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## Education

- 2012 – 17 [University of California – Berkeley](#)  
Ph.D. Economics, *Dissertation: Essays in Political Economy and Institutions*, Advisor: Ted Miguel.
- 2004 – 10 [Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile](#)  
M.A. Economics – B.A. Business and Economics

## Academic Positions

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|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 2024 –    | Reader              | School of Economics and Finance | <a href="#">Queen Mary University of London</a>          |
| 2022 – 24 | Senior Lecturer     | School of Economics and Finance | <a href="#">Queen Mary University of London</a>          |
| 2017 – 22 | Assistant Professor | Department of Economics         | <a href="#">Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile</a> |

## Publications

*Research fields:* Political Economy, Development Economics, Public Economics, Economic History, Public Policy.

## Journal Articles

1. [The dark side of infrastructure: Roads, repression, and land in authoritarian Paraguay](#)  
*Economic Journal*, 135:653-669, 2025, with J. Miquel-Florensa, M. Prem, and S. Straub.
2. [The efficiency of bus priority infrastructure](#)  
*Journal of Urban Economics*, 2025, with H. Silva.
3. [Dictatorship, higher education, and social mobility](#)  
*Journal of Historical Political Economy*, 5(1):1-37, 2025, with M.A. Bautista, L. Martínez, P. Muñoz, and M. Prem.
4. [Higher education and mortality: Legacies of an authoritarian college contraction](#)  
*Journal of the European Economic Association*, 22(4):1762-1797, 2024, with L. Martínez, P. Muñoz, and M. Prem.
5. [The economics of the public option: Evidence from local pharmaceutical markets](#)  
*American Economic Review*, 114(3):615-644, 2024 (Lead article), with J.P. Atal, J.I. Cuesta, and C. Otero.
6. [Police violence, student protests, and educational performance](#)  
*Review of Economics and Statistics*, 106(3):712-727, 2024, with M. Prem.
7. [The limits of hegemony: U.S. banks and Chilean firms in the Cold War](#)  
*Journal of Development Economics*, 166:103212, 2024, with F. Aldunate and M. Prem.
8. [The intergenerational transmission of higher education: Evidence from the 1973 coup in Chile](#)  
*Explorations in Economic History*, 90:101540, 2023, with M.A. Bautista, L. Martínez, P. Muñoz, and M. Prem.
9. [The geography of repression and opposition to autocracy](#)  
*American Journal of Political Science*, 67(1):101-118, 2023, with M.A. Bautista, L. Martínez, P. Muñoz, and M. Prem.
10. [Lost in transition? The persistence of dictatorship mayors](#)  
*Journal of Development Economics*, 151:102669, 2021, with P. Muñoz and M. Prem.
11. [Collective action and policy implementation: Evidence from Salvador Allende's expropriations](#)  
*Journal of Economic History*, 81(2):405-440, 2021, with F. Vial.
12. [Distorted quality signals in school markets](#)  
*Journal of Development Economics*, 147:102532, 2020, with J.I. Cuesta, and C. L. Philippi.

13. [Privatization and business groups: Evidence from the Chicago Boys in Chile](#)  
*Explorations in Economic History*, 78:101355, 2020, with F. Aldunate, M. Prem, F. Urzúa.
14. [Collective action in networks: Evidence from the Chilean student movement](#)  
*Journal of Public Economics*, 188:104220, 2020.
15. [Losing your dictator: Firms during political transition](#)  
*Journal of Economic Growth*, 25(2):227-257, 2020, with M. Prem.
16. [The privatization origins of political corporations: Evidence from the Pinochet regime](#)  
*Journal of Economic History*, 80(2):417-456, 2020 (Arthur H. Cole Prize), with M. Prem and F. Urzúa.
17. [Non-economic factors in violence: Evidence from organized crime, suicides and climate in Mexico](#)  
*Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 168:434-452, 2019, with C. Baysan et al.
18. [Can television bring down a dictator? Evidence from Chile's 'No' campaign](#)  
*Journal of Comparative Economics*, 46(1):349-361, 2018, with M. Prem.
19. [The value of political capital: Dictatorship collaborators as business elites](#)  
*Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 155:217-230, 2018, with M. Prem.
20. [Start-up nation? Slave wealth and entrepreneurship in Civil War Maryland](#)  
*Journal of Economic History*, 77(2):373-405, 2017, with G. Marshall and S. Naidu.
21. [War and local collective action in Sierra Leone: A comment on coefficient stability approaches](#)  
*Journal of Public Economics*, 128:30-33, 2015, with E. Miguel.
22. [Railroads, specialization, and population growth: Evidence from the first globalization](#)  
*Journal of Population Economics*, 34:1027-1072, with A. Forero and F. Gallego. (Pre-doctoral work)
23. [Immigration and human capital: Consequences of a nineteenth century settlement policy](#)  
*Cliometrica*, 14(3):443-477. (Pre-doctoral work)
24. [Can land reform avoid a left turn? Evidence from Chile after the Cuban revolution](#)  
*The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, 14(1):31-72. (Pre-doctoral work)

### **Interdisciplinary and Policy Articles**

25. [The impacts of COVID-19 restrictions on Quality Adjusted Life Years](#)  
*PLoS ONE*, 19(3), 2024, with R. Atal, J.A. Carrasco, R. Harrison, P. Bedregal, and C. Vizcaya.
26. [Pinochet's shadow: Privatisation in Chile](#)  
*History Today*, 73(9), September 2023.
27. [Reply to: Temporal displacement, adaptation and the effect of climate on suicide rates](#)  
*Nature Climate Change*, 10:502-504, 2020, with M. Burke et al.
28. [Candidates or onlookers? An analysis of the impact of the quota law](#)  
*Estudios Públicos*, 154:7-41, 2019, with J. Galeno and F. Gallego (in spanish).
29. [Higher temperatures increase suicide rates in the United States and Mexico](#)  
*Nature Climate Change*, 8(8):723-729, 2018, with M. Burke et al.
30. [University inclusion policies and strategic behaviour in secondary education](#)  
*Estudios Públicos*, 149:41-73, 2018, with E. Johnson (in spanish).
31. [Chile's agrarian reform](#)  
*Estudios Públicos*, 146:7-48, 2017, with J.I. Cuesta, J. Díaz, F. Gallego, and G. Marshall (in spanish).
32. [Drug trafficking organizations and local economic activity in Mexico](#)  
*PLoS ONE*, 10(9), 2015.

## Book and Chapters

33. [The Pinochet Shock: Radical Change and Life Under Dictatorship](#)  
*Palgrave Macmillan*, 2025, Edited with Mounu Prem.
34. [An interdisciplinary view of Cuba](#)  
In: *Roots of Underdevelopment*, forthcoming, with M. Prem and A. Tesei.
35. [The privatization of firms](#)  
In: *The Pinochet Shock*, 2025, with M. Prem.
36. [The legacy of the Pinochet regime in Chile](#)  
In: *Roots of Underdevelopment*, 2023, p. 369-399, with M. Prem.
37. [Local impacts of trade liberalization: Evidence from the Chilean agricultural sector](#)  
In: *Economic Policy in Emerging-Market Economies*, 2015, p. 351-378, with J.I. Cuesta and F. Gallego.

## Working Papers

38. [Government support in times of crisis: Transfers and the road to socialism](#)  
with M. Prem. *Submitted*.
39. [The political consequences of vaccines: Quasi-experimental evidence from eligibility rules](#)  
with E. Depetris-Chauvin. *Submitted*.
40. [Empowerment or indoctrination? Female training programs under dictatorship](#)  
with M. Prem and C. von Dessauer. *Submitted*.

## Academic Affiliations

- 2024 – 26 [Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile](#)  
Visiting Professor – Department of Economics
- 2023 – [Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean](#)  
Associate Member – Queen Mary University of London
- 2014 – 17 [Global Policy Lab at UC Berkeley](#)  
Doctoral Fellow – Goldman School of Public Policy

## Conferences

- 2025 QMUL Centre for Governance and Democracy, Fife Applied Micro
- 2024 NICEP Conference
- 2023 Royal Economic Society, Madrid Political Economy.
- 2022 RIDGE Historical Development
- 2021 Royal Economic Society
- 2020 North East Universities Development Consortium
- 2019 Conference on Corruption (Oxford-USACH), SECHI.
- 2018 Long-run Development (LSE), RIDGE Political Economy, LACEA.
- 2017 Western Economic Association International, LACEA, LAMES.
- 2016 PacDev, DEVPEC, Bay Area Labor Conference, SECHI, LACEA.

## Invited Talks

- 2025 Universidad de Chile, Berlin School of Economics
- 2024 Université Paris-Dauphine, London School of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Universitat de Barcelona, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Universidad de Chile, PUC-Chile.
- 2023 Collegio Carlo Alberto, London School of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, Universidad Adolfo Ibañez, CUNEF, University of Saint Andrews, Brunel, Universidad de Chile.
- 2022 Royal Holloway, York University, George Washington University, King's College, Illinois Urbana-Champaign, HEC Montreal, Warwick, Queen Mary, University of Houston, Collegio Carlo Alberto, UC San Diego, Toulouse School of Economics, Paris School of Economics, Northwestern.
- 2021 UC Berkeley, UC Merced, U. Florida, UC Santa Cruz, UC Davis, EH of Dev. Regions.
- 2020 U. Chile, U. Adolfo Ibañez, U. Diego Portales, U. Mayor, Historia Económica de América Latina.
- 2019 Sao Paulo School of Economics, Insper.
- 2018 U. Alberto Hurtado, U. República, Warwick, U. Chile, U. Adolfo Ibañez, U. Rosario.
- 2017 UC Berkeley, Warwick, FGV/EPGE, U. Santiago, PUC, Gothenburg, IESE Business, Center Global Development, U. Chile, U. Los Andes, U. Diego Portales, U. Talca.

## Visits, Mini-Courses, and Invited Lectures

- 2025 Short course, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.
- 2024 "The Pinochet Shock: Radical Change and Life Under Dictatorship," PUC-Chile, U. Chile, UAI.
- 2023 "Government support in times of crisis," keynote speaker in workshop at CUNEF (Madrid).
- 2023 "The Economics of the Military Dictatorship," Universidad de Chile.
- 2023 "The Economics of the Latin American Cold War," The Penn Initiative for the Study of Markets.
- 2022 Visiting Scholar, Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago.
- 2019 "The Political Economy of the Pinochet Dictatorship," CEPAL Summer School.
- 2018 "World Wars, Great Depression, and Protectionism," Fundación Para el Progreso.

## Professional Activities

### A. Editorial Boards

- 2021 – 24 *Explorations in Economic History*, Board Member.

### B. Committees and Others

- 2025 Outreach and Widening Participation
- 2024 Outreach and Widening Participation
- 2024 ESEM Conference Scientific Committee
- 2024 London Replication Games at Birbeck
- 2023 Organizer Applied Micro Seminars
- 2023 Outreach and Widening Participation
- 2022 Organizer Applied Micro Seminars
- 2022 Co-organizer workshop on the Political Economy of Conflict
- 2021 Economic Council of Presidential Candidate
- 2021 LACEA Scientific Committee
- 2021 Junior Hiring Committee
- 2020 Junior Hiring Committee
- 2020 Organizer Second Alumni Conference
- 2019 Organizer First Alumni Conference
- 2019 Organizer Economic History and Clio Lab Conference
- 2019 Organizer Applied Micro Seminars
- 2018 Organizer Applied Micro Seminars

## C. Referee Service

Economics	<i>AEJ Applied Economics, AEJ Economic Policy, Econometrica, Economia, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Public Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Quarterly Journal of Economics, World Bank Economic Review, World Development.</i>
Political Science	<i>American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Political Science Research and Methods.</i>
Other Journals	<i>Nature, PLoS ONE, Science.</i>

## Advising

### *Ph.D. Committee*

Beatriz Alvarez	Ph.D. in Economics	Universidad Carlos III
Johannes Böken	Ph.D. in Economics	University of Warwick
Andrés García	Ph.D. in Economics	PUC-Chile
César Huaroto	Ph.D. in Economics	PUC-Chile
Hanifa Pilvar	Ph.D. in Economics	Queen Mary University of London

### *Supervisor of M.A. students and placement in Ph.D. Programs*

Claudia De Goyeneche	Ph.D. in Economics	UC Berkeley
Katia Everke	Ph.D. in Economics	Stockholm School of Economics
Magdalena Larrebourg	Ph.D. in Public Policy	Harvard University
Shirley Redroban	Ph.D. in Economics	University of Maryland
Cristine von Dessauer	Ph.D. in Economics	MIT

## Teaching

Since November 2024, I am a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (AdvanceHE)

2022 – 25	Applied Econometrics, Public Economics
2019 – 22	Applied Econometrics, Political Economy
2017 – 19	Applied Econometrics, Econometrics

## Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

2024	QMUL Humanities and Social Sciences Research Award.
2024	Fellow (FHEA), Higher Education Academy (AdvanceHE).
2024	Top cited article 2022-2023, <a href="#">The geography of repression and opposition to autocracy.</a>
2023	Keynote speaker at the Madrid Political Economy Workshop.
2020	Arthur H. Cole Prize for <a href="#">The privatization origins of political corporations.</a>
2020	PUC-Chile biannual teaching award.
2019	Outstanding teaching award. Undergraduate course: Econometrics.
2018	Outstanding teaching award. Graduate course: Applied Microeconomics.
2017	Outstanding teaching award. Undergraduate course: Political Economy.
2017	Nominated to the Juan Luis Londoño Prize for <a href="#">Distorted quality signals in school markets.</a>
2012	Outstanding teaching award. Undergraduate course: Introduction to Economics.
2010	Highest honors in M.A. thesis published as <a href="#">Can land reform avoid a left turn?</a>

## Grants and Fellowships

- 2023 IHSS Large Grant Seed Corn Funding Scheme. Project: “Spreading *La Revolución*.”
- 2021 Fondecyt Regular. Project: “The economy of Salvador Allende.”
- 2017 Fondecyt Inicio. Project: “The economics of the Pinochet regime.”
- 2016 Development Economics Challenge Grant (CEGA). Project: “The economics of the public option.”
- 2015 Weiss Family Fund for Research in Development (with S. Hsiang and J. Magruder)
- 2015 Exploratory Travel and Data Grant (Economic History Association)
- 2014 SCID Graduate Student Fellowship in International Development (Stanford)
- 2014 Levin Family Seed Grant (CEGA)

## References

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