

Leopoldo Fergusson

Current position

2014- Associate Professor of Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

Previous positions (since 2011)

2018 Visiting Associate Professor, Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

2017 Visiting Scholar, The Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago

2015 Santo Domingo Visiting Scholar, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University

2011-2013 Assistant Professor of Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

Education

2011 Ph.D. Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts

2003 M.A. Economics, *honors*, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

2002 B.A. Economics, *magna cum laude*, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

Research and Teaching Fields

Political Economy, Development Economics, Economic History, Fiscal Theory and Policy

Research

Papers (published)

Forthcoming Conflict, Educational Attainment and Structural Transformation: *La Violencia* in Colombia, with Ana María Ibáñez and Juan Felipe Riaño. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*

Forthcoming Who wants violence? The political economy of conflict and state building in Colombia, *Cuadernos de Economía*

Forthcoming Consumers as VAT “Evaders”: Incidence, Social Bias, and Correlates in Colombia, with Carlos A. Molina and Juan F. Riaño, *Economía*

2018 I Sell my Vote, and so What? Incidence, Social Bias and Correlates of Clientelism in Colombia, with Carlos A. Molina and Juan F. Riaño, *Economía*, 19(1): 181-218.

- 2017 The Crime Kuznets Curve, with Paolo Buonanno and Juan F. Vargas, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 33(4): 753-782.
- 2016 The Need for Enemies, with James Robinson, Ragnar Torvik, and Juan Fernando Vargas, *The Economic Journal*, 126(593): 1018-1054.
- 2015 He Who Counts Elects: Economic Elites, Political Elites, and Electoral Fraud, with Isaías Chaves and James Robinson, *Economics and Politics*, 27(1): 124-159
- 2014 Media Markets, Special Interests, and Voters, *Journal of Public Economics*, 109 (C): 13-26
- 2013 The Political Economy of Rural Property Rights and the Persistence of the Dual Economy, *Journal of Development Economics*, 103 (C): 167-181
- 2006 Institutions for Financial Development: What are They and Where do They Come From? *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 20(1): 27-70
- 2004 Impuestos, Crecimiento Económico y Bienestar en Colombia (1970-1999) (Taxation, Welfare and Growth in Colombia (1970-1999)), *Desarrollo y Sociedad*, 52: 145-204
- 2003 'Dollar' Debt in Colombian Firms: Are Sinners Punished During Devaluations?, with Juan Carlos Echeverry, Roberto Steiner and Camila Aguilar, *Emerging Markets Review*, 4(4): 417-449

Papers (Revise and Resubmit)

Population and Civil War, with Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, NBER Working Paper 23322 (*Revise and Resubmit, Review of Economic Studies*)

The Perils of High-Powered Incentives: Evidence from Colombia's False Positives, with Daron Acemoglu, James Robinson, Darío Romero, and Juan Fernando Vargas, NBER Working Paper 22617 (*Revise and Resubmit, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*)

The Real Winner's Curse, with Pablo Querubín, Nelson Ruiz, and Juan Fernando Vargas, Documento Cede 2017-5 (*Revise and Resubmit, American Journal of Political Science*)

Books

- 2018 Economía Política de la Política Económica, (Political Economy of Economic Policy) with Pablo Querubín, Ediciones Uniandes
- 2010 Política Fiscal: Un Enfoque de Tributación Óptima, (Fiscal Policy: An Optimal Taxation Approach) with Gustavo Suárez, Bogotá, Ediciones Uniandes
- 2009 ¿Quién Manda Sobre las Cuentas Públicas? (Who Decides on Public Expenditures?) with Juan Carlos Echeverry with Jorge Alexander Bonilla, Andrés Clavijo, Andrés Moya, Verónica Navas and Pablo Querubín, Bogotá, Ediciones Uniandes

Book Chapters

- 2017 Politics and reconciliation: A critical juncture for state building, with Francisco Eslava and Andrés Moya, Documento Cede 2017-68. In: Colombia in Motion 2010 - 2013 - 2016, Bogotá, Ediciones Uniandes
- 2017 Política y Reconciliación: Una conyuntura crítica para la construcción de Estado, with Francisco Eslava and Andrés Moya, Documento Cede 2017-68. In: Colombia en Movimiento 2010 - 2013 - 2016, Bogotá, Ediciones Uniandes

2014 La política colombiana a la luz de la Elca: entre el desinterés y el clientelismo (Colombian Politics in the Elca: Clientelism and Disengagement), with Juan Felipe Riaño. In Cadena, Ximena (comp), Colombia en Movimiento 2010 - 2013, Bogotá, Ediciones Uniandes

Working papers

¿Growth and inclusion trajectories of Colombian functional territories, with Tatiana Hiller and Ana María Ibáñez, Cede Working Paper 2018-58

¿Cómo nos reconciamos? El papel de la violencia, la participación social y política, y el Estado en las actitudes frente a la reconciliación, with Tatiana Hiller, Ana María Ibáñez and Andrés Moya, Cede Working Paper 2018-53

Sunlight Disinfects? Free Media in Weak Democracies, with Juan Fernando Vargas and Mauricio Vela, Cede Working Paper 2013-14 and Lacea Working Paper 2018-0002 (submitted)

Political Competition and State Capacity: Evidence from a Land Allocation Program in Mexico, with Horacio Larreguy and Juan Felipe Riaño, CAF Working Paper 2015-03 and Lacea Working Paper 2018-0011 (submitted)

The Environmental Impact of Civil Conflict: The Deforestation Effect of Paramilitary Expansion in Colombia, with Darío Romero and Juan F. Vargas, Cede Working Paper 2014-36

Encuesta Longitudinal Colombiana de la Universidad de los Andes- ELCA 2013, with Raquel Bernal, Adriana Camacho, Ximena Cadena, Juan Camilo Cárdenas, Leopoldo Fergusson, Ana María Ibáñez, Ximena Peña, Catherine Rodríguez, Cede Working Paper, 2014-42

Don't Make War, Make Elections: Franchise Extension and Violence in XIXth-Century Colombia, with Juan F. Vargas, Cede Working Paper 2013-19 and ERSAs Working Paper 313

El ciclo económico. Enfoques e ilustraciones: Los ciclos económicos de Estados Unidos y Colombia, with Mauricio Avella, Borradores de Economía 284, Banco de la Republica de Colombia, 2004

Budget Inflexibility, with Juan Carlos Echeverry and Pablo Querubín, Documento Cede 2005-52

La Batalla Política por el Presupuesto De La Nación: Inflexibilidades o Supervivencia Fiscal, with Juan Carlos Echeverry and Pablo Querubín, Documento Cede 2004-01

Teaching

Universidad de los Andes (since 2010)

- 2016 Growth and Development (graduate)
- 2015-17 Advanced Long-Run Macroeconomics (graduate)
- 2013-19 Empirical Applications in Political Economy (graduate)
- 2011-19 Fiscal Theory and Policy (undergraduate)
- 2011-18 Political Economy of Economic Policy (undergraduate)

- 2010-16 Latin American Development in the Long Run, with Pablo Querubín and James Robinson, International Summer School (graduate)
- 2013 Public Economics, Eafit-Andes Specialization Program
- 2012-13 Impact Evaluation, Andes Specialization Program
- 2003-05/11-12 Political Economy of Economic Policy, with Pablo Querubín (undergraduate)
- 2012 Latin American Development in the Long Run, with Camilo García and Pablo Querubín, International Summer School (graduate)
- MIT
- 2018 Political Economy of Institutions and Development, with Daron Acemoglu

Scholarships and Awards (since 2005)

- 2015 Santo Domingo Visiting Scholar, DRCLAS, Harvard University
- 2014 Teaching Award, Department of Economics, Universidad de los Andes
- 2011 Bok Center Teaching Awards, Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Teaching Fellow, Course Gov 2006
- 2005 Lauchlin Currie Prize, Central Bank of Colombia Scholarship on doctoral studies

Professional Activities

Service

- 2017-current Associate Editor, *Economía, the Journal of LACEA*
- 2016-current Member, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP)
- 2012-current Academic Committee, Drug and Security Studies Center (Cesed), Universidad de los Andes
- 2011-current Academic Committee, Colombian Panel Survey (Elca), Universidad de los Andes

Conference and Seminar Presentations (since 2011)

- 2018 First Colombian Economic Congress; Lacea Annual Meeting, Guayaquil, Ecuador; Universidad Javeriana de Bogotá; VI Congreso de Economía Colombiana, Universidad de los Andes; World Bank Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE); Harvard Law Brazilian Legal Symposium; MIT-Harvard Positive Political Economy Seminar; New York University, Political Economy Seminar; Brown University, Macroeconomics Seminar
- 2017 World Bank, Office of the Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean; Lunch and Learn Series Lectures, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago; Political Economy Seminar, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago; Development Lunch, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago; NYC Media Seminar, Columbia University and Hunter College, City University of New York (CUNY); “Political Economy of Development and Conflict V”, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona; XX Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP), Universidad del Rosario and Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia; Stanford-LSE-Uniandes Conference on Long-Range Development in Latin America, Stanford University, CA; American Economic Association Meetings, Chicago, IL.

- 2016 NBER Summer Institute, Political Economy Workshop, Cambridge, MA; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, The Economic Analysis of Electoral Politics, Barcelona, Spain; Ridge-Lacea Political Economy Network, Montevideo, Uruguay; Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association: Annual Meetings, Medellín, Colombia, Latin American Workshop in Law and Economics, Bogotá, Colombia; Speaker, Informe Anual Consejo Privado de Competitividad, Bogotá, Colombia; V Congreso de Economía Colombiana, Bogotá, Colombia; IV Congreso Colombiano de Ciencia Política, Bogotá, Colombia; Seminar on State Capacity, Development Bank of Latin America - CAF, Universidad de los Andes, Bogota, Colombia.
- 2015 DRCLAS Internal Colloquium, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; Latin American Working Group, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA; DRCLAS Tuesday Seminar Series, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; Workshop on the Political Economy of Regional Inequality in Latin America, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá; Advances on the Political Economy of Conflict and Redistribution, Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, and ESOP - Centre for the Study of Equality, Social Organization, and Performance at the University of Oslo, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 Harvard-MIT Positive Political Economy Seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; North Eastern Universities Development Consortium Conference, Boston University, Boston, MA; IV Colombian Economic Congress, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia; Workshop, CAF Research Program on State Capacity, Policy Implementation and Development, Buenos Aires, Argentina; American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC; Latin American Congress of Economic History -CLADHE, Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano, Bogotá, Colombia; 14th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, The Hague, The Netherlands; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Political Institutions, Barcelona, Spain; International Economic Association Conference, Dead Sea, Jordan; Tamneac Workshop on the Economic Analysis of Conflict, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá
- 2013 Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association: Annual Meetings, México City, México; Political Participation, Peace Talks Forum, Facultad de Economía-Universidad de los Andes and El Espectador, Bogotá; Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies Program, Lunchtime Lecture Series, Madison, University of Wisconsin; Workshop on Mexican Land Reform, Madison, University of Wisconsin; Political Participation, Peace Talks Forum, Facultad de Economía-Volver a Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia; Economic Journalism Workshop, Anif-Fiduciaria de Occidente, Bogotá, Colombia; 13th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, Milan, Italy; Dial Development Conference, Paris, France; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, The Economic Analysis of Electoral Politics, Barcelona, Spain; Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association: Political Economy Group Meeting, Bogotá, Colombia; FSR CM Scientific Seminar, Communications & Media Markets: Emerging Trends and Policy Issues, 22-23 March European University Institute, Florence, Italy

- 2012 8th Households in Conflict Network Workshop, Aix-en-Provence; 10th Workshop on Media Economics, Bogotá, Colombia; Colombian Economic Congress, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia; Latin American and Caribbean Environmental Economics Program Workshop, Medellín, Colombia; The Economic and Social Consequences of Armed Conflict and Crime, Cartagena, Colombia; World Economic History Conference, Stellenbosch, South Africa; Latin American Studies Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, California; New Perspectives on Violence in Colombia, Universidad de los Andes and David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Bogotá, Colombia; Royal Economic Society Annual Meeting, University of Cambridge, UK; International Atlantic Economic Society Meeting, Istanbul, Turkey; Department of Economics Seminar, Norwegian Institute of Technology, Trondheim, Norway
- 2011 9th Workshop on Media Economics, New Economic School, Moscow; VI International Research Seminar on Social Sciences and Political Studies: Redistribution and Conflict, National University of Colombia; Royal Economic Society Annual Meeting, Royal Holloway, UK; Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL; Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association: Annual Meetings

Refereeing

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Political Science Review, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Comparative Political Studies, Coyuntura Económica, Cuadernos de Economía, Desarrollo y Sociedad, Econometrica, Economía, Economía Política, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Inquiry, The Economic Journal, The Economics of Transition, Economics and Politics, Ensayos Sobre Política Económica, Hacienda Pública Española/Review of Public Economics, Information Economics and Policy, International Review of Law and Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Review of Development Economics, Review of Economic Studies, World Development

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