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EXPERIENCE

Chief Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, Italy, January 2019–Present

Bring together governments and global partners to design and scale solutions that make agrifood systems more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable. Build on decades of research on commodity prices, market volatility, and their impact on poverty and hunger to drive evidence-based strategies that help countries withstand shocks from climate, conflict, and global markets. Focus areas include advancing innovative financing instruments, expanding equitable access to healthy diets, and reinforcing supply chains to ensure stability and affordability for the most vulnerable.

Lead FAO's economic policy engagement in global SDG processes, especially Zero Hunger, and represent the organization at high-level forums shaping the global dialogue on agrifood systems transformation. Served on the Munich Security Conference Food Security Task Force, linking food security with national security. Co-chaired the UN's Global Crisis Response Group to the war in Ukraine, supporting the Black Sea Grain Initiative to reopen supply routes. Active member of Champions 12.3, global coalition of leaders dedicated to cutting global food loss and waste. Provide intellectual leadership for flagship publications and global public goods, including *The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World* and *The State of Food and Agriculture*, ensuring that cutting-edge economic analysis informs decision-making for poverty reduction and resilient food systems.

Executive Director for Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay, The World Bank Group, Washington, D.C., 2016–2018

Steered international finance to channel billions toward vulnerable populations and build more resilient agriculture and food systems. Specifically, played a leading role in the capital increase of both the Bank and the International Finance Corporation, helping to secure record commitments — \$60 billion for the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and \$5.5 billion for IFC — to bolster emerging economies, with food security, resilience, and inclusive growth at the core of the Group's strategic direction. Championed rural transformation by directing investments to agriculture and smallholder competitiveness. Positioned the Bank as a key partner in tackling food price volatility, strengthening financial mechanisms to stabilize markets and anchoring operations in empirical analysis to ensure accountability and impact.

Division Director, Trade and Institutions, International Food Policy Research Institute,
Washington, D.C., 2004–2016

Redefined how evidence informs policy by establishing global mechanisms and tools that continue to shape food security governance. Major accomplishments include the creation of Agricultural Market Information System at the request of the G20, following the 2007–08 food crisis. AMIS is now the leading platform for monitoring agricultural markets and a landmark innovation in global food governance. Pioneered contract farming experiments in Vietnam, Peru, and Tanzania that expanded smallholder access to credit, technology, and secure markets, offering a model for inclusive value chains. Co-founded the AGRODEP Modeling Consortium, empowering African researchers and policymakers to design evidence-based agricultural and trade policies. Additional empirical work on infrastructure and governance demonstrated how investments in rural roads, electrification, telecommunications, and institutional quality can unlock productivity, reduce poverty, and attract development finance. Senior Research Fellow, 2004–07; Director of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2007–16.

Senior Research Fellow, The University of Bonn’s Center for Development Research, Cologne, Germany, 2010–Present

Associate Professor, Universidad del Pacifico, Lima, Peru, 1999–2022

EDUCATION

Postdoctoral Research, Economics, University of California, Los Angeles, 1999.

Ph.D., Economics, University of California, Los Angeles, 1998.

M.A., Economics, University of California, Los Angeles, 1993.

B.A., Economics, Universidad del Pacifico, Lima, Peru, 1990.

PUBLICATIONS

Published peer-reviewed journal articles, books, book and conference proceedings chapters, working papers, policy briefs, institutional reports, and articles in news outlets. These have received more than 18,000 citations, with H-index of 64, and an i10-Index of 171, according to Google Scholar. RePEc’s ranking place the research within the 5% globally across all productivity and citation measures.

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National Science Foundation, “*AGER: Using Eye Tracking to Study Migrant Remittances and Its Welfare Implications*,” 2016–17.

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European Commission, “Assessing Regional Food Reserves to Increase Resilience: Their Role in Safety Nets and in Reducing Price Volatility,” 2014–16.

CGIAR Research Program on Policies Institutions and Markets, “Flagship/Component on Linking Smallholders to Markets,” 2014–16.

U.S. Agency for International Development, “Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Strategy Support Program (LAC RSSP),” 2014–16.

European Commission, “Food Secure: Exploring the Future of Global Food and Nutrition Security,” 2013–16.

Swiss Development Cooperation, “Food Security in India: Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia (LANSA),” 2013–16.

Millennium Challenge Corporation, “Impact Evaluation of Rural Electrification and Roads in El Salvador,” 2013–17.

Department for International Development, “Aflatoxin and Child Stunting,” 2012–15.

Inter-American Development Bank. “Impact of Rust Coffee in Central America,” 2013–14,

Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF), “Rural Development and Poverty Reduction in Andean Countries: The Case of Peru,” 2013–14.

University of California, Los Angeles, “Diffusion of Technical Change in Traditional Agriculture in Peru,” 1996–97.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole, Government of France, 2014.

Award for Outstanding Research on Development, Global Development Network, 2002. Selection committee chaired by Nicolas Stern, with members François Bourguignon, Masahiro Kawai, Nancy Birdsall, José María Fanelli, and Fernando Loayza.

Award for Outstanding Research on Development, Global Development Network, 2000. Selection committee chaired by Joseph E. Stiglitz, with members Nancy Birdsall, François Bourguignon, Takatoshi Ito, and Amartya Sen.

Georg Foster Research Fellowship of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, 2001–03.

University of California Dissertation Year Fellowship, 1997–98.

Ford Foundation-ISOP Interdisciplinary Program for Students of Development Areas, 1997–98.

British Foundation Fellowship, 1995–97.

Research and Teaching Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of California, Los Angeles, 1994–97.

Inter-American Development Bank Fellowship, 1992–95.

Fulbright Fellowship, 1992–94.

Ford Foundation Fellowship, 1992–94.

National Award for the Best Bachelor's Dissertation, Peruvian Economic Consortium and International Development Research Center, Canada, 1992.

Honorific Mention on Bachelors and Licenciatura Dissertations, Universidad del Pacifico, Lima, Peru, 1990.

PROFESSIAONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ADVISORY COUNCILS

- International Association of Agricultural Economics (2006-Present)
- American Agricultural Association (2006-Present)
- Member of the American Economic Association (1998-Present)
- European Economic Association (1999-Present)
- Econometric Society (1998-Present)
- Latin American Econometric Society (1998-Present)
- Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (1998-Present)
- Southern Regional Science Association (1998-Present)
- Group of Analysis for Development (GRADE), Member of board of Directors and Director of Executive Management Committee (1997-Present)
- Western Economic Association (1998-2000)

COUNTRIES OF EXPERTISE

- **Latin America:** Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Peru, Paraguay, Uruguay, Chile
- **Central and Eastern Europe:** Armenia, Kosovo
- **Africa:** Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Niger, Togo, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia
- **Asia:** Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Vietnam

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