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Research Profile

Quantitative sociologist specializing in **migration, social inequality, and education** from a comparative European perspective. Extensive experience teaching **undergraduate courses in English**, including **comparative sociology, international studies, and research methods**. Research adopts a life-course approach and combines large-scale survey and administrative data with advanced quantitative methods.

Academic Positions

National University of Distance Education (UNED) , Madrid, Spain	<i>2026–Present</i>
Postdoctoral researcher (Department of Sociology III)	
University of Bologna , Bologna, Italy	<i>2024–2026</i>
Postdoctoral researcher (Department of Political and Social Sciences)	
University Pompeu Fabra , Barcelona, Spain	<i>2024</i>
Research Assistant (Department of Political and Social Sciences)	
University Carlos III , Madrid, Spain	<i>2020–2024</i>
Predoctoral Researcher (Department of Social Sciences)	

Education

Ph.D. in Social Sciences (International Doctorate Mention)	<i>2020–2024</i>
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).	
M.A. in Research in Sociology and Demography	<i>2017–2018</i>
Universitat Pompeu Fabra of Barcelona, Spain	
B.A. in Law	<i>2011–2017</i>
Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain	
B.A. in Business Administration and Economics	<i>2011–2017</i>
Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain	

Research Stays

Berlin Social Science Center (WZB) , Germany	<i>Sep–Dec 2023</i>
Research Unit “Migration, Integration, Transnationalization”	

Funded Research Projects

<i>Multidimensional Masculinities and the Gender Divide: A New Comparative and Intergenerational Study</i>	<i>2026</i>
Spanish Research Agency (PID2022-141422NA-I00) – P.I.: Tomás Cano López (UNED) Role: Research Fellow (quantitative analysis, dissemination, co-authorship of outputs)	
<i>CaSAS – Care Sustainability in an Ageing Society (Spoke 5, Age-It)</i> (PNRR – NextGenerationEU)	<i>2025</i>
PI: Marco Albertini (U. Bologna); National Coordinator: Daniele Vignoli (U. Firenze).	

Total budget: 114.700.000 euros

Role: Research Fellow – data harmonization, deliverables and publications.

ICTAGE — Social Stratification and ICT Utilization in Later Life (PNRR – NextGenerationEU)

2024–2025

PI: Marco Albertini (U. Bologna); National coordinator: Bruno Arpino (U.Padua)

Total budget: 64.388 euros

Role: Research Fellow – data harmonization, deliverables and publications.

Gender and Social-Origin Determinants of Early Labour Market Performance in Hard Times (AEI – National Research Programme, Spain)

2024

PI: Luis Ortíz Gervasi (UPF). *Role:* Research Assistant – data preparation, quantitative modelling.

Publications (Peer-Reviewed)

López Blanco, J.D. (2026). After Dropout: Social Stratification and the Dynamics of Educational Re–entry in Spain. *Research on Social Stratification and Mobility*, volume 102, 101128, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rssm.2026.101128>

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.

Software Contributions

López Blanco, J.D. (2025). *cno11isco08*: Stata module to convert Spanish CNO-11 occupational codes into ISCO-08 (2, 3, and 4 digits). *Statistical Software Components S459543*, Boston College Department of Economics.

Invited Seminar & Selected Conference Presentations

Invited Seminar: “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, Los Angeles); EAPS Sustainable Ageing WG 1st Conference (2025, Padua); ESPAnet Annual Conference (2025, Milan); InRome Summer Meeting (2025, Rome); European Population Conference (2024, Edinburgh); 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).

University Carlos III of Madrid (UC3M), Spain

2020–2022

Instructor / Lecturer (English-taught)

- **Comparative Sociology** (BA level): lectures and seminars.
- **Multidisciplinary Seminar in International Studies** (BA level): quantitative methods and research design.
- **Emerging Countries** (BA level): comparative development, inequality, and global stratification.

Teaching areas: Introductory Sociology; Comparative Sociology; Migration & Integration; Social Stratification; Research Methods (Quantitative); European Society and Politics.

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* (x3); *Social Indicators Research; European Societies; 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: European Sociological Association (ESA); European Association for Population Studies (EAPS); ISA Research Committee 28 (RC28); Società Italiana di Sociologia Economica (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 (full professional proficiency); Italian (intermediate).

References

Marco Albertini

Full Professor of Sociology
Department of Political and Social Sciences
University of Bologna

Luis Ortíz Gervasi

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Department of Political and Social Sciences
Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona)