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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTEREST

Macroeconomics, Firm Dynamics, Growth and Development.

CURRENT POSITION

University of Konstanz, Germany

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Oct 2024 - Present

Peking University, China

Visiting Professor, HSBC Business School, Jun - Jul 2025

Renmin University of China, China

Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, Apr - Aug 2025

New York University Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Visiting Researcher, Sep - Oct 2023

EDUCATION

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona & Barcelona School of Economics, Spain

Ph.D. in Economics, 2019 - 2024, awarded *Summa Cum Laude*

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona & Barcelona School of Economics, Spain

MRes in Economics, 2017 - 2019

Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

BSc in Economics, 2012 - 2016

Main field: Economic Analysis (Distinction)

JOB MARKET PAPER

Aggregate Effects of Special Economic Zones: A Firm Dynamics Model with Endogenous Entry, Exit and Location Choices

WORKING PAPERS

Mao's Heritage: The Effects of the Great Famine, Cultural Revolution and One-Child Policy on Fertility, Schooling and Investment

with Christian Alemán, Chris Busch, Alexander Ludwig, Raül Santaaulàlia-Llopis

Why Is Food Consumption Inequality Underestimated? A Story of Vices and Children

with Raül Santaaulàlia-Llopis, Yu Zheng

WORK IN PROGRESS

Motherhood and Development

with Sabino Kornrich, Virginia Sanchez-Marcos, Raül Santaaulàlia-Llopis

Trading Power or Competition? How Market Integration under Long-term Contracts Shapes Market Power in Electricity Markets

with Bowei Guo, Tielong Wu

PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS	<p>2026: Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society (scheduled)</p> <p>2025: Jinan-SMU Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (scheduled), SAEe Winter (scheduled), 3rd Summer Meeting in Urban Economics</p> <p>2024: China Economics Summer Institute, Beijing University</p> <p>2023: 48th SAEe, University of Salamanca; China Economics Summer Institute, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; SAEe 2023, European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society; Chinese Development Model, Universitat Ramon Llull; BSE Summer Forum, Universitat Pompeu Fabra; BSE PhD Jamboree; UAB Macro Club</p> <p>2022: BSE Summer Forum, Universitat Pompeu Fabra; BSE PhD Jamboree; Enter Jamboree; UAB Macro Club; UAB Inequality Group</p>
AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS	<p>FPI Fellowship by the Institute for Economics Analysis (IAE), the Spanish Council for Scientific Research (CSIC). <i>The Ministry of Science and Innovation, Spain</i>, 2020-2024</p> <p>PhD Scholarship, <i>Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain</i>, 2019-2020</p> <p>Master of Excellence Scholarship, <i>Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain</i>, 2018-2019</p> <p>Barcelona GSE Severo Ochoa PhD Track Fellowship, <i>Barcelona School of Economics, Spain</i>, 2017-2018</p> <p>Excellence Scholarship, GRUE CEPYME, <i>Bank of Santander, Spain</i>, 2016</p> <p>Scholarship for Excellence, <i>Universidad Complutense de Madrid</i></p> <p>Awarded to undergraduate students with an outstanding academic performance, Spain, 2012 - 2016</p>
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<p>The Institute for Economics Analysis (IAE)-(CSIC)</p> <p>Research Assistant</p> <p>Prof. Jordi Brandts Bernad, <i>November 2023 - January 2024</i></p> <p>Prof. Hugo Rodriguez Mendizabal, <i>October 2023</i></p> <p>Prof. Hannes Mueller, <i>The World Bank Project, Jun 2023 - Aug 2023</i></p> <p>Prof. Tatjana Kleineberg, <i>World Bank</i></p> <p>Prof. Tommaso Porzio, <i>Columbia Business School</i></p> <p>Prof. Raül Santaaulàlia-Llopis, <i>NYU Abu Dhabi</i></p> <p>Prof. Feng Ying, <i>National University of Singapore</i></p> <p>Research Assistant, <i>Jun 2022 - Aug 2023</i></p> <p>Prof. Luca Salvadori, <i>Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona</i></p> <p>Research Assistant, <i>October 2022 - January 2023</i></p> <p>Prof. Douglas Gollin & Prof. Cheryl Doss, <i>University of Oxford</i></p> <p>Prof. Raül Santaaulàlia-Llopis, <i>NYU Abu Dhabi</i></p> <p>Research Assistant, <i>May 2019 - March 2021</i></p> <p>Prof. Andre Groger, <i>Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona</i></p> <p>Research Assistant, <i>March 2021</i></p>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>University of Konstanz, Germany</p> <p>Econ PhD Level:</p> <p><i>Lecturer, Topics in Advanced Macroeconomics (2024, 2025)</i></p> <p>Econ Undergraduate Level:</p> <p><i>Lecture, International Trade (2024, 2025)</i></p> <p>Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain</p> <p>IDEA Graduate Programme (Econ PhD Level):</p> <p><i>Teaching Assistant, Macroeconomics II (2023)</i></p>

Lecturer, MATLAB Brush-Up (2020, 2021)
Lecturer, Statistics and Mathematics Brush-Up (2019)

Econ Undergraduate Level:
Teaching Assistant, Econometrics II (2019, 2020)
Lecturer: Prof. Xavier Vilà

Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain
Econ Undergraduate Level:
Teaching Assistant, Mathematics II (2016)
Lecturer: Antonio Rodrigo Fernández

ACADEMIC
ACTIVITIES

BSE Summer Forum, Spain
Organisation Helper, June 2022, June 2021

Barcelona SE PhD Jamboree, Spain
Co-Organiser, October 2020

COURSES,
WORKSHOPS
ATTENDED

*2022: Labor Markets, Inequality, and Macroeconomic Outcomes (Alexander Monge-Naranjo) ;
Monetary and Fiscal Policy in Latin America (Tim Kehoe) ;
Dynamic stochastic general equilibrium (DSGE) model and Dynare*
2021: Structural Model; Python Course-Data Science and web scraping; Productivity Workshop;
2019: Difference in Difference Workshop

SERVICE

*Referee for **China Economics Review**;*

SKILLS

Computer
DYNARE, \LaTeX , MATLAB, PYTHON, STATA, Microsoft Office

Languages
Chinese (Native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (beginner), German (beginner)

NON-ACADEMIC
PUBLICATIONS

Pre-PhD
Newspaper Articles
The Fall of the Berlin Wall, Future Herald, CN62-0042
Prose
My Hot Life in South America, Student World Journal (High School Edition), ISSN 1671-7309

OTHER AWARDS

Chinese Dance LOTUS AWARDS, Golden Medal
National Dance Competition, 2006

Certified National A-level Dancer, 2011-current

REFERENCES

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