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## EDUCATION

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**PhD Economics**, University of California, Santa Barbara 2019 - Present

**M.A. Economics**, University of California, Santa Barbara 2019 - 2020

**B.A. Economics**, National University of Asunción 2009 - 2014

## RESEARCH

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**Working Paper:** “*Video Assistant Referee and Home Field Advantage*”  
(with Jeffrey Cross and Richard Uhrig)

Until recently, soccer referees operated with minimal technology assistance. Following the successful introduction of communication devices and goal-line technology, as well as the use of video review systems in various other athletic competitions, soccer leagues around the world implemented Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology to further reduce mistakes and improve referee performance. This paper investigates the effect of Video Assistant Referee systems on home field advantage in soccer using a staggered adoption difference-in-differences framework and data from 16 leagues between 2009 and 2019. We find that the implementation of VAR had negligible effects on home field advantage despite impacting various match statistics for both home and away teams. These results have important implications for the impact of referees on home field advantage, especially in light of recent literature.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Associate Instructor and Curriculum Creator for Econ 5** 2021-Present  
University of California, Santa Barbara

**Teaching Assistant:** 2019-Present  
University of California, Santa Barbara

Undergraduate Introductory Econometrics (3 quarters), Intermediate Microeconomics (3 quarters), Monetary Economics(1 quarter)

**Associate Instructor and Teaching Assistant:** 2015-2019

I taught several classes of mathematics, statistics and economics at the undergraduate and graduate level (Master), in English and Spanish, in the following Universities in South America:

- Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT), Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Universidad Católica de Asunción (UCA), Asunción, Paraguay
- Universidad Paraguayo Alemana (UPA), Asunción, Paraguay
- Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (USIL), Asunción, Paraguay

**Research Assistant:** 2014  
Paraguayan Institute of Economic Research  
(Instituto Paraguayo de Investigaciones Económicas - I.P.I.E.). Asunción, Paraguay

**Research Assistant:** 2013  
Internship at the Central Bank of Paraguay

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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R, Python, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Matlab.

## **ADDITIONAL INFO**

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Languages: Spanish(native), English(fluent), German (fluent)

German Language Diploma, Stage 1 and 2. Granted by the Ministry of Culture of the German Republic.

Professor of Musical Language and Elementary Piano.