

## AGUSTIN SAMANO

### Personal Data

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### Employment

- 2021 - *Research Economist*, East Asia and Pacific Chief Economist Office Research Center, World Bank, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
*Research Economist*, Macroeconomics and Growth, Development Research Group, World Bank, Washington, D.C.
- 2019 - 2021 *Research Analyst*, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Assisted Dr. Javier Bianchi
- 2012 - 2015 *Research Analyst*, Tax Policy Unit, Mexican Ministry of Finance, Mexico City, Mexico, Assisted Dr. Rodrigo Barros
- 2012 *Research Analyst*, Chief Economist Office, Mexican Ministry of Finance, Mexico City, Mexico, Assisted Dr. Rodrigo Barros

### Education

<i>Degree</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Year</i>
PhD	Economics	University of Minnesota	2021
MA	Economics	University of Minnesota	2019
BA	Economics	Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)	2015
BA	Political Science	Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)	2015

### Papers in Refereed Journals

Esquivel, Carlos, and Samano, Agustin, 2026. "Expansionary Fiscal Rules Under Sovereign Risk," *Journal of International Economics*. 159, 104198.

Samano, Agustin, 2022. "International Reserves and Central Bank Independence," *Journal of International Economics*, 139, 103674.

### Working Papers

Fukuzawa, Daisuke, Islamaj, Ergys, Trung Le, Duong, Mattoo, Aaditya, and Samano, Agustin, 2026. "Growing in China's shadow". Revise and Resubmit, *The World Bank Economic Review*.

Islamaj, Ergys, Samano, Agustin, and Sommers, Scott, 2024. "The Sovereign Spread Compressing Effect of Fiscal Rules during Global Crises." *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 10741*.

## **Work in Progress**

Blanco, Fernando, and Samano, Agustin, 2026. “Fiscal Rules for Pacific Island Countries.”

Barreto, Leonardo, Islamaj, Ergys, Samano, Agustin, and Sommers, Scott, 2024. “Strategic Enforcement of Fiscal Rules Under Sovereign Risk.”

## **Flagship Reports**

“Small Governments, Big Ambitions: Fiscal Policy in East Asia and Pacific.” World Bank, Washington, DC. *Forthcoming*.

“Understanding and Unlocking State-Level Growth Potential in Malaysia”, World Bank, Washington, DC. <http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/099012226030025327>

“World Bank East Asia and Pacific Economic Update, April 2025: A Longer View.” World Bank, Washington, DC.

“World Bank East Asia and Pacific Economic Update, October 2024: Jobs and Technology.” World Bank, Washington, DC.

“Thailand Economic Monitor, July 2024: Unlocking the Growth Potential of Secondary Cities.” World Bank, Washington, DC.

“World Bank East Asia and Pacific Economic Update, April 2024: Firm Foundations of Growth.” World Bank, Washington, DC.

“Malaysia Economic Monitor, October 2023: Raising the Tide, Lifting All Boats.” World Bank, Washington, DC.

“World Bank East Asia and Pacific Economic Update, April 2023: Reviving Growth.” World Bank, Washington, DC.

“Malaysia Economic Monitor, February 2023: Expanding Malaysia’s Digital Frontier.” World Bank, Washington, DC.

“World Bank East Asia and Pacific Economic Update, October 2022: Reforms for Recovery.” World Bank, Washington, DC.

“World Bank East Asia and Pacific Economic Update, April 2022: Braving the Storms.” World Bank, Washington, DC.

## **Other Publications**

Islamaj, Ergys, and Samano, Agustin, 2022. “Drivers of Public Debt in East Asia and Pacific Economies,” *Research and Policy Brief*, No. 60, World Bank Malaysia Hub.

Samano, Agustin, 2022. “Reservas Internacionales en Modelos de Deuda Soberana,” (“International Reserves in Sovereign Debt Models”), *Cuadernos Económicos de I.C.E.*, 103 (2022), 211-238.

## **Courses Taught**

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Mexico City, Mexico

Advanced Macroeconomics (masters): Summer 2024

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Mexico City, Mexico

International Macroeconomics (undergraduate): Summer 2018

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Mexico City, Mexico

Advanced Macroeconomics (undergraduate): Summer 2017

### **Honors and Awards**

2023-2024      *Research Support Budget*, Development Research Group, World Bank

Summer 2020    *PhD Dissertation Fellowship*, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Fall 2019        *Latin America Early-Career Scholar Program Award*, Macro Finance Research Program,  
Becker Friedman Institute for Economics, University of Chicago

Summer 2019    *PhD Dissertation Fellowship*, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

*PhD Dissertation Fellowship*, Center for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA)

### **Invited Seminars (\*scheduled)**

2026    Florida International University

2022    South African Reserve Bank (virtual)

2021    Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (virtual), New Economic School (virtual), Montclair  
State University (virtual)

2020    Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (virtual)

2019    Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Center for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA)

2018    Banco de Mexico

### **Conference Presentations (\*scheduled)**

2025    XXIII Banca d'Italia Public Finance Workshop at Rome, Italy

2024    ITAM Alumni Conference at Mexico City, Mexico.

2023    3<sup>rd</sup> Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas International Research Fair, SED Cartagena, RIDGE December  
Forum at Montevideo, Uruguay.

2021    IDB-CBC-JIE Conference on Financial Frictions: Macroeconomic Implications and Policy Options  
for Emerging Economies (virtual), SED Minneapolis.

2020    Minnesota-Wisconsin International/Macro Student Workshop, 15th Economics Graduate Student  
Conference at Washington University in St. Louis (virtual).

2019    Minnesota-Wisconsin International/Macro Student Workshop, XXIV Workshop on Dynamic  
Macroeconomics at Vigo.

2018    Midwest Economic Association.

**Refereeing**

*Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of International Economics, The World Economic Review, Review of International Economics, and Latin American Journal of Central Banking.*

**Languages**

English (fluent), Spanish (native)