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## EDUCATION

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May 2024 Expected	<b>The New School for Social Research</b> , New York, NY Ph.D. Candidate, Economics Dissertation: “Essays on Historical Political Economy and Economic Inequality” Dissertation Committee: Clara Mattei (Primary Advisor), Duncan K. Foley, Mark Setterfield, Thomas Piketty, Rachel Sherman
2021	<b>The New School for Social Research</b> , New York, NY MA, Economics
2019	<b>Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú</b> , Lima, Peru Graduate Studies, Philosophy (non degree)
2016	<b>Universidad del Pacífico</b> , Lima, Peru Master, Economics
2015	<b>Universidad del Pacífico</b> , Lima, Peru BA, Economics

## DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

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Inspired by the classical political economists, contemporary historical political economy (HPE) aims to analyze socio-economic institutions and discourses that affect the behavior of individuals and determine structural economic outcomes in the long run. For making sense of economic inequality, HPE applies a diverse toolkit of quantitative and qualitative methods. Embedded in the tradition of HPE, this dissertation proposes a two-pronged approach to understand how neoliberal economic ideas as well as fiscal and industrial policy-making have boosted income and wealth inequality in Peru during the 20th century. I argue that wage-productivity decoupling and the rise of profit share are systemic outcomes of capitalism in the Peruvian society.

In the first chapter, I use qualitative tools to introduce an alternative narrative to explain the emergence of neoliberalism in Peru in the late 1940s. By studying the discourse and actions of Peruvian neoliberals, the chapter demonstrates how they influenced institutions and public opinion in order to set up free market policies, shape the Peruvian capitalist structure, and stabilize the economic advantages of the capitalist class. In the second chapter, I apply quantitative tools to study the evolution of household income in Peru during the last two decades. I use the maximum entropy approach to estimate the gross household income distribution and obtain evidence suggesting it fits a finite mixture of exponential and Pareto distributions similar to advanced capitalist economies. Finally, in the third chapter I merge both qualitative and quantitative tools to tell a distributive history of the Peruvian economy during the 20th century. Following the Distributional National Accounts guidelines (DINA), I reconstruct the factor income shares, the pre-tax and post-tax national income for Peru. This historical data suggests that political cycles have affected taxation and industrial policies, stabilized the mixed-income share around 25% of net national income (i.e., net national product plus net foreign income), and produced a distributive reversal since 1942: the wage share in net national income has stagnated around 36% and the profit share has increased from 30% to 44%.

## TEACHING INTERESTS

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- Inequality and Wealth
- Political Economy of Capitalism
- Heterodox Economics
- History of Global Capitalism
- International Political Economy
- Quantitative Methods
- Growth, Distribution and Politics

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Income and Wealth Inequality
- Economic History and History of Economics
- Political Economy
- History of Economic Thought
- Labor and Development Economics
- Economic Growth
- Latin American Studies

## PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS, RESEARCH AWARDS

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Warren J. and Sylvia J. Samuels Young Scholar Prize, The History of Economics Society, 2023  
Student Research Award, The New School for Social Research, 2023  
Warren J. and Sylvia J. Samuels Young Scholar Prize, The History of Economics Society, 2022  
Summer Research Grant, [History and Political Economy Project](#), Arrighi Center for Global Studies, 2022  
Student Research Award, The New School for Social Research, 2022  
Harry Magdoff and Paul Sweezy Fellowship, The New School for Social Research, 2021

## VISITING SCHOLARSHIPS

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Spring 2024 **Harvard University**, [Weatherhead Research Cluster on Global History](#), Cambridge, MA  
Supervisor: Sven Beckert  
Fall 2023 **Paris School of Economics**, Centre François Simiand, Paris, France  
Supervisor: Thomas Piketty  
2022 **Paris School of Economics**, World Inequality Lab, Paris, France  
Supervisor: Thomas Piketty

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Working Papers

- 2023 César Castillo-García and Luan Sánchez-Pérez. “How Was the Neoliberal Hegemony Constructed? Policy Networks and Free Market Institutions in 20th Century Peru.”
- 2022 César Castillo-García. “[The crooked Timber That Bore Fruit: Peruvian Fascist Intellectuals of the 1930s and the Echoes of Their Influence Nowadays](#).” NSSR, Department of Economics Working Paper Series, 06/2022, RePEc.
- 2022 César Castillo-García. “[Waves of Neoliberalism: Revisiting the Authoritarian Patterns of Capitalism in South America \(1940-1990\), part I](#).” NSSR, Department of Economics Working Paper Series, 05/2022, RePEc.
- 2022 César Castillo-García. “[Factor Income Distribution and Capital Accumulation in Peru, 1940-2019](#).” NSSR, Department of Economics Working Paper Series, 02/2022, RePEc.

### Books

- 2022 Germán Alarco and César Castillo García. *Covid-19: desempleo, desigualdad y precarización en el Perú 2020-2030* [Covid-19: Unemployment, Inequality, and Precarization in Peru]. Lima: Oxfam.
- 2019 Germán Alarco, César Castillo García and Favio Leiva. *Riqueza y desigualdad en el Perú. Una visión panorámica* [Wealth and Inequality in Peru. An Integral Vision], co-authored with Germán Alarco and Favio Leiva. Lima: Oxfam.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2020 Germán Alarco and César Castillo García. “Índice de desigualdad y desaceleración económica en América Latina” [Inequality Index and Economic Slowdown in Latin America]. *Revista Investigación Económica, UNAM*, 314, 79, 106-134.
- 2020 Germán Alarco and César Castillo García. “Concentración de la riqueza en América Latina en el siglo XXI” [Wealth Concentration in Latin America in the 21st Century]. *Revista Problemas del Desarrollo*, 203, 51, 111-136.
- 2018 Germán Alarco and César Castillo García. “Functional Income Distribution and Economic

Growth Regime in Peru, 1942-2013.” *CEPAL Review*, 125, August, 226-243.

- 2018 Germán Alarco Tosoni and César Castillo García. “¿América Latina en la trampa de los ingresos medios o del lento crecimiento?” [Is Latin America in the Middle Income or Slow Growth Trap?], *Revista Análisis Económico de la Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana – Unidad Azcapotzalco*, 82, 33, 5-29.

## Reports

- 2019 Germán Alarco and César Castillo García. [Nota de política N°9: Recomendaciones estratégicas sobre la política comercial entre Perú y la UE](#) [Policy Note N°9: Strategic Recommendations on the Trade Policy between Peru and the EU]. Lima: Universidad del Pacífico.
- 2018 Germán Alarco and César Castillo García. [¿Dónde estamos y hacia dónde vamos? Reflexiones a partir del TLC con la Unión Europea](#) [Where are We and Where Do We Go? Reflections On the FTA With the European Union]. Lima: Red Peruana por una Globalización con Equidad.
- 2018 Germán Alarco and César Castillo García. Estudio de Caso “Inversión extranjera directa y solución de controversias” [Case Study: Foreign Direct Investment and Dispute Resolution]. Lima: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.

## Work in Progress

- 2023 Waves of Neoliberalism: Revisiting the Authoritarian Patterns of Capitalism in South America(1940-1990), part II. The Rule of Private Initiative and the Foundations of Social Market Economy.
- 2023 The Resilience of the American Household: A Joint Income-Wealth Distribution Analysis of US Redistributive Policies During Covid-19, co-authored with Andreas Lichtenberger.
- 2023 South-American Brahmins: Top Personal Wealth in 20th Century Peruvian Capitalism.
- 2023 Shaping Colonial Imaginary: Louis Baudin, *L’Empire* and the Neoliberal Critique to Land Reform.

## PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

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- 2022 [Interview: Desigualdad en la distribución de riqueza y el crecimiento económico post-pandemia](#) [Wealth Inequality and Post-Pandemic Economic Growth], *Revista Económica*, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, December 17th, 2022.
- 2021 [How the Left Took Power in Peru? Castillo imagines a new politics.](#), *Public Seminar*, The New School, June 23rd, 2021.
- 2020 [Los límites de la reactivación económica y del plan REACTIVA PERÚ](#) [Limits for Economic Reactivation and the REACTIVA PERU plan], *La Izquierda Diario*, August 19th, 2020.
- 2020 [Redistribución en tiempos de pandemia: pertinencia de un impuesto solidario \(a la riqueza\)](#) [Redistribution during Pandemic: Is it Possible to Enact a (Wealth) Solidarity Tax?], *Noticias de América Latina* and *Otra Mirada* [with Luan Sánchez-Pérez], May 13th, 2020.

## CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, AND INVITED LECTURES

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- 2023 “How Was Neoliberal Hegemony Constructed? Policy Networks and Free-Market Institutions in Peru (1930-1990)” (with Luan Sánchez-Pérez) Economic History Seminar - Paris School of Economics, Paris, France. (Paper Presented) [Also at the Peruvian Association of Economic History]
- 2023 “Shaping Colonial Imaginary: Louis Baudin, *L’Empire* and the Critique to the Peruvian Land Reform” 50th Annual Meeting of the History of Economics Society, Vancouver, Canada. (Paper Presented)
- 2023 “Factor Income Shares and Capital Accumulation in Peru, 1940-2019” Multidisciplinary Seminar Series - The Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality at The City University of New York, USA. (Paper Presented) [Also at Paris School of Economics, ASSA Annual Meeting in 2022]

- 2023 “Three Visions About the Crisis of the Peruvian Democracy” How Did We Get to This Point? The Peruvian Political Crisis from a Latin American Perspective - Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, USA. (Invited Talk)
- 2023 Atelier Simiand N°04 - January 11th. [English and French]. Centre François Simiand d'histoire économique et sociale (EHESS) - Paris School of Economics, Paris, France. (Workshop Organizer)
- 2022 “Waves of Neoliberalism: Revisiting the Authoritarian Patterns of Capitalism in South America (1940-1990)” Conference The Many Births and Foretold Deaths of Neoliberalism, History and Political Economy Project - John Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA. (Paper Presented) [Also at University of Geneva, Georgetown University, Paris School of Economics, The History of Economics Society, The Latin American Society for the History of Economic Thought]
- 2022 Response to Richard Wolff’s “Marxist Methodology for Economics” Lecture Series in Advance Political Economy, SOAS-The New School for Social Research, New York, USA. (Invited Talk)
- 2022 “Waves of Neoliberalism: Revisiting the Authoritarian patterns of capitalism in South America (1940-1990)” 11th Conference of the Iberian Association of the History of Economic Thought (AIHPE) - Universitat de Barcelona, Spain. (Paper Presented and Panel Organizer)
- 2021 “Revisiting the Birth of Neoliberalism in South America: Pedro G. Beltrán, Rómulo Ferrero and the Conservative Economic Development in Peru” 24th Annual Conference of the European Society of the History of Economic Thought, Sofia, Bulgaria. (Paper Presented)
- 2021 “Household Income Distribution in a Peripheral Economy: Peru 2004-2019” [Spanish] 3rd Post-Keynesian Economics Workshop, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima, Peru. (Paper Presented)
- 2019 “Methodology: Wealth and Inequality in Peru” [Spanish] Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima, Peru. (Invited Lecture)
- 2019 “The Authoritarian Component of the Peruvian Neoliberalism: An Alternative Interpretation of the Papers of Pedro Beltrán and Carlos Boloña” [Spanish] 4th Conference of Economic History - Peruvian Association of Economic History, Universidad de Piura, Piura, Peru. (Paper Presented)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Spring 2023 **Graduate Teaching Fellow (Instructor of Note)**  
Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts, New York, NY  
Course: “An Intellectual History of Neoliberalism (1938-1990)”  
Complete responsibility for the course, syllabus design, learning goals, assessments, and managed online platform for group discussion
- Spring 2022 **Graduate Teaching Fellow (Instructor of Note)**  
The New School for Social Research, New York, NY  
Course: “Computer Language Workshop - Introduction to Machine Learning with Python”  
Complete responsibility for the course, syllabus design, learning goals, assessments, and managed online platform for classes and group discussion
- Winter 2022 **Graduate Teaching Fellow (Instructor of Note)**  
The New School for Social Research, New York, NY  
Course: “Statistics Winter Camp”  
Complete responsibility for the course, syllabus design, learning goals, assessments, and managed online platform for group discussion
- Fall 2021 **Graduate Teaching Fellow (Instructor of Note)**

Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts, New York, NY

Course: "Quantitative Reasoning I"

Complete responsibility for the course, learning goals, assessments, and managed online platform for group discussion

Spring 2021     **Graduate Teaching Fellow (Instructor of Note)**

Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts, New York, NY

Course: "Quantitative Reasoning II"

Complete responsibility for the course, learning goals, assessments, and managed online platform for group discussion

Fall 2021     **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

The New School for Social Research, New York, NY

Course: "Historical Foundations of Political Economy I"

Learning goals, assessments, managed lab discussions

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2022-2023     **Research Assistant**

The New School for Social Research, New York, NY

Institute on Race, Power, and Political Economy

- Gathered statistical data on income and wealth for American households
- Written brief data reports to analyse racial disparities among American households

Summer 2020     **Research Intern**

Human Development Report Office, UNDP, New York, NY

- Written a survey on composite indices of sustainable development and worked on statistics for the *Human Development Report 2020*
- Worked in calculations to adjust the Human Development Index to natural wealth estimations reported by UNEP's *Inclusive Wealth Report 2018*

Spring 2018     **Research Consultant**

Centro Nacional de Planeamiento Estratégico (CEPLAN), Lima, Peru

- Provided macroeconomic and socio-economic forecasts for 2020-2030 Peru according to *The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*

2014-2017     **Research Assistant**

Pacífico Business School, Lima, Peru

Professor Germán Alarco

- Analyzed macroeconomic statistics (national accounts, income and wealth distribution, labor market, Peruvian industries, input-output tables) and constructed bibliography
- Analyzed and processed qualitative data (economic sociology, political economy, financial and business history) for Latin America and the US

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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2017     Course - Latin America and Its Modernization. A Comparative View. 19th and 20th Centuries [Spanish,] Instituto Seminario de Historia Rural Andina, Lima, Peru

2013     Course - A Radiography of Neoliberalism [Spanish,] Universidad Antonio Ruiz de Montoya, Lima, Peru

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Journal Referee: Revista de Historia Universidad de Concepción

## SCHOLARLY OR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

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World Inequality Lab (WIL)

Economics History Association (EHA)

The History of Economics Society (HES)  
Union of Radical Political Economics (URPE)  
The Latin American Society for the History of Economic Thought (ALAHPE)  
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)  
Grupo de Investigación en Filosofía Social-PUCP (GIFS)

## SKILLS

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Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (competent), Italian (reading), German (reading)  
Technical: Stata, RStudio, Python-Anaconda, Matlab, Eviews, SPSS, Minitab, Mathematica, MS Office, G-suite

## REFERENCES

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