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My name is Patricio S. Dalton and I am currently an Assistant Professor at Tilburg University. I hold a Masters and a PhD degree from the University of Warwick (graduated in 2009), and I am still affiliated to Warwick as a Research Associate at the Centre for Competitive Advantage in the Global Economy (CAGE).

Duties:

As an academic myself, my job involves teaching, but I try to spend most of my time doing interdisciplinary research using both, theory and experiments in the lab and the field. I travel quite a lot to South America, Africa and East Asia to run field experiments, trying to understand how different institutional, psychological and biological factors affect people's productivity, motivations and aspirations.

How did you find this job?

I found this job through the so called "job-market" for economics PhD students. Tilburg is a top University in Europe, and without a PhD in another top university like Warwick, it would have been very difficult, if not impossible, to get this position.

How (if at all!) does your PhD help you in your current work?

The PhD at Warwick gave me an invaluable set of assets which value grows over time. It gave me a sound technical and formal background for my research and teaching. I did not only follow the courses of the first two years of the economic program, but I also followed some courses in the maths and psychology department. That is a great aspect of Warwick: having excellent departments in all disciplines.

What employment-related advice do you have for current PhDs?

I strongly recommend any PhD student taking advantage of this! Warwick also gave me very good friends and current colleagues. It gave me excellent contacts and, it even gave me funding for my research! The environment there is very friendly, open-minded and flexible, so if you want to pursue an ambitious career, they will try the way to help you, even after you finish with your PhD!