

# NICOLÁS URDANETA

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## PROFILE

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I am an economics PhD student at Duke University. I previously worked as research assistant at the Economics Faculty at Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia, working for Marcela Eslava on firm dynamics, productivity, and market power. I hold a M.A and a B.A. in economics from Universidad de Los Andes. I am primarily interested in approaching problems through empirical work with structural models. My current research interests are in firm dynamics, innovation, trade, market power, economic development, and applied econometrics. I also work on other projects on internal migration and displacement in Colombia and gender bias in student evaluations of teaching.

## EDUCATION

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2022 - Present	Ph.D. Economics, Duke University - Durham, USA.
2019 - 2021	M.A. Economics ( <i>cum laude</i> ), Universidad de los Andes - Bogotá, Colombia.
2015 - 2019	B.A. Economics ( <i>cum laude</i> ), Universidad de los Andes - Bogotá, Colombia.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Jun. 2019 - Jul. 2022	Research Assistant for Marcela Eslava, Full-Professor and Economics Faculty Dean, Universidad de Los Andes. Main research projects joint with John Haltiwanger and Marcela Meléndez.
Dec. 2019 - Feb. 2020	Data research assistant for Adriana Corredor-Waldron, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Princeton University.

## PUBLISHED PAPERS

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The Size and Life-Cycle Growth of Plants: The Role of Productivity, Demand, and Wedges. (2023). *The Review of Economic Studies*. With *Marcela Eslava and John Haltiwanger*. Document available [here](#).

## WORKING PAPERS

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Market Concentration, Market Fragmentation, and Inequality in Latin America. (2021). UNDP LAC Working Paper No. 11. Background Paper for the UNDP LAC Regional Human Development Report 2021. With *Marcela Eslava and Marcela Meléndez*. Document available [here](#).

“Talented” Men and “Kind” Women? Gender Bias in Student Evaluations of Teaching. (2021). Documento CEDE No. 46. (Master’s thesis). Document available [here](#). In the media: [El Espectador](#).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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Equilibrium Gender Discrimination in Student Evaluation of Teaching. With *Sara Ayllon, Lars Lefgren, Richard Patterson, and Olga Stoddard*.

Reconciling the Effects of Migration: Do the Opportunity Costs Shape the Local Effects?. With *Mateo Arbeláez and Juan Sebastián Muñoz*.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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## GRADUATE TEACHER ASSISTANT - UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES

2020 II	Impact Evaluation for Public Policy ( <i>prof. Adriana Camacho</i> )
2020 Summer	Intermediate Econometrics ( <i>prof. Mateo Arbeláez</i> )
2020 I	World Economic History ( <i>prof. Leopoldo Fergusson and Juan Sebastián Galán</i> )
2019 II-2020 I	Intermediate Macroeconomics ( <i>prof. David Pérez and Andrés Zambrano</i> )

## UNDERGRADUATE TEACHER ASSISTANT - UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES

2018 II - 2019 I	Monetary Policy and Theory
2018 Summer	Intermediate Econometrics
2017 Summer	Intermediate Microeconomics
2017 II	Mathematical Methods for Economics
2017 I	Pentagon. Study hall for Calculus 3, integral Calculus, Linear Algebra, and Differential Calculus.
2016 II	Integral Calculus

## AWARDS

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2011	Sixth place National Colombian Mathematical Olympics 30th Edition. First level category.
2019	One of the best results in the Colombian higher education examinations (Saber-Pro). The award was given to 1,324 graduates out of over 240,000.
2019	Placed in the top 3% of the previous 5 years of graduates in the B.A. in economics, Los Andes University ( <i>cum laude</i> ).
2021	Placed in the top 3% of the previous 5 years of graduates in the M.A. in economics, Los Andes University ( <i>cum laude</i> ).

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

Supuestos Economics Magazine (2016 - 2019). This is the economics student's magazine from Universidad de Los Andes. I held multiple roles: Editorial Director (2019), Revision and Edition Sub Director (2018), Communications Sub Director (2017 II). Six publications in printed edition, including two main articles. Link to [website](#) (in Spanish).

## SKILLS

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Stata, R & Latex	Advanced	Python & Julia	Basic
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## LANGUAGES

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English	Fluent	Spanish	Native Language
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## REFERENCES

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Marcela Eslava	Full Professor and Economics Faculty Dean, Universidad de Los Andes. <a href="mailto:meslava@uniandes.edu.co">meslava@uniandes.edu.co</a>
John Haltiwanger	Distinguished University Professor, University of Maryland. <a href="mailto:halt@umd.edu">halt@umd.edu</a>
Adriana Camacho	Associate Professor, Universidad de Los Andes. <a href="mailto:adcamach@uniandes.edu.co">adcamach@uniandes.edu.co</a>
Lars Lefgren	Department Chair and Professor, Brigham Young University. <a href="mailto:lars.lefgren@byu.edu">lars.lefgren@byu.edu</a>