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Academic Positions

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Royal Holloway, University of London Aug2026 – current.
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Royal Holloway, University of London Sep2022 – Jul2026.
Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Economics, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona Sep2017 – Aug2022.
Visiting Scholar, Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex Jun2018 – Dec2018.

Education

PhD in Economics, European University Institute (Florence, Italy), 2017
Committee: Andrea Ichino, Jérôme Adda, Joseph Doyle, Libertad González
MRes in Economics, European University Institute (Florence, Italy), 2013
MSc in Economics, Universidad Nacional de La Plata (La Plata, Argentina), 2011
BA in Economics, Universidad Nacional de Cuyo (Mendoza, Argentina), 2008

Fields of Interest

Applied Microeconomics: Labour, Health and Development Economics

Research

Published and forthcoming papers

- “Financial incentives and information provision for post-pandemic primary care quality recovery: a longitudinal study in Catalonia” (joint with Roger Esteban-Fabré, Ermengol Coma, Francesc Marin-Gomez, Eduardo Hermosilla, Leonardo Méndez-Boo, Carolina Guiriguet, Concepción Violán, Catia Nicodemo and Josep Vidal-Alaball), *British Journal of General Practice*, 76(767), 2026.
- “Information provision and financial incentives in Catalonia’s public primary care (2010–2019): an interrupted time series analysis” (joint with Roger Esteban-Fabré, Ermengol Coma, Eduardo Hermosilla, Leonardo Méndez-Boo, Carolina Guiriguet, Catia Nicodemo and Josep Vidal-Alaball), *The Lancet Regional Health - Europe*, 47, 2024.
- “Low Staffing Levels in the Maternity Ward: Keep Calm and Call the Surgeon”, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 197, 2022.
- “Forgetting-by-not-doing: The Case of Surgeons and Cesarean Sections”, *Health Economics*, 31(3), 2022.
- “Intergroup Contact and Nation Building: Evidence from Military Service in Spain” (joint with Julio Cáceres-Delpiano, Antoni-Italo De Moragas and Ignacio González), *Journal of Public Economics*, 201, 2021.
- “COVID-19 Lockdown and Domestic Violence: Evidence from Internet-Search Behavior in 11 Countries” (joint with Inés Berniell), *European Economic Review*, 136, 2021.

Book Chapters

“Building Nations through internal mobility: Evidence from Spanish conscripts” (joint with Julio Cáceres-Delpiano, Antoni-Italo De Moragas and Ignacio González) in *Nation-Building: Big Lessons from Successes and Failures*. CEPR/VOXEU E-book, edited by D.Rohner and E.Zhuravskaya

Working Papers

“Geographical Mobility as a Bridge to Opportunity: Evidence from the Spanish Military Service” (joint with Julio Cáceres-Delpiano, Antoni-Italo De Moragas and Ignacio González), 2026.

“Data Challenges and Innovations in Measuring Domestic Violence in LAC: Traditional Sources and Online Search Patterns” (joint with Inés Berniell and Santiago Perez-Vincent), IDB Working Paper Series 1663, 2025.

“Productivity Effects of Dengue in Brazil” (joint with Sonia Bhalotra, Aline Menezes and Rudi Rocha), ISER Working Paper Series, 2019.

Work in Progress

“The effect of retrieving financial incentives and information provision from quality indicators in primary care: a cluster randomized clinical trial” (joint with Roger Esteban-Fabrá, Ermengol Coma, Eduardo Hermosilla, Leonardo Méndez-Boo, Carolina Guiriguet, Catia Nicodemo and Josep Vidal-Alaball)

“The broad impact of Early Childhood Education and Care” (joint with Laurenz Baertsch, Antoni-Italo De Moragas and Libertad González)

“Gendered Politics and Women’s Wellbeing” (joint with Vincenzo Atella, Gabriella Conti, Francesca Marazzi and Sara Spaziani)

“Weekend Births and Racial Disparities” (joint with Matilde Machado and Lindsey Woodworth)

Grants

Social Science Impact Accelerator - Residency, 2026. PI. £4,000.

Social Science Impact Accelerator - Policy Support Fund, 2026. PI. £2,500.

Social Science Impact Accelerator - ECR Staff Public Engagement Bursaries, 2025. PI. £3,000.

Gates Foundation-STEG Research Fund, 2025. “The First 1000 Days: Understanding Mothers’ Decisions on Breastfeeding and Labour Participation”. Research Team. £25,000.

Fundació La Caixa Social Research Call (EDUCARE), 2024. Research Team. €115,000.

European Commission, Horizon Europe, 2023-2026. “Flexible Approaches to Support Health through Financing” (Grant n. 101095424). Research Team. €4,956,806.12.

Ramón y Cajal Young Researcher Fellowship, 2022-2027. Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad. PI (declined, being incompatible with the position in the UK).

Proyectos I+D+i, Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation, 2020-2022. (PID2019-104619RB-C43). Research Team. €14,000.

General Secretariat for Research - Generalitat de Catalunya, 2017-2021. (SGR2017-1301). Research Team. €35,420.

Research grant - Prize for Young Economist, Red Mercosur, 2009. PI. \$4,000.

Awards

Best Paper Award for Young Researchers - Centro Einaudi, 2018

Young Researcher Award for Best Paper - Italian Health Economics Association, 2015

Salvador de Madariaga Scholarship - Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, 2012-2016

Professional Service

Co-organizer of the roundtable “Incentives, Information and Primary Care Quality” at Senate House, University of London (2026).

Co-organizer of the 1st “Workshop on Economics and Primary Care”, Barcelona (2025).

Co-organizer of the Workshop “Dades, polítiques i reforma: el nou rumb de l’atenció primària”, Barcelona (2025).

Organizer of the roundtable “Staffing in Maternity Wards” at Senate House, University of London (2025).

Co-organizer of the Applied Seminar series, 2022. Department of Economics, Royal Holloway.

Co-organizer of the Departmental Seminar series, 2018-2021. Department of Applied Economics, UAB.

Invited Seminars

2025: Institute for Economic Analysis (CSIC), Spain; European Joint Research Centre (JRC), Ispra, Italy; OECD “What Works to Stop Violence Against Women? Causal Evidence, Real World Impact”, France; Health Economics Seminar, Department of Economics, Oxford University, UK.

2022: Departamento de Economía, Universidad de Barcelona, Spain; Department of Economics, Royal Holloway University of London, UK.

2019: Centre de Recerca en Economia i Salut (UPF), Spain.

2018: CAF - Banco de Desarrollo de America Latina, Argentina; Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research; Economics Department, Sabanci University; Applied Economics Department, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

Conference Presentations

2026: 2nd Workshop on Economics of Maternal and Infant Outcomes - City Health Economics Centre (CHEC); 39th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (Helsinki, Finland); RFBerlin Conference “Health and Economic Well-Being: Evidence, Policy and Frontiers” (Berlin, Germany).

2025: American-European Health Economics Study Group IX Edition (Oxford, England); Third Italian Workshop on the Health Economics of Risky Behaviors (HERD) (Bologna, Italy); AASLE-SOLE-EALE Sixth World Labor Conference (Toronto, Canada).

2024: 1st Workshop on Violence Against Women (Barcelona, Spain); American-European Health Economics Study Group VIII Edition (Catania, Italy); 2nd Diversity and Human Capital Workshop (Exeter, England); RHUL Summer Workshop on the Economics of Inter-Group Relations and Integration (London, England); Workshop on Labour and Family Economics (York, England); EALE (Bergen, Norway); 4th CReAM/RWI Workshop on the Economics of Migration (Essen, Germany); 1st Workshop on “Violence against Women: Drivers and Policies” (Barcelona, Spain).

2023: American-European Health Economics Study Group (Harvard Kennedy School, US); Barcelona School of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Spain); Workshop on Labour and Human Capital Accumulation, Royal Holloway University of London (UK).

2021: 34th Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (Barcelona).

2020: EALE-SOLE-AASLE World Conference (Virtual); 12th World Congress of the Econometric Society (Virtual).

2019: Centre de Recerca en Economia i Salut (CRES) (UPF-Barcelona); LACEA Health Economics Network Workshop (Universidad del Pacífico, Perú); LACEA Annual Meeting (Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Mexico); International Health Economics Association (Basel, Switzerland).

2018: Institute for Social and Economic Research at University of Essex.

2017: 29th Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists (St. Gallen); 32nd Annual Conference of the European Economic Association (Lisbon); Bi-Annual World Congress of the International Health Economics Association (Boston); COSME Gender Economics Workshop (Madrid); Applied Microeconomics Workshop (Bolzano).

2016: European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society (Edinburgh); 4th SIde Workshop for PhD students in Econometrics and Empirical Economics (Perugia); 31st Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (Geneva); 3rd Annual Conferences of the International Association for Applied Econometrics (Milan); 7th Workshop on Institutions, Individual Behavior and Economic Outcomes (Alghero); Royal Economic Society 2nd Symposium of Junior Researchers (Brighton); Warwick Economics PhD Conference (Coventry); Economics, Health and Happiness Conference (Lugano).

2015: 8th Italian Doctoral Workshop in Empirical Economics (Turin); 20th Conference - Associazione Italiana di Economia Sanitaria (Alghero); International Conference on Applied Research in Economics ICARE (Perm).

Teaching

See the [teaching page](/teaching/) for the full list of courses taught at Royal Holloway, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and the European University Institute.

Professional recognition: Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA), Advance HE, UK - 2024.

Courses

Royal Holloway

Instructor: Inequality, Development and Health (Graduate). Spring 2024, 2025, 2026

Instructor: Applied Economics and Policy (Undergraduate). Fall 2022, 2023, 2025

Instructor: Economics of Development (Undergraduate). Fall 2023; Spring 2026

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Instructor: Advanced Econometrics (Graduate). Spring 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Instructor: Econometrics I (Graduate). Fall 2019, 2020, 2021

Instructor: Labor Economics (Undergraduate). Spring 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

European University Institute

TA: Econometrics II (Graduate). Fall 2013, 2014, 2015

Referee Service

Review of Economic Studies, Economic Journal, Health Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Oxford Bulletin, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, European Economic Review, Frontiers in Behavioral Economics, Economics and Human Biology, Economic Modelling, Empirical Economics, European Journal of Population, Economic Policy, International Journal of Health Economics and Management.

Other Employment

Consultant, Poverty Reduction and Gender Unit for Latin America and the Caribbean, World Bank Jan2010 – Dec2012.

Research Assistant, Center for Distributive, Labor and Social Studies (CEDLAS) Jan2008 – Dec2010.

Languages

Spanish (native), English (fluent), Italian (advanced), Portuguese (basic), Catalan (basic).

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