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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics Brown University, US <i>Expected graduation: May 2023</i>	2017 –present
Master in Economics and Finance CEMFI, Spain	2015 –2017
B.A. in Economics (<i>cum laude</i>) Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina	2008 –2011

FIELDS

Primary fields: Development Economics; Political Economy

Secondary field: Entrepreneurship

JOB MARKET PAPER

Nation-Building Through Military Service

with *Diego Ramos-Toro*

This paper studies the role of compulsory military service in the process of nation-building. We pair original survey data covering 29 cohorts of conscripts in Argentina with random variation in service emerging from a lottery. We find that military service leads to stronger national identity and better attitudes toward fellow countrymen several decades after serving. We document complementary mechanisms that explain these patterns: First, using natural language processing techniques on open-ended responses, we find suggestive evidence that social integration and national attachment were actively inculcated during service. In line with value transmission, former conscripts also tend to adopt the ideology of the government under which they served. Second, exposure to diverse peers and developing a more diverse social network reinforce the baseline patterns. We find no evidence that these results materialize through other mechanisms, such as conflict exposure, labor market outcomes, religiosity, or family formation. Taken together, these results show that conscription can effectively contribute to nation-building.

WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Divided for Good: Football Rivalries and Social Cohesion in Latin America Graduate Student Bravo Working Paper 2022-003	2022
Narratives, Social Image, and Entrepreneurship in Developing Countries with <i>Pablo Balán</i>	in progress
Online Entrepreneurs: Testing a Cheap and Scalable Intervention to Improve Performance	in progress
Social Mobility and Military Service: Lessons from Argentina with <i>Diego Ramos-Toro</i>	in progress

RESEARCH GRANTS

Publication Accelerator Grant (\$5,000; PI) <i>The Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, US</i>	2022
PDBF Research Fund Award (\$2,500; PI) <i>Department of Economics, Brown University, US</i>	2022
Sarmiento Research Award (\$2,000; PI) <i>Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Brown University, US</i>	2022
Hazeltine Entrepreneurial Research Fellowship (\$4,300; PI) <i>BEO/Nelson Center for Entrepreneurship, Brown University, US</i>	2021
Summer Research Grants (\$2,100 agg.; PI) <i>The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, US</i>	2020, 2021

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Fernando Henrique Cardoso LLD'04 Graduate Fellowship in the Social Sciences <i>Brown University, US</i>	2022
Graduate School Fellowship <i>Brown University, US</i>	2017-2023
Graduate School Fellowship <i>CEMFI, Spain</i>	2015-2017

TEACHING

Instructor

Behavioral Game Theory <i>Brown University's Summer Pre-College Program</i>	Summers of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Graduate Applied Econometrics (half course) <i>IAE Business School's Ph.D. in Management Program</i>	Fall 2021

Teaching Assistant

All at Brown University's Department of Economics

Applied Research Methods (<i>Instructor: Anna Aizer</i>)	Fall 2021, Fall 2022
Applied Research Methods (<i>Instructor: Lorenzo Lagos</i>)	Spring 2022
Applied Research Methods (<i>Instructor: Jesse Bruhn</i>)	Spring 2021
Applied Research Methods (<i>Instructor: Neil Thakral</i>)	Fall 2020
Intermediate Microeconomics (<i>Instructor: Rajiv Vohra</i>)	Spring 2020
Designing Internet Marketplaces (<i>Instructor: Bobby Pakzad-Hurson</i>)	Fall 2019
Graduate Macroeconomics I (Growth) (<i>Instructors: Oded Galor and David Weil</i>)	Fall 2018

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

**=scheduled; +=presented by coauthor*

2023: ASREC Conference*+

2022: BEO/Nelson Center for Entrepreneurship (Brown); VEAEBES; ASREC Europe Conference; NEUDC Conference; PhD-EVS; AAEP; Ridge Forum

2021: Brown-MIT Development Workshop

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant for Brian Knight Spring 2019
Department of Economics, Brown University, US

Research Assistant for Diego Puga and Samuel Bentolila Summer 2016
CEMFI, Spain

Economist 2013-2015
Nicolás Dujovne & Asociados, Argentina

Analyst 2012-2013
Compass Lexecon, Argentina

OTHER

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (basic)

Citizenship: Argentine, Italian

Software: Stata, Python, Qualtrics, LaTeX