
Current Positions

- 2021- Full Professor of Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia
- 2022- Founder and Research Director, Teaching and Researching Equitable Economics from the South, TREES
- 2020- Director, Centro de Estudios sobre Desarrollo Económico (CEDE), Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

Previous Positions (Since 2011)

- 2023 María de Maetzu Visitor, Centro de Estudios Monetarios y Financieros (CEMFI), Madrid, Spain
- 2022-23 Associate Researcher (Maria Zambrano fellow), Institut d'Economia de Barcelona, Spain
- 2018/2021 Visiting Associate Professor, Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Virtual in 2021)
- 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
- 2014-2021 Associate Professor of Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia
- 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, *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)

- 2023 Media, Secret Ballot and the Process of Democratization in the United States, with Juan F. Riaño and BK Song, *Journal of Historical Political Economy*, 3(3): 391-425
- 2022 Political Competition and State Capacity: Evidence from a Land Allocation Program in Mexico, with Horacio Larreguy and Juan F. Riaño, *The Economic Journal*, 132(648): 2815-2834
- 2022 The Weak State Trap, with Carlos Molina and James A. Robinson, *Economica*, 89(354): 293-331

- 2021 The Real Winner's Curse, with Pablo Querubín, Nelson Ruiz, and Juan Fernando Vargas, *American Journal of Political Science*, 65(1): 52–68.
- 2020 Population and Conflict, with Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, *Review of Economic Studies*, 87(4): 1565–1604.
- 2020 Conflict, Educational Attainment and Structural Transformation: *La Violencia* in Colombia, with Ana María Ibáñez and Juan Felipe Riaño. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 69(1): 335–371.
- 2020 The Perils of High-Powered Incentives: Evidence from Colombia's False Positives, with Daron Acemoglu, James Robinson, Darío Romero, and Juan Fernando Vargas, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 12(3): 1–43.
- 2019 Who wants violence? The political economy of conflict and state building in Colombia, *Cuadernos de Economía*, 30(Spe78): 671–700
- 2019 Consumers as VAT “Evaders”: Incidence, Social Bias, and Correlates in Colombia, with Carlos A. Molina and Juan F. Riaño, *Economía*, 19(2): 21–67.
- 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

Books

- 2021 La Quinta Puerta: de cómo la educación en Colombia agudiza las desigualdades en lugar de remediarlas (The Fifth Door: how education in Colombia exacerbates instead of reducing inequalities), with Juan Camilo Cárdenas and Mauricio García Villegas, Editorial Planeta
- 2021 Educación y clases sociales en Colombia: un estudio sobre apartheid educativo (Education and social classes in Colombia: a study on educational apartheid), with Mauricio García Villegas, Ediciones Dejusticia
- 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

- 2024 ¿Cómo nos reconciamos? El papel de la violencia en las actitudes frente a la reconciliación, with Tatiana Hiller, Andrés Moya, Ana María Ibáñez. In Botero, Sandra and García-Sánchez, Miguel (eds), Paz y opinión pública en Colombia, Bogotá: Ediciones Uniandes, pp. 43-71
- 2023 Colombia: Democratic but Violent?, with Juan F. Vargas. In Felipe Valencia-Caicedo (ed.) Roots of Underdevelopment: A New Economic and Political History of Latin America and the Caribbean, Springer Link, Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 285-316
- 2023 Social media and mobilisation, with Carlos Molina. In Campante, F., Durante, R. and Tesei, A. (eds), The Political Economy of Social Media, Paris and London: CEPR Press
- 2023 Participación de exintegrantes de las FARC-EP en programas de reincorporación: Evidencia tras tres años de atenciones. In Betancur-Restrepo, Laura y Rettberg, Angelika (eds.), Después del acuerdo: Cómo va la paz en Colombia, Bogotá: Ediciones Uniandes, pp. 43-71
- 2022 CSI in the Tropics: Evaluating Team Coordination for Homicide Investigation in Bogotá, Colombia, with Daniela Collazos Zárata, Miguel Emilio La Rota, Daniel Mejía, and Daniel E. Ortega, Routledge Studies in Latin American Politics, Routledge
- 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. 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

The Interaction of Economic and Political Inequality in Latin America, CEDE Working Paper No. 2024-05, with James A. Robinson and Santiago Torres

Constitutions and Order: A theory and comparative evidence from Colombia and the United States?, CEDE Working Paper No. 2023-18, with Javier Mejía, James A. Robinson, and Santiago Torres

Do Third-Party Guarantors Reassure Foot Soldiers?, CEDE Working Paper No. 2023-17, with Natalia Garbiras-Díaz, Michael Weintraub, Juana García, Laia Balcells

Political Incentives and Corruption: Evidence From Ghost Students, CEDE Working Paper 2023-10, with Arturo Harker, Carlos Molina, and Juan Camilo Yamín

¿Cómo va la implementación del Acuerdo Final? Evidencia de una encuesta remota con exintegrantes de las Farc-EP, with Natalia Garbiras-Díaz, Juana García Duque, Cecilia Suescún Salazar and Michael Weintraub, CEDE Working Paper 2022-39

El sistema tributario colombiano: diagnóstico y propuestas de reforma, CEDE Working Paper 2022-37, with Marc Hofstetter

Colombia: Democratic but Violent, with Juan F. Vargas, Cede Working Paper 2022-01 and Lacea Working Paper 0058

Media, Secret Ballot and Democratization in the US, with Juan Felipe Riaño and B.K. Song, Cede Working Paper 2020-23 and Lacea Working Paper 2020-48

Actitudes de exintegrantes de las Farc-EP frente a la reincorporación, with Ana Arjona, Natalia Garbiras Díaz, Juana García Duque, Tatiana Hiller, Lewis Polo, and Michael Weintraub. Cede Working Paper 2020-24

CSI in the tropics Experimental evidence of improved public service delivery through coordination, with Daniela Collazos, Miguel La Rota, Daniel Mejía and Daniel Ortega, Cede Working Paper 2020-20

The perils of misusing remote sensing data: the case of forest cover, with Santiago Saavedra and Juan F. Vargas, Cede Working Paper 2020-15 and Lacea Working Paper 2020-43

Facebook Causes Protests, with Carlos Molina, Cede Working Paper 2019-41

Growth and inclusion trajectories of Colombian functional territories, with Tatiana Hiller and Ana María Ibáñez, Cede Working Paper 2018-58. Published as: Crecimiento y trayectorias de inclusión de los territorios funcionales de Colombia. *Sobre México Temas De Economía*, (1), 79-125.

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

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 ERSA 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)

- 2021-23 World Economic History (undergraduate)
- 2020 World Economic History, with Juan S. Galán (undergraduate)
- 2019-22 Political Underpinnings of Prosperity and Poverty, with Pablo Querubín and James Robinson, International Summer School (graduate)
- 2011-19 Fiscal Theory and Policy (undergraduate)
- 2011-19 Political Economy of Economic Policy (undergraduate)
- 2013-18,22 Empirical Applications in Political Economy (graduate)

- 2017-18 War and Peace in Colombia, with Pablo Querubín and James Robinson, International Summer School (graduate)
- 2015-17 Advanced Long-Run Macroeconomics (graduate)
 - 2016 Growth and Development (graduate)
- 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

- 2018/2021 Political Economy of Institutions and Development, with Daron Acemoglu (graduate)
Universitat de Barcelona
- 2022 Topics in Political Economy, with Dimitrios Xeftieris (graduate)

CEMFI

- 2023 Topics in the Political Economy of the State

Scholarships and Awards (since 2005)

- 2019 Juan Luis Londoño Medal, biennial prize awarded to a Colombian economist under 40, with Juan F. Vargas
- 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
- 2010 George and Obie Schultz Fund Grant, “Words versus Bullets: Media and Democracy with Coercion,” MIT, Economics
- 2005 Lauchlin Currie Prize, Honorary Central Bank of Colombia Scholarship on doctoral studies

Professional Activities

Service (selected, since 2011)

Current:

- 2023- Expert counselor, Government, Security, and Justice Division, Technical Advice Council of Colombia’s Statistical System (Consejo Asesor Técnico del Sistema Estadístico Nacional, CASEN)
- 2023- Member, Board (Consejo Superior), Los Nogales School
- 2021- Leader of EGAP’s Latin American Regional Hub
- 2020- Co-Editor, *Economía, the Journal of LACEA*
- 2020- Programme Committee, IEA World Congress 2023
- 2019- Research Advisor, ProcuraLAB, Inspector General Office of Colombia and Ideas for Poverty Action

Previous:

- 2021,2023 Program Committee, Lacea Annual Meeting

- 2020-2021 Organizer, Latin American Network in Economic History and Political Economy (LANE HOPE), with Giorgio Chiovelli
- 2020 Systematic review of social cohesion, Advisory Group, 3ie Impact
- 2019-2021 Colombia Editor, Foco Económico, <https://focoeconomico.org/>
- 2018 IPA Peace and Recovery Review Board, 2018
- 2017-2020 Associate Editor, *Economía, the Journal of LACEA*
- 2012-2020 Academic Committee, Drug and Security Studies Center (Cesed), U. de los Andes
- 2011-2020 Academic Committee, Colombian Panel Survey (Elca), U. de los Andes
- Academic Conference and Seminar Presentations (Since 2011)
- 2023 Queen Mary University London; Universidad Autónoma de Madrid; CUNEF, Madrid; Universitat Pompeu Fabra; Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona
- 2022 IEB, Universitat de Barcelona; Political Effects of Social Media, ENS Lyon; University of Sao Paulo, Department of Economics; Colombian Economic Congress; WIDER Development Conference
- 2021 Enseña por Colombia; Fundesarrollo; Uniandinos Education Summit; Pearson Global Forum; Georgetown's Institute and the World Bank; Universidad Católica de Uruguay; International Economics Association World Congress; Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE); KISTH, Kichwa Institute of Science, Technology and Humanities; Applied Microeconomics Seminar, PUC-Chile; Association for Comparative Economic Studies Session at the ASSA Annual Meeting; Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association Session at the ASSA Annual Meeting
- 2020 Inter-American Development Bank, Research Department Seminar; “Clientelismo y corrupción en la educación”, Foro fortalecer la democracia, Casa Grande Caribe; American Political Science Association (APSA), Virtual Annual Meeting; “The COVID-19 Pandemic in Latin America”, Program in Latin American Studies (PLAS), Princeton University; Webinar, Salvar la vida y salvar la economía: ¿Cómo lograr ambas?, DeJusticia; Empirical Studies of Conflict Lab Meeting, Princeton University; Pandemia, desigualdad y medidas fiscales, DeJusticia, Bogotá; Political Economy Webinar, Bocconi University, Milan
- 2019 Universidad de la República, Montevideo; NOVAFRICA Research Seminar, Lisbon; Households in Conflict Network, Paris; Universidad de Piura, Lima School of Economics; CAF Book Workshop (50 years); Uniandes-Stanford-LSE conference on Long-run development in Latin America and Beyond; Seminario de Economía, Universidad San Francisco de Quito; XXV Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP), Washington University, DC; Territorios y Bienestar, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico DF
- 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 (selected)

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, The Economic Journal, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, World Development

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