

Belén Hípola

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Education

Bocconi University

PHD IN ECONOMICS

Interests: Economics of Education, Labor, Development.

Milan, Italy

Sept. 2023 - present

Columbia University

MA IN ECONOMICS

- Cumulative GPA: 3.92.
- La Caixa[™] Fellowship 2020 (Full funding).
- Thesis: Holding Back Retention: The Effects of Learning Cycles on Enrollment and Student Achievement in Brazil (A+).
- MA SynThesis Competition Winner.

New York, US

Sept. 2021 - Dec. 2022

Universidad Complutense de Madrid

BACHELOR'S IN ECONOMICS

- Graduated among top 5%.
- Capstone thesis (Best thesis of my cohort): School Choice: Theory and Applications.
- Exchange Year on Erasmus at Université Paris-Dauphine 2017/18.

Madrid, Spain

Sept. 2014 - Feb. 2020

Universidad Complutense de Madrid

BACHELOR'S IN MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

- Capstone thesis: CG-AdaBoost: the classification algorithm AdaBoost from a cooperative game perspective.

Madrid, Spain

Sept. 2014 - Feb. 2020

Research

WORKING PAPERS

Enrique Llopis, Elvira Alonso, Paloma Fontanillo, Belén Hípola, Sara Méndez y Javier Ramos, "Welfare Levels of the Rural Population in Murcia, 1769-1895. Mortality and Demographic and Economic Instability" Working paper, Spanish Association of Economic History, 2017.

Awards & Fellowships

2023 **Master SynThesis Competition Winner**, Columbia University

\$ 1,000

2020 **La Caixa Fellowship**, La Caixa Foundation

Tuition and
Stipend

Teaching Experience

Fall 2022 **Introduction to Economic Reasoning**, Barnard College - Columbia University

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Spring 2023 **Introduction to Economic Reasoning**, Barnard College - Columbia University

TA

Professional Experience

Barnard College - Columbia University

New York, US

BARNARD-TEAGLE FELLOW

June 2022 - Aug. 2023

Developed interactive modules in RShiny to make learning economics more accessible (project led by Rajiv Sethi).

Barnard College - Columbia University

New York, US

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

Sept. 2022 - May 2023

Held recitation and office hours for the course Introduction to Economic Reasoning.

Program for Economic Research - Columbia University

New York, US

GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOW

June 2022 - Aug. 2022

Assisted Douglas Almond with data analysis and research tasks in the field of environmental economics.

FPWA (Non-profit organization)

New York, US

FISCAL POLICY FELLOW

Nov. 2020 - May 2021

Analyzed internal and public data, built, and maintained data visualizations (Tableau). Performed analysis on federal tax and budget policy, contributing to regular publications.

Banco Santander - Credit Risk Model Validation

Madrid, Spain

FULL-TIME INTERN

June 2019 - Feb. 2020

Validated credit risk models (scoring and PD models) with replication and critical analysis.

Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Madrid, Spain

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOW

Sept. 2016 - June 2019

Carried out research on 19th century Spanish regional economic history.

Other Publications and Skills

MEDIA ARTICLES

Ideology and polarization in times of coronavirus by Javier Padilla and Belén Hípola. English version published in LSE Euro-crisis and Spanish version in Agenda Pública.

Coronavirus and American Elections: A Story of Polarization by Javier Padilla and Belén Hípola. English version published in CUNY Thought Project.

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native

English: C2 (Cambridge Proficiency)

French: B2 (DELF)

Portuguese: A2 (Casa do Brasil)

CODING SKILLS

R, STATA: Advanced

Python, SAS and SQL: Intermediate