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## Education

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PhD in Economics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	2022 – 2026
Visiting Student at Yale University	Fall 2024
MRes in Economic Analysis, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	2020 – 2022
MS in Economics, University of Vienna	2017 – 2019
BS in International Economics, Kyiv National Economic University	2012 – 2016

## Fields

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Health Economics, Labor Economics, and Gender Norms

## Job Market Paper

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### **Just the Flu? The Labor Market Spillovers of Influenza Vaccination**

*Abstract:* This study estimates the spillover effects of influenza vaccination on labor market outcomes. To identify the causal impact of flu vaccines, I employ a difference-in-differences design based on plausibly exogenous variation in vaccine quality and local-level vaccination rates in the United States. I show that influenza vaccination not only reduces illness but also generates substantial gains in employment and wages. To provide evidence of the external validity of my results, I support these findings by exploiting a vaccination policy in Canada. Further analysis suggests that the main mechanisms are an increase in labor productivity in high-contact sectors and demand spillovers across sectors. By developing a general equilibrium model and testing its predictions in the data, I show that these spillovers are driven by the input–output structure of production and changes in consumers’ earnings. Together, these findings provide the first causal evidence that influenza vaccination yields sizable economic benefits, highlighting the importance of both direct and indirect channels.

## Publications

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**Hidden Costs of Ban the Box Laws: Unraveling the Effects on Drug-Related Deaths,**  
*Health Economics, 2025*

*Abstract:* Ban the Box (BTB) laws delay criminal background checks until the later stages of the hiring process. This study provides new evidence that BTB laws that apply to both private and public employers have negative spillover effects beyond labor market outcomes. Drawing on data from the National Vital Statistics System (NVSS), I investigate the impact of BTB laws on drug-related mortality. Two years after adoption, BTB laws are associated with more than a 35 percent increase in drug-related mortality among Black and Hispanic men. The main mechanism appears to be diminished labor opportunities. BTB adoption reduces wages and the probability of employment among Black and Hispanic men.

## Working Papers

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### **The Superwoman Effect of Female Representation in Animated Series on Gender Roles and Educational Achievements**

*with Warn N. Lekfuangfu (UC3M)*

### **Thinking, Fast and Slow: How Response Times Can Predict Cognitive Decline and (Bad) Financial Decision-Making at Older Ages**

*with Yarine Fawaz (CEMFI and Universidad Autónoma de Madrid) and Pedro Mira (CEMFI)*

## Teaching Experience

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Economics I, Microeconomics (BS)	2021 – 2023
Econometrics (BS)	2022 – 2025
Macroeconomics and Inequality (BS)	2019 – 2020

## Work Experience

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Data replicator for the Journal of the European Economic Association (JEEA)	2024 – current
Intern - Drugs and Crime Statistics at UNODC, Austria	2019

## Honors and Awards

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Excellence Teaching Award, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	2022 and 2023
Finalist of Econometrics Game (UC3M Team Member)	2022 and 2023
Grant Formacion de Personal Investigador (FPI)	2023 – current
UC3M Scholarship	2021 – 2023

## Seminars and Conferences

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Highland Health Economics Symposium (HHES), Bristol Applied Economics Meeting (BAEM), European Economic Association 2025 (EEA), ENTER Jamboree, UC3M PhD Workshop	2025
Labor/Public Economics Workshop at Yale University, Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía (SAEe), ENTER Seminar at University College London, ENTER Jamboree, UAM-UJI Workshop on the Economics of Health and Human Capital, CINCH-dggö Academy in Health Economics	2024
ENTER Jamboree, ENTER Seminar at Tilburg University, UC3M PhD Workshop	2023

## Computer Skills

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Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, R, EViews, Microsoft Office

## Language Skills

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Ukrainian (Native), English (C1), German (B2), Spanish (A2)

## References

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