

# LAURA JAITMAN

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## Employment

- 2020- **World Bank Special Representative to the United Nations. World Bank Group.** Tasks: Responsible for the representation of the World Bank Group in the United Nations. Coordinate WBG engagement with UN agencies and programs to strengthen country outcomes. Manage WBG office in New York.
- 2020- **Research Associate. Centre for Economic Performance, London School of Economics.** Tasks: Collaborate in research projects of the Community and Crime program.
- 2019 **Head of International Affairs, State Secretary. Ministry of the Treasury, Argentina.** Tasks: Responsible for the representation of Argentina in international economic for a (including the G20, the Financial Stability Board, the International Monetary and Financial Committee), and for the international relations with Finance Ministries/economic blocs, and international organizations.
- 2018 **G20 Finance Deputy for the G20 Argentine Presidency, State Under Secretary. Ministry of the Treasury, Argentina.** Tasks: Chair of the G20 finance track during the Argentine Presidency. Responsible for leading the finance track and the elaboration and negotiation with G20 members of the finance track deliverables (global economy, financial regulation, international financial architecture, international taxation, infrastructure, financial inclusion, and sustainable finance).
- 2014-17 **Economist. Inter-American Development Bank, Research Department and Institutions for Development Department.** Tasks: Team leader and research manager for governance, crime, and development projects in more than 10 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Build strategic alliances with governments, other multilaterals, and academia.
- 2011-14 **Consultant. Inter-American Development Bank, Institutions for Development, and Strategic Planning & Development Effectiveness Departments.** Projects on policy evaluation in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- 2011 **Research Manager. MIT J-PAL Lab** Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects on development and governance.
- 2010-14 **Teaching Assistant. University College London, UK, Economics Department.**
- 2008-09 **Consultant. World Bank, Development Policy Group and Human Development Network.** Projects on policy evaluation in Latin America.
- 2007-09 **Research Assistant for Prof. Sebastian Galiani, Universidad de San Andres, Argentina.** Policy design and evaluation in developing countries.
- 2004-06 **Junior Economist. Estudio Broda & Asoc., Argentina.** Latin America macro Outlook.
- 2003-09 **Teaching Assistant. Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina.** Economics Department.

## Education

**PhD in Economics, University College London, UK (2011-2014)**

*Dissertation: "Empirical Essays on the Economics of Public Policy".*

**MPhil in Economics, University College London, UK (2009-2011)**

Courses passed with Distinction

**MSc in Economics, Universidad de San Andrés, Buenos Aires, Argentina (2006-2007)**

General Average: 9.0/10. Distinction

**BSc in Economics, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina (2000-2005)**

General Average: 8.85/10. Distinction Magna Cum Laude

## **Publications**

### **Articles in Peer Reviewed Academic Journals**

"Crime and Durable Goods" (with S. Galiani and F. Weinschelbaum). Forthcoming, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.

"Frontiers in the Economics of Crime: Lessons for Latin America and the Caribbean", *Latin American Economic Review* (2019) 28:19.

"The Dark Figure of Crime in Latin America and the Caribbean" (with V. Anauati), *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*, 2019.

"Public Transport from a Gender Perspective: Insecurity and Victimization in Latin America. The case of Lima and Asuncion Metropolitan Areas", *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*, 2019.

"Urban infrastructure in Latin America and the Caribbean: Public Policy Priorities", *Latin American Economic Review*, 2015, 24:13

"Crime Deterrence: Evidence from the London 2011 Riots" (with B. Bell and S. Machin), *Economic Journal*, 2014, 124(576), pp. 480-506.

*Featured in The Guardian and the Financial Times.*

"Crime and Immigration: New Evidence from England and Wales" (with S. Machin), *IZA Journal of Migration*, 2013, 2:19.

"The Causal Effect of Compulsory Voting Laws on Turnout: does Skill matter?", *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, Vol. 92, August 2013, pp. 79–93.

### **Books**

**"The Costs of Crime and Violence: New Evidence and Insights in Latin America and the Caribbean"**. Laura Jaitman, Editor. Inter-American Development Bank. 2017. Washington, DC.

*Featured in The Economist, BBC (UK), El Pais (Spain), Les Echos (France), TNT24 (US), InsigthCrime (regional), El Nuevo Herald (US), Globo TV, Estadao, O Globo, Exame (Brasil), El Universal (Mexico), El Observador, Republica (Uruguay), El Mercurio (Chile), Oxford Analytica (UK), La Nacion, El Economista (Argentina), El Tiempo, La FM, RCN (Colombia), Radio Caracol (Colombia), El Financiero (Costa Rica), Nationwide Radio (Jamaica), ABC Color (Paraguay), among others.*

**"The Welfare Costs of Crime and Violence in Latin America and the Caribbean"**. Laura Jaitman, Editor. Inter-American Development Bank. 2015. Washington, DC.

*Featured in EFE (Spain), InsigthCrime (regional), TNT24 news (US), El Nuevo Herald (US), La Nacion (Argentina), El Tiempo (Colombia), La Tercera (Chile), Republica (Uruguay), Ministerio del Interior (Ecuador), El Telegrafo (Ecuador), La Nacion (Paraguay), Finanzas Digital (Venezuela), El Mirador Sudamerica (regional), El Salvador (El Salvador), among others.*

### **Edited Volumes**

Special Issue: "50 Years of the Economics of Crime". *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*. Guest editors: S. Galiani, L. Jaitman, and R. Soares. 2019, Vol. 159, March 2019, pp. 421–662.

### **Chapters in Books**

"Crime and Violence in the Caribbean" (with H. Sutton and J. Khadan) in: "Unleashing Growth and Strengthening Resilience in the Caribbean", Alleyne, T., Otker, I., Ramakrishnan, U., and K. Srinivasan, eds. *International Monetary Fund (IMF)*, Washington, DC. 2017.

"The Welfare Costs of Crime and Violence in the Caribbean" (with I. Torre) in: "Restoring Paradise in the Caribbean: Combating Violence with Numbers", Ruprah, I., and Sutton, H., eds. *Inter-American Development Bank*, Washington, DC. 2017.

"From Cow Sellers to Beef Exporters: The Impact of Traceability on Cattle Farmers" in: "Information Technologies in Latin America", A. Chong and M. Yanez-Pagans, eds. Anthem Press, London. Forthcoming.

## Working Papers

- "Police Profiling and Crime: NY Stop & Frisks policies" (with A. Bindler and S. Machin)  
"Crime Patterns and Hotspots Dynamics in Latin America" (with N. Ajzenman)  
"Predictive policing in Latin America: evidence from two randomized controlled trials" (with S. Galiani)

## Policy Papers

*G20 Policy Papers (coordinated main deliverables of the G20 Argentine Presidency endorsed by G20 Leaders)*

- "Buenos Aires Action Plan". Available [here](#)  
"G20 Menu of Policy Options for the Future of Work". Available [here](#)  
"Roadmap to Infrastructure as an Asset Class". Available [here](#)  
"G20 Principles for the Infrastructure Project Preparation Phase". Available [here](#)  
"G20 Policy Guide: Digitization and Informality - Harnessing digital financial inclusion for individuals and MSMEs in the informal economy". Available [here](#)

### *Other Policy Papers*

- "The Future of Work" (with F. Asef Horno). *Global Solutions Journal*. Issue 4. March 2019.  
"Developing Infrastructure as an Asset Class" (with A. Neumeyer) in *Global Public Investor 2018*. Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum (OMFIF), 2018.  
"Improving the efficiency of justice: evidence from a developing country" (with V. Anauati and M. Garcia). Inter-American Development Bank, 2018.  
"Crime and Violence in Latin America and the Caribbean: towards evidence-based policies" (with S. Machin). London School of Economics, CentrePiece Paper No CEPCP461, 2016.  
"Promoting Evidence-Based Crime Prevention Policies in Latin America and the Caribbean" (with R. Guerrero Compean). *Translational Criminology*. Fall, 2015.  
"Impact of Railways Expansion on Spatial Patterns" (with S. Berlinski and S. Galiani), *Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Working Paper*, 2011.

## **Awards, Grants, and Scholarships**

- 2017-2019:** Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad de España. Secretaría de Estado de Investigación, Desarrollo e Innovación. "Networks and crime: a triple approximation to detect and prevent security threats". PI: Daniel Montolio. ECO2016-75912-R.  
**2010-2014:** Ricardo Scholarship for PhD; Department of Economics, University College London, UK.  
**2009-2010:** Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. "Impact of railway expansion on spatial patterns". PI: S. Galiani.  
**2009:** David Pearce Scholarship for MPhil; Department of Economics, University College London, UK.  
**2006:** Full scholarship for MSc in Economics, Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina.  
**2008:** Best 2005-2007 undergraduate thesis award for: "*Determinants and Volatility of the Real Exchange Rate: The Argentine Case 1980-2004*"; Professional Council of Economic Sciences of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

## **Conferences Organized:**

- 2019 America Latina Crime and Policy Network (AL CAPONE)**, May 2019, Bogota  
**2018 Investor Forum** (with World Bank), **Investing in Argentina** (with Council of the Americas)  
**2017 America Latina Crime and Policy Network (AL CAPONE)**, June 2017, Santiago de Chile, Chile. IDB joint with LACEA, CAF, WB and REAP.  
**2016 America Latina Crime and Policy Network (AL CAPONE)**, June 2016, Buenos Aires, Argentina. IDB joint with LACEA, CAF, WB and REAP.  
**2015 Transatlantic Crime Economics Workshop**, October 2015, London School of Economics, London, UK. IDB joint with CEP/LSE.

**Crime and Citizen Security Polices in Latin America**, August 2015, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina. IDB joint with Crime Laboratory LICIP.

**1<sup>st</sup> IDB Crime Prevention Roundtable**, April, 2015, Inter-American Development Bank. Washington DC.

**2014 Evidence Based Crime Prevention Policies Symposium**, May 2014, IDB joint with George Mason University.

### **Recent Presentations**

**2020:** United Nations, President of the General Assembly High Level Event on Poverty Eradication.

**2019:** ILO, Argentina; Brookings, US; Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel; Paris Forum, France; G20 Finance Deputies Meetings under the G20 Japanese and Saudi Arabian Presidencies; G20 Symposium on Access to Opportunities, Saudi Arabia; Financial Stability Board Americas Regional Group meeting; International Monetary and Financial Committee Deputies Meeting, US; World Bank, US; Rio Grande do Sul Government Conference on Early Child Development, Brazil.

**2018:** G20 Finance Deputies Meetings under the G20 Argentine Presidency; Financial Stability Board meetings; Royal Economic Society, UK; Council of the Americas, US; World Bank, US; Brookings, US; CSIS, US; Global Solutions Summit, Berlin; Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina; Universidad de Mendoza, Argentina; Universidad Nacional de Cuyo, Argentina; Think20, Business20, Civil20 Summits, Argentina.

**2017:** Harvard University, US; Safer Cities Conference organized by Swedish Parliament, Sweden; London School of Economics, UK; University College London, UK; University of Oxford, UK; Canning House, UK; Center for Evidence Based Crime Policy Symposium, George Mason University, US; America Latina Crime and Policy Network Meeting (AL CAPONE), Chile; Foro Ciudades Seguras, Panama; Inter-American Development Bank Board of Directors, US; Inter-American Development, US; Inter-American Dialogue, US.

**2016:** George Mason University, US; International Conference on Government, Crime and Justice Statistics, Mexico; America Latina Crime and Policy Network Meeting (AL CAPONE) Meeting, Argentina; Consejo de la Judicatura Evaluation Workshop, Ecuador; Forum Brasileiro de Seguranca Publica, Brazil; Regional Citizen Security Dialogue, Argentina; Inter-American Development Bank Development, US.

**2015:** American Society of Criminology 2015 Meetings, US; Inter-American Development Bank Crime Prevention Roundtable, Washington DC; Crime and Citizen Security Polices seminar, LICIP, Argentina; Evaluation of Public Policies Conference, Secretaria Nacional de Planificación del Desarrollo del Ecuador, Ecuador; Inter-American Development Bank Institution for Development Research seminar, US; Ministry of Interior strategic meeting, Uruguay; Regional Citizen Security Dialogue, Ecuador.

**2014:** Center for Evidence Based Crime Policy 2014 Symposium, George Mason University, US.

**2013:** Royal Economic Society 2013 Conference, UK; Norface Migration Conference, UK.

**2012:** Inter-American Development Bank Urban Infrastructure Upgrade Evaluation Workshop, Brazil.

**2011:** University College London, Students Upgrade Seminar, UK; Institute of Fiscal Studies, Evaluation of Development Policies workshop, UK; Inter-American Development Bank, US.

### **Government Training delivered and Teaching Experience**

**2016:** Evaluation of Judicial Policy Changes. **Consejo de la Judicatura, Ecuador.**

**2015:** Citizen Security Impact Evaluation Workshop joint with J-PAL. **Secretaria de Gobernación (SEGOB), Mexico.**

**2014/5:** Impact Evaluation Workshop. **Jamaican Ministry of National Security, Jamaica.**

**2014:** Labour Economics (graduate). TA for Prof. Stephen Machin, Department of Economics, **University College London, UK.**

**2013:** Macroeconomics for Policy (undergraduate). TA for Prof. Wendy Carlin, Department of Economics, **University College London, UK.**

**2011:** Mathematics for Economists (undergraduate). TA for Prof. Martin Cripps, Department of Economics, **University College London, UK.**

**2010:** Macroeconomics (graduate). TA for Prof. Orazio Attanasio, Department of Economics, **University College London, UK.**

**2010:** Mathematics for Economists (undergraduate). TA for Prof. Malcolm Pemberton, Department of Economics, **University College London, UK.**

**2009:** Applied Microeconometrics (STATA sessions). TA for Prof. Sebastian Galiani. LACEA Course in **Universidad Javeriana, Bogota, Colombia.**

**2007-2009:** Macroeconomics (undergraduate) TA for Prof. Daniel Heymann, Department of Economics, **Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina.**

**2003-2009:** Mathematics for Economists (undergraduate). TA and Coordinator of the course of Prof. Maria Teresa Casparri, Department of Economics, **Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina**

### **Professional Service**

2019: Financial Stability Board. Member of the Regional Consultative Groups' Review Committee.

2017-2019: G20 Global Infrastructure Hub. Member of the Board of Directors.

Reviewer for the Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Latin America Economic Review, Economic Journal, the Campbell Collaboration, Criminology & Public Policy.

### **Languages**

**Spanish** (native) - **English** (fluent) - **German** (advanced) - **Hebrew** (advanced)

**Portuguese** (intermediate)- **French** (beginner)