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Dear Professors Auclert, Bardóczy, Rognlie and Straub,

I am writing to express my strong interest in attending the upcoming workshop on Heterogeneous-Agent Macroeconomics, to be held on June 12-14, 2023, in Cambridge, MA.

As a third-year Ph.D. student at the University of Minnesota, my research focuses on international economics, with a particular emphasis on the role of monetary and fiscal policies. Specifically, I am interested in studying the effects of these policies on the macroeconomic performance of countries and how heterogeneity among agents can affect policy effectiveness.

I am confident that participating in this workshop would be an invaluable opportunity to learn about the latest research and techniques in heterogeneous-agent macroeconomics, and to engage with leading scholars in the field. I believe it aligns very well with my current research interests and I would benefit greatly from participating in your workshop. I offer my CV and personal statement for your review. Additionally, please find below the contact information of my advisor who could provide a recommendation if needed

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Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to participate and to the possibility of meeting and learning from other scholars in the field.

Sincerely,

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EDUCATION

University of Minnesota – Minnesota, USA September 2020 - Present
Ph.D. candidate in Economics

- Coursework: Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics, Public Finance, International Trade, Monetary Economics, Empirical Methods for Dynamic Economics, Advanced Topics in Macroeconomics.

Universidad de San Andrés – Buenos Aires, Argentina March 2017 - December 2017
M.A. in Economics

- Coursework: Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Econometrics, Topic - Macroeconomics, Advanced Econometrics, Advanced Microeconomics, Applied Economics, Topic - International Trade, Semi-Parametric and Non-Parametric Econometrics, Big Data, Experimental Topics in Economics and Behavioral Economics, Topic - Political Economy.

Universidad Buenos Aires – Buenos Aires, Argentina April 2009 - March 2017
B.A. in Economics

HONORS & AWARDS

CLA Summer Graduate Fellowship Summer 2022

WORK EXPERIENCE

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis – Minnesota, USA September 2022 - Present

Research assistant for James A. Schmitz in the Research Department

World Bank Group – Washington DC, USA July 2018 - July 2020

Research assistant for Guillermo Vuletin and Daniel Riera-Crichton in the Office of the Chief Economist in Latin America and the Caribbean

World Bank Group – Washington DC, USA March 2018 - June 2018

Research assistant for Bhutan and Bangladesh in the Poverty Department.

MacroView – Buenos Aires, Argentina February 2011 - February 2017

Economic analyst specializing in economic activity and inflation.

I.B.M. – Buenos Aires, Argentina November 2009 - January 2011

Analyst

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Minnesota

Instructor in Principles of Microeconomics — Summer 2022

Teacher Assistant in Principles of Macroeconomics — September 2021 - May 2022

LANGUAGES & OTHER SKILLS

Software STATA, Julia, R, Python, LaTeX, Microsoft Office.

Languages Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Italian (beginner)

My name is Teresa Balestrini and I am a third-year Ph.D. student at the University of Minnesota. My research focuses on international economics, with a particular emphasis on the role of monetary and fiscal policies. I am interested in understanding how these policies interact with each other, as well as with other factors such as exchange rate regimes and financial markets, to affect the economic outcomes across agents and countries.

Attending this workshop would provide me with an opportunity to learn about the latest research and techniques in heterogeneous agents. I am particularly excited about the prospect of learning from leading scholars, as well as engaging with other workshop participants interested in the field. I look forward to discussing ideas with other students and exploring potential collaborations that could arise from it.

Moreover, I believe I could greatly benefit from this workshop as I intend to introduce heterogeneity into my work. My previous studies have focused on the effects of fiscal adjustments on economic growth, emphasizing the differences of these implementations in developed and developing countries. Currently, I am working on sovereign defaults with fiscal austerity agreements. I trust that introducing households' response to these income shocks would be an interesting step further in my research.

In summary, I am confident that this workshop would be an invaluable experience to enhance my knowledge and skills and provide insights into how to apply these concepts to my own research agenda.