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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics

Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Primary Field: Political Economy

Secondary Fields: Public Economics, Law and Economics, Environmental Economics

Visiting: Paris School of Economics (Spring 2025)

2020 - 2026

Barcelona, Spain

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

ENSAE Paris

2015 - 2019

Paris, France

REFERENCES

Ruben Durante (Advisor)

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WORKING PAPERS

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 Djourelouva, 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

Media Slant and Public Policy Views (with Milena Djourelouva, 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

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

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

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, Australian Young Economist Webinar Political Economy Workshop
2023 Spanish Economic Association Simposio

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

REFeree ACTIVITIES

Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Economic Geography

AWARDS & GRANTS

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

Graduate courses at Barcelona School of Economics

2024	Masters Thesis supervision (Data Science Decision Making Masters); Masters Thesis supervision (Competition and Market Regulation 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

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

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Code & software	Python, Stata, R, QGIS
Languages	English (native), French (native), Spanish (fluent), Catalan (beginner)