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## CURRENT POSITION

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2023-PRESENT    Postdoctoral Researcher, UNIVERSITY OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY (UPV/EHU)

## FIELDS OF INTEREST

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Primary: Labor Economics, Gender Economics, Migration Economics, Economics of Education, Experimental Economics  
Secondary: Survey design; Elicitation of beliefs, perceptions and attitudes

## EDUCATION

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2017-23    Ph.D. in Economics, EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE (FLORENCE)  
            *Thesis Title:* Understanding Migration and Education Choices under Uncertainty  
            *Committee:* Sule Alan (EUI), Michèle Belot (Cornell),  
                            Raquel Carrasco (UC3M), Marco Francesconi (Essex)  
2016-17    M.Res. in Economics, UNIVERSITÉ CATHOLIQUE DE LOUVAIN  
2015-16    M.Sc. in Economics and Finance, BARCELONA GSE  
2011-15    Bachelor in Economics, UNIVERSITY OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY (UPV/EHU)  
2014       Visiting Student, Erasmus+, KU LEUVEN UNIVERSITY

## WORKING PAPERS

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[1.] “Determinants of Migration Choices: The Role of Beliefs about Pecuniary and Nonpecuniary Outcomes”

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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[1.] “Selection into Internal and International Migration of Young Individuals: Evidence using Novel Survey Data”

## PUBLICATIONS

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[1.] “E-learning Engagement Gap During School Closures: Differences by Academic Performance” (with Josep Amer-Mestre and Marta C. Lopes), *Applied Economics* (2023) DOI: 10.1080/00036846.2023.2167924. [Link](#)

## TEACHING

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Fall 21        Panel Data for Banking Sector Analysts, EUI, TA for J. Wooldridge  
Spring 21    Topics in Microeconometrics, EUI, TA for T. Crossley  
Spring 21    Panel Data for Banking Sector Analysts, EUI, TA for J. Wooldridge

## RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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2020 Research Assistant to Marta C. Lopes, University Carlos III of Madrid

## GRANTS & AWARDS

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02/22-05/22 PIC (Personal Investigador Contratado), UPV-EHU  
2021 EUI-Early-Stage-Researcher Competitive Grant (4,500 €)  
2021 EUI 4th-Year-Grant  
2020 EUI-Early-Stage-Researcher Competitive Grant (4,200 €)  
2017-2020 Salvador de Madariaga Scholarship (Ministry of Spain)

## CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

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2023 SOLE (Philadelphia),  
BSE Summer Forum (Barcelona),  
7th Workshop on Subjective Expectations (Bocconi University, Milan),  
2nd Workshop on Migration and Family Economics (IÉSEG School of Management, Paris),  
EEA-ESEM (Barcelona),  
EALE (Prague)  
2022 SAEe (Valencia), EUI Alumni Workshop

## ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK & CERTIFICATES

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2023 Minicourse on Subjective Expectations for PhD students, by A. Delavande, P. Giustinelli, C. F. Manski, C. Roth and B. Zafar (Bocconi University)  
2019 “Teacher Training Certificate” awarded by the EUI  
2018 “Gender Economics-Labor Economics Summer School” by L. González (Barcelona GSE)

## SKILLS

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**LANGUAGES** English (fluent) • Spanish (native) • Basque (native)  
Stata • Matlab • Python • Latex • Qualtrics

## REFERENCES

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