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REFERENCES

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Prof. Ricardo Perez-Truglia

Anderson School of Management, University of California LA, ✉ ricardo.truglia@anderson.ucla.edu

EDUCATION

University of Zürich

PhD in Economics (Supervisor: Prof. Michel Maréchal) 08/2019 - present

M.A. in Economics, Summa cum laude 02/2015 - 01/2018

B.A. in Economics, Magna cum laude 09/2011 - 07/2014

University of Copenhagen

Exchange Semester 01/2017 - 06/2017

VISITING POSITIONS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

Visiting Positions

Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley (Prof. R. Perez-Truglia) 02/2023 - 06/2023

Rady School of Management, UCSD (Prof. U. Gneezy) 10/2022

Summer Schools

PhD Course in Behavioral Economics (FAIR NHH) 08/2023

Spring School in Behavioral Economics (UCSD) 10/2022

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Political Economy, Public Economics

JOB MARKET PAPER

“Market Luck: Skill-Biased Inequality and Redistributive Preferences.” (with Simona Sartor) [Draft]

Globalization and technological change can significantly alter the returns for different skills in the labor market, often leading to skill-biased inequality, a phenomenon we refer to as ‘market luck’. In meritocratic societies, this raises the question of whether individuals perceive such inequalities as fair. To address this question, we conduct an experiment in the US where inequality between workers with different skills emerges due to exogenous matching with buyers who require specific skills, creating inequality driven by market luck. Our findings indicate that individuals are more accepting of inequalities resulting from market luck than those caused by brute luck, even though both are beyond workers’ control and unrelated to their effort. Large-scale replications in France and China confirm directionally consistent results across all three countries, though with varying magnitudes of treatment effects, suggesting that redistributive preferences are sensitive to cultural differences and exposure to market institutions. We further validate our findings in additional survey experiments designed around real-life situations, and we show that behavior in the experiments predicts support for real-world policies. Our results provide a novel explanation for the muted demand for redistribution amid rising inequality.

PUBLICATIONS

“**Whose Preferences Matter for Redistribution: Cross-Country Evidence.**” (with Alain Cohn, Ray Fisman, and Michel Maréchal), *accepted at Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics*
[\[NBER Working Paper 31974\]](#)

WORKING PAPERS

“**Billionaire Superstar: Public Image and Demand for Taxation.**” (with Ricardo Perez-Truglia)
[\[NBER Working Paper 32712\]](#)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“**Social Status Perceptions and Political Preferences.**” (with Sören Hars))

PRESENTATIONS

URPP Taxation & Inequality Conference (Zurich), In_equality Conference (Constance), 2024
SSES Annual Congress (Lucerne), M-BEES & M-BEPS (Maastricht), IIPF Annual Congress (Prague),
EEA (Rotterdam), ESA (Helsinki), NCBEE (Copenhagen), Workshop on Political Economy* (Bruneck)

Public Finance Seminar (UC Berkeley), Inequality Workshop (Constance), FAIR (NHH), 2023
European Experimental Philosophy Conference (Zurich), Fairness and the Moral Mind Workshop (online)

Spring School in Behavioral Economics (UC San Diego) 2022

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Grants

Director’s Grant (USD 8,500) 2024
URPP ‘Equality of Opportunity’ Project Grant (USD 8,000) 2023
URPP ‘Equality of Opportunity’ Project Grant (USD 16,000) 2023
ECONtribute Selten Seeding Grant (USD 500) 2023
UZH Doc.Mobility Fellowship (USD 29,000) 2022
URPP ‘Equality of Opportunity’ Project Grant (USD 8,000) 2021

Scholarships

URPP ‘Equality of Opportunity’ PhD Scholarship 2022
Departmental scholarship for PhD students 2019

Awards

Semester Award of the Faculty of Economics for Outstanding Scholarly Work 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Inequality, Fairness and Redistribution, Master level (Instructor), University of Zurich 2023
Experimental Economics, Master level (TA), University of Zurich 2021, 2022
Behavioral Personnel Economics, Bachelor level (TA), University of Zurich 2020, 2021, 2022
Principles of Economics, Bachelor level (TA), ETH Zurich 2018
Corporate Finance, Bachelor level (TA), University of Zurich 2013

REFEREEING

Journal of Public Economics (2x)

PERSONAL DETAILS

Software: Stata, R, Python, Qualtrics

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

Citizenship: Swiss