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JOB MARKET PAPER	<b>Do Robots Necessarily Displace Workers? Evidence from Mexican Local Labor Markets</b> This study uses the rapid rise of automation in Mexico to examine the labor market effects of industrial robot adoption in industrializing countries. I combine unique data on robot imports with administrative, survey, and economic census data. I exploit spatial and time variation in robot imports across commuting zones to estimate the impacts of automation on labor market outcomes. I find that industrial robot adoption does not negatively affect formal employment and average wages in Mexico; these results contrast with findings for developed countries. I can rule out adverse effects of a size as large as -0.7% for formal employment and -0.01% for formal wages in the short run, and I find positive effects of 6% and 3%, respectively, in the long run. I also provide evidence that these results are not due to compositional effects. Additionally, I show that after a CZ starts importing robots, its aggregated gross value added per worker increases, consistent with the productivity effect dominating or compensating for any adverse displacement effect. Despite a substantial pool of unskilled labor, automation in industrializing economies such as Mexico can yield nonnegative employment effects because of the significant productivity enhancements associated with a higher price elasticity of demand and the early stages of automation.	
PUBLICATIONS	[1] Neidhöfer, G., Ciaschi, M., Gasparini L., and <b>Serrano, J.</b> (2023). " <a href="#">Social mobility and economic development</a> ". <b>Journal of Economic Growth</b> .  [2] <b>Serrano, J.</b> , Gasparini, L., Marchionni, M. and Gluzmann, P. (2019). " <a href="#">Economic Cycle and Deceleration of Female Labor Force Participation in Latin America</a> ". <b>Journal for Labour Market Research</b> , Vol. 53.  [3] Neidhöfer G., <b>Serrano, J.</b> and Gasparini, L. (2018). " <a href="#">Educational Inequality and Intergenerational Mobility in Latin America: A New Database</a> ". <b>Journal of Development Economics</b> , Vol. 134, pp. 329-349. [ <a href="#">webpage + data</a> ]  [4] <b>Serrano, J.</b> , Benzaquén, I. (2017). " <a href="#">The Inequality Possibility Frontier in Latin America</a> ". <b>El Trimestre Económico</b> , Fondo de Cultura Económica, México, Vol. 84(2), Núm. 334  [5] Gasparini, L., Marchionni, M., Badaracco, N., and <b>Serrano, J.</b> (2015). "Characterizing Female Participation Changes". In Gasparini, L. and Marchionni, M., editors, <i>Bridging Gender Gaps? The Rise and Deceleration of Female Labor Force Participation in Latin America</i> , volume 1, chapter 4, pp. 199–260. Center for Distributive, Labor and Social Studies, 1st edition. [ <a href="#">webpage</a> ]	

WORKING PAPERS	Gasparini, L., Marchionni, M., Badaracco, N. and <b>Serrano, J.</b> (2014). "Female Labor Force Participation in Latin America: Evidence of Deceleration". <i>Anales de la Asociación Argentina de Economía Política</i> , XLIX Annual Meeting, Posadas, Argentina, pp. 1-34. Also as <a href="#">CEDLAS Working Paper 181</a> .
WORKS IN PROGRESS	<p>Reconciling the Evidence on False Links in Historical Data (with Martha Bailey, Connor Cole, and Jonas Helgertz)</p> <p>Social Mobility and Economic Development: Cohort Level Evidence (with Guido Neidhöfer, Matias Ciaschi, Antonio Ciccone, and Leonardo Gasparini)</p> <p>Effectiveness and Consequences of Occupation and Industry-specific Minimum Wages (with Tomas Guanziroli)</p>
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