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## EDUCATION

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### Ph.D. in Economics

Universitat Pompeu Fabra

2020 - 2026

Barcelona, Spain

*Primary Field:* Political Economy

*Secondary Fields:* Applied Microeconomics, Law and Economics, Environmental Economics

*Visiting:* Paris School of Economics (Spring 2025)

### B.Sc., M.Sc. in Economics and Data Science

ENSAE Paris

2015 - 2019

Paris, France

## REFERENCES

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### Ruben Durante (Advisor)

National University of Singapore

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## WORKING PAPERS

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### **Insult Politics in the Age of Social Media, Job Market Paper**

*Short Abstract:* Offensive rhetoric by politicians boosts engagement and electoral support, revealing incentives for incivility that deepen partisan polarization.

### **Experience, Narratives, and Climate Change Beliefs** (with Milena Djourelova, Ruben Durante and Eleonora Patacchini), R&R at the *Journal of the European Economic Association*

*Short Abstract:* Shared shocks do not generate shared beliefs, as natural disasters heighten climate polarization by activating partisan narratives.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Media Slant and Public Policy Views** (with Milena Djourelova, Ruben Durante and Eleonora Patacchini). *AEA Papers and Proceedings*. May 2024.

*Short Abstract:* Exposure to partisan cable news systematically shifts citizens' policy preferences in the direction of each channel's slant.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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### **Jury Composition and Sentencing Decisions** (with Marie Beigelman)

*Short Abstract:* Exploiting quasi-random jury assignment in French criminal courts, we study how laypeople's social identities affect high-stakes judicial decisions.

### **Media Bias of Conflict** (with Ricardo Baeza-Yates, Marta Reynal-Querol and Federico Scabbia)

*Short Abstract:* Analyzing 10 million news articles with LLMs, we map the anatomy of global conflict coverage, examining how international ties drive bias and shape downstream economic outcomes.

## PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS

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The road to recovery: The role of poverty in the exposure, vulnerability and resilience to floods in Accra (with A. Erman, S. Hallegatte et al.). *Economics of Disasters and Climate Change*. Feb 2020.

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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- 2025 Environmental Populism Conference (LSE), IEB Political Economy Workshop (UB), MPWZ Text-as-Data Workshop, Catalan Economic Society Congress, Digital Economy Workshop (DIW Berlin), Doctoral Workshop in Digital Economics (TSE)  
2024 CEPR Paris Symposium, Applied Young Economist Webinar Political Economy Workshop  
2023 Spanish Economic Association Simposio

**Organizer:** UPF Applied Student Seminar (2022-2024), BSE Jamboree (2023)

## REFEREE ACTIVITIES

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*Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Economic Geography*

## AWARDS & GRANTS

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FPI Scholarship, Spanish Ministry of Education	2022-2026
Severo Ochoa BSE-UPF Ph.D. Track Fellowship	2021
Full Tuition Waiver, Barcelona GSE M.Sc. Economics	2020

## TEACHING

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### Graduate courses at Barcelona School of Economics

- 2024 Masters Thesis supervision (Data Science Decision Making Masters);  
Masters Thesis supervision (Competition, Regulation and Markets Masters)  
2023 Masters Thesis supervision (Data Science Decision Making Masters);  
Masters Thesis supervision (Competition Masters & Energy and Climate Change Masters)  
2022 Statistical Modeling & Inference (Data Science Methodology Masters);  
Masters Thesis supervision (Data Science Decision Making Masters);  
Masters Thesis supervision (Competition and Market Regulation Masters)

## PRE-DOCTORAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>Universitat Pompeu Fabra</b> Pre-doctoral research assistant for Ruben Durante	2019 - 2020 Barcelona, Spain
<b>Banque de France</b> Data scientist	2018 - 2019 Paris, France
<b>Universidad del Rosario</b> Research assistant for Jorge Gallego	Spring 2018 Bogotá, Colombia
<b>The World Bank</b> Short-term consultant	2017 - 2018 Washington D.C., USA
<b>ENSAE-CREST</b> Research assistant for Sander Wagner	Summer 2017 Palaiseau, France

## SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

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<b>Code &amp; software</b>	Python, Stata, R, QGIS
<b>Languages</b>	English (native), French (native), Spanish (fluent), Catalan (beginner)