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Research Profile

Quantitatively oriented sociologist specializing in migration, social stratification, and education. My research examines how **spatial mobility** intersects with **social mobility** and **inequality**, with additional interests in **digital divides** in later life and **second-chance education**. I employ a broad range of econometric techniques—including structural equations, multilevel and panel data modeling, sequence analysis, and causal research designs—drawing on cross-national surveys (e.g., SHARE, EU-LFS, ETEFIL, ESD 1991) and administrative data from national registers.

Main Research Interests

Migration and labour market integration; spatial and social mobility; gender and educational attainment; fertility and family arrangements; digital inequality and ageing.

Academic Positions

University of Bologna , Bologna, Italy Research Fellow (Department of Political and Social Sciences)	<i>2024–Present</i>
Universitat Pompeu Fabra , Barcelona, Spain Research Assistant (Department of Political and Social Sciences)	<i>2024</i>
Universidad Carlos III , Madrid, Spain Predoctoral Researcher (Department of Social Sciences)	<i>2020–2024</i>

Education

Ph.D. in Social Sciences (International Doctorate Mention) Universidad Carlos III of Madrid, Spain <i>With Highest Honors.</i> Supervisor: Rickard Sandell. <i>Dissertation: Beyond the Dichotomy: Internal and International Young Migration in Post-2008 Recession Spain.</i> Committee: Ettore Recchi (Sciences Po), Sergi Vidal (UAB), Carolina V. Zuccotti (UC3M).	<i>2020–2024</i>
M.A. in Research in Sociology and Demography Universitat Pompeu Fabra of Barcelona, Spain	<i>2017–2018</i>
B.A. in Law and B.A. in Business Administration and Economics Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain	<i>2011–2017</i>

Research Stays

Berlin Social Science Center (WZB) , Germany Research Unit “Migration, Integration, Transnationalization”	<i>Fall 2023</i>
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Funded Research Projects

<i>CaSAS – Care Sustainability in an Ageing Society (Spoke 5, Age-It)</i> (PNRR – NextGenerationEU) PI: Marco Albertini (U. Bologna); National Coordinator: Daniele Vignoli (U. Firenze). <i>Role:</i> Research Fellow — data harmonization, deliverables and publications.	<i>2025</i>
<i>ICTAGE – Social Stratification and ICT Utilization in Later Life</i> (PNRR – NextGenerationEU) PI: Marco Albertini (U. Bologna); National coordinator: Bruno Arpino (U.Padua) <i>Role:</i> Research Fellow — data harmonization, deliverables and publications.	<i>2024–2025</i>

Publications (Peer-Reviewed)

- López Blanco, J.D. (2025). From Students to Movers: Linking Internal and International Migration Trajectories among Spanish Bachelor's and Advanced Vocational Training Graduates. *Population, Space and Place*, 31(5), e70050. <https://doi.org/10.1002/psp.70050>.
- López Blanco, J.D. (2025). Return to the South: Economic (Re)integration of Return Migrants, Internal Migrants, and Non-Migrants in Post-Recession Spain of the 2010s. *European Societies*, 1–46. https://doi.org/10.1162/euso_a_00039.
- López Blanco, J.D. (2024). Do languages open doors? A theoretical model of linguistic capital and (im)mobility and its application in Spanish youth migration. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 51(3), 565–582. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2024.2359676>.
- López Blanco, J.D. (2017). Biopoder y derechos de la sexualidad. *LSJ Working Papers*, 2, 1–42. ISSN 2530-240X.

Under Review and Revise & Resubmit

Revise & Resubmit: *International Migration; European Societies*.

Under Review: *Journal of Marriage and Family; European Journal of Ageing; Research on Social Stratification and Mobility; Social Indicators Research; Papers*.

Selected manuscripts (titles):

- When Social Stratification Meets Ageing: The Double Penalization in E-Administration Usage of Older Users (with M. Albertini).
- Mobility Biographies and Mental Health Inequalities in Later Life.
- The Long Shadow of Migration: How Mobility Biographies Shape Subjective Well-Being in Later Life.
- Beyond Borders and Boundaries: Labor Market Integration Patterns in Spanish Internal and International Migration.
- When Poverty Comes in at the Door, Love Flies Out at the Window: Economic Hardship, Financial Arrangements, and Gendered Dynamics in Fertility Intentions.
- Educational Transitions After the Fall: Re-enrollment and Social Class in Spain.
- Brecha sobre brecha: Desigualdad económica y brecha digital en e-administración en España (with M. Albertini).
- Digital Citizens or Digital Outcasts? Stratification and E-Administration (R&R at *European Societies*).

Invited Seminar & Selected Conference Presentations

Invited: “Of Father and Son: The Intergenerational Transmission of the ‘Return’ Premium Across 20 European Countries,” MaD Colloquium, WZB Berlin (2023).

Selected Conferences: ASA Annual Meeting (2025, Chicago); RC28 Summer Meeting (2025, UCLA); EAPS Sustainable Ageing WG 1st Conference (2025, Padua); ESPAnet Annual Conference (2025, Milan); InRome Summer Meeting (2025); European Population Conference (2024, St Andrews); ESA Conference (2024, Porto); WZB Annual Migration & Diversity Conference (2023, Berlin).

Additional presentations: 10+ international conferences (2021–2025).

Teaching

Total accredited teaching experience: 210 hours (undergraduate level, accredited by Universidad Carlos III of Madrid, 2020–2022).

Multidisciplinary Seminar in International Studies, UC3M Fall 2021, Fall 2022

Instructor (English-taught); quantitative methods and research design (~60 hours).

Comparative Sociology, UC3M Fall 2021

Lectures and seminars (English).

Emerging Countries, UC3M Fall 2020

Lectures and seminars (English).

Advanced Methods and Training

Winter Schools, University of Trento: Social Policies (2024); Technological Change, Inequality & Stratification (2022).

UC3M methodological workshops (2020–2023): Structural Equation Models; Difference-in-Differences; Conjoint; Network Analysis; Spatial Econometrics; Qualitative Methods.

Professional Service & Networks

Peer reviewer: *European Sociological Review; Acta Sociologica; Population, Space and Place* (x2); *Data in Brief*.

Conference organization: Co-organizer (with F. Zanasi), SISEC 2026 session “Opportunities and Challenges of an Ageing Population: Reflections in a Stratification Perspective,” Florence.

Memberships: ESA; ISA RC28; SISEC; Grupo de Estudios de Población y Sociedad GEPS (Associate Member, 2020–2023).

Other: External member of MA thesis committee, Universidad Europea (2023).

Data & Technical Expertise

Datasets: SHARE; EU-LFS; ESS; ETEFIL 2019; ESD 1991; INE harmonized surveys.

Methods: Multilevel; Panel Data analysis; GSEM; Instrumental variables; Sequence Analysis; RIF and inequality decomposition techniques.

Software: Stata (advanced); R (advanced); L^AT_EX (advanced); Atlas.ti (intermediate).

Awards, Fellowships, Accreditations

UC3M Distinction for Teaching Excellence (Multidisciplinary Seminar in International Studies), Bachelor *and* Dual Bachelor
2021/2022

Predoctoral Research Training Scholarship (PIPF), UC3M
2020

Languages

Spanish (native); English (proficient); Italian (intermediate).