

# Anna Pede

Ph.D. Candidate - Bren School, UCSB

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## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Santa Barbara

*PhD in Environmental Science and Management - Emphasis in Economics and Environmental Science* 2021 – 2026

### University of São Paulo

*Master of Science in Economics* 2019 – 2021

### University of São Paulo

*Bachelor in Economics* 2014 – 2018

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- *Fire and Punishment* (Job Market Paper)

- *Impacts of Paraguay's zero-deforestation law* (Submitted)

With Kendra Walker, Robert Heilmayr, Atahualpa Ayala, Jordan Graesser and Lauren Sharwood.

- *Health Impacts of Gold Mining in the Brazilian Amazon*

With Yifan (Flora) He, Jacqueline de Aguiar Barros and Robert Heilmayr.

- *How Community Land-Use Consensus Shapes Forest Outcomes in Peru*

With Mark Buntaine, Stuart E. Hamilton, Yifan (Flora) He and Marco Millones.

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“The effects of the Soy Moratorium on Amazon’s land use: Evidence from a geographic regression discontinuity design”

48th ANPEC - National Meeting of Economics of the Brazilian Association of Graduate Programs in Economics (Dec. 2020)

“Agricultural land markets and environmental policy: evidence from Paraguay”

Berkeley Summer School in Environmental and Energy Economics, Egg Timer (Aug. 2023)

“Impacts of Paraguay’s zero-deforestation law”

World Bank Land Conference 2024 (May 2024)

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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**WWF Sustainable Food Systems Fellowship** 2025–2026

Forest fires and environmental law enforcement in the Brazilian Amazon (\$14,000)

**Michael J. Connell Memorial Fund Research Award** 2021–2024

Bren School, UC Santa Barbara, “Assessing socioeconomic and environmental impacts of land use restrictions in Indigenous lands in Brazil.” (\$15,000)

**Bren Forest Sustainability Fellowship** 2021 – 2026

**Instituto Escolhas Economics and Environment Chair Fellowship** April 2020 – April 2021

*Master’s Fellowship*

**Undergraduate Honors** April 2019

Honors granted by the Economics Department of the School of Economics, Business and Accounting at the University of São Paulo for outstanding Bachelor’s Thesis.

## SERVICE

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### **Bren Environmental Diversity Leaders and Mentorship Program**

Summer 2023

Worked mentoring and guiding the activities of an undergraduate research intern. The project involved mapping and georeferencing property-selling ads from Paraguay using ArcGIS Pro.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE - UCSB

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- Instructor of Record: ENV S 30 - Introduction to Environmental Economics (Fall 2025)
- Teaching Assistant: ENV S 30 - Introduction to Environmental Economics (Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024)
- Teaching Assistant: ESM 279 - Financial Management and Environmental Accounting (Spring 2023)
- Teaching Assistant: EDS 212 - Essential Math for Environmental Data Science (Summer 2024)
- Teaching Assistant: EDS 221 - Scientific Programming Essentials (Summer 2024)
- Teaching Assistant: ENV S 3 - Introduction to the Social and Cultural Environment (Summer 2025)

## PERSONAL TRAITS

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Software proficiency: R, Stata, Latex, ArcGis.

Languages: Native Portuguese, Fluent English, Intermediate Italian and Basic Spanish

Citizenship: Brazil and Italy