in the country immigrants close one third of the initial immigrant-native wage gap. I show that one third of this wage catch-up is accounted for by firm heterogeneity: Immigrants remain in the same occupations but get jobs with better paying firms. Over time immigrants move to larger, more productive firms and with a higher share of native workers. These patterns are similar for all the recent immigrants irrespective of their origin and in particular of whether their mother tongue is the host country’s language. Motivated by these new stylized facts, I suggest an economic assimilation mechanism which highlights imperfect information about immigrant productivity. I build an employer learning model with firm heterogeneity and complementarities between worker and firm type. The initial uncertainty over immigrants’ productivity prevents them from getting access to the best jobs. Over time, productivity is revealed and immigrants obtain better firm matches. I derive predictions on the immigrant wage distributions over time, on their mobility patterns and on the productivity distribution of firms they are matched with. The predictions of the model are in line with the data and are not trivially derived from competing explanations.

Other Papers:

“The Integration of the Children of Immigrants in European Cities: The Importance of Parental Background”

This paper uses a unique survey of children of immigrants from Turkey, Morocco and ex-Yugoslavia, and children of natives in 15 European cities to closely compare their educational and labour market outcomes. Although the second generation is on average performing worse than the children of natives in all outcomes considered, a large part of the differences may be explained by family background. Parents’ characteristics are also shown to be important predictors of the inter-marriage of the second generation, as children from lower background marry more often within the ethnic group.

Chapter in OECD: *Equal Opportunities? The Labour Market Integration of the Children of Immigrants, 2010*, OECD Publishing

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

“Immigrant Wage Differentials in the US and the UK” (with Alan Manning)

“The Labour Market Performance of the Children of Mixed Marriages in the US”