

Curriculum Vitae

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Profile Summary

Alejandro Oporto Velásquez is a PhD candidate in Economics at the University of Girona, under the supervision of Dr. Andreas Kyriacou. His research focuses on applied econometrics, fiscal decentralization, and public policy evaluation. He previously worked as a Research Assistant at the Institut d'Economia de Barcelona (IEB) and the University of Barcelona. He holds a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Barcelona and the University of Copenhagen.

Education

2025 - 2028: PhD candidate in economics, University of Girona.

2022 - 2024: Master in Economics, University of Barcelona.

Aug 2023 - Jan 2024: Exchange student at the University of Copenhagen, within the Master in Economics, University of Barcelona.

2022: Causal Inference Methods for Impact Assessment, Institute for Advanced Development Studies, La Paz, Bolivia.

2021: Territorial Analysis with Georeferenced Information, Institute for Advanced Development Studies, La Paz, Bolivia.

2020: Indicators for Development Inter-American Bank of Development (IDB).

2019 - 2020: Master in Economics, Private University of Bolivia, La Paz, Bolivia.

2018: Quantitative Methods for Economic Analysis, Private University of Bolivia, La Paz, Bolivia.

2016: Bachelor of Economics, Autonomous University Juan Misael Saracho, Tarija, Bolivia.

Professional Experience

August 2024 - July 2025: Research Consultant, Association of Councilwomen and Mayors of Bolivia (ACOBOL), La Paz, Bolivia.

Coordinator responsible for the Altiplano region for the implementation of the "Municipal Networks" Model, in collaboration with UN Women.

Conducted economic and financial studies in public management, primarily focused on local governments.

Feb 2024 - Jul 2024: Research Assistant, Institut d'Economia de Barcelona (IEB) and University of Barcelona, Spain

Preparation of a database and data analysis for researchers seniors.

Jun 2024 - Jul 2024: Public Budget Consultancy, Jubilee Foundation, La Paz, Bolivia

Preparation of Analysis Document on the Use of the Public Budget in Bolivia.

May 2023 - Aug 2023: Investigator, SWISSCONTACT, La Paz, Bolivia

Elaboration of a research document. Preparation of a database of public expenditure of local governments in care, processing and analysis of information.

Jan 2021 - Sep 2022: Investigator, Bolivian Association of Councilwomen and Mayors, La Paz, Bolivia

Responsible for the implementation of a research project, with UN-Women, for the development of management models to optimize the functioning of the system of protection against violence of Women, Girls, Boys and Adolescents. Facilitating workshops for public authorities.

Jun 2021 - Aug 2021: Investigator, SWISSCONTACT, La Paz, Bolivia

Preparing the Guide for Identification and Implementation of Municipal Own Resources Document.

Mar 2020 - Dec 2020: Professional in Analysis of Resources and Competency Expenditures, State Service of Autonomies - Ministry of the Presidency, La Paz, Bolivia

Process and Analysis of Budgetary Information of Autonomous Governments in the Country.

Jun 2017 - Mar 2020: Budget Analyst, Ministry of Economy and Public Finance, La Paz, Bolivia

Technical support in the development of the Fiscal Pact process. Process and Analysis of Budgetary Information of Autonomous Governments in the Country.

Oct 2016 - Jun 2017: Consultant in the Budget and Taxation, Jubilee Foundation, La Paz, Bolivia

Revision and elaboration of research documents.

Awards and Honors

June 2025: Honorable Mention for Best Master's Thesis in Public Finance, Department of Economy and Finance – **Government of Catalonia, Spain**

Awarded for the master's thesis: *"Analyzing Fiscal Decentralization: Findings from a Quasi-Experimental Study in Municipalities"*.

Award ceremony attended by Alicia Romero Llano, Minister of Economy and Finance, and Antoni Fernández, Secretary of Finance of the Government of Catalonia.

Teaching

First Semester 2026: Lecturer in International Economics, University of Girona, Spain

Teaching two groups in the following programs: Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Double Degree in Business Administration and Management, and Double Degree in Industrial Engineering Technologies.

Teaching international trade, classical and modern models of specialization, and foundations of international economics.

October 2024 - November 2024: Instructor, Plurinational School of Public Management of Bolivia

Delivery of the specialized course "Gender-Responsive Budgeting and Fiscal Justice, Version 5", taught online.

Development of technical and methodological content focused on implementing gender-responsive budgeting in the Bolivian fiscal context.

Conference and Academic Participation

January 2026: Presenter, 1st Seminar on Economics, Institutions and History: Violence, Social Conflicts and the Economy – Department of Economics, **University of Girona, Spain**

Presentation of the paper: "Causal Fiscal Spillovers under Decentralization: Evidence from Exogenous Revenue Shocks".

November 2025: Participant, International Conference "Asymmetric Federalism: The Perils and Advantages of Asymmetric Decentralization Arrangements" – **Santiago de Compostela, Spain (5–6 November 2025)**

Organized by the *International Center for Decentralization and Governance (IDEAGOV)*.
Held at the Economic and Social Council of Galicia (CES).

June 2025: Presenter, 18th Meeting of Economists of Bolivia (Central Bank of Bolivia), **Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia**

Presentation of the paper "Analyzing Fiscal Decentralization: Findings from a Quasi-Experimental Study in Municipalities".

Press Publications

December 2025. *Asymmetric Decentralization*. Newspaper *La Razón*, Bolivia.

Analytical article on the Bolivian decentralization model and the need to move toward asymmetric arrangements based on empirical evidence.

October 2025. *Quiroga vs Paz: The Formula to Reform Bolivia's Decentralization*. Newspaper *La Razón*, Bolivia.

Comparative analysis of decentralization reform proposals and their consistency with economic theory and international evidence.

Research Documents

2024: Analyzing Fiscal Decentralization: Findings from a Quasi-Experimental Study in Municipalities. Master's Thesis – University of Barcelona.

2025: Two documents: 1) Towards Fairer Municipalities and 2) Finances that Protect. UN Women and Association of Councilwomen and Mayors of Bolivia.

2023: Guide on Shared Responsibility of Care for the Sustainability of Life. Swisscontact.

2022: Guide for the Supervision of Municipal Investment. UN Women and Association of Councilwomen and Mayors of Bolivia.

2021: Development of Management Models for the Effective Functioning of the Protection System Against Violence Toward Women, Children, and Adolescents. UN Women and Association of Councilwomen and Mayors of Bolivia.

2021: Methodological Guide for the Identification and Application of Municipal Own-Source Revenues. SWISSCONTACT.

2020: Finance and Expenditure Constraints of Autonomous Territorial Entities. State Autonomy Service of Bolivia.

2019: Direct Tax on Hydrocarbons. Ministry of Economy and Public Finance of Bolivia.

2018: Municipal Tax Revenues. Ministry of Economy and Public Finance of Bolivia.

2017: Revision of "12 Years of Direct Tax on Hydrocarbons". Jubilee Foundation.

2017: Fiscal Pact in Bolivia. Jubilee Foundation.

2017: Support in the preparation of "What Will the Governments Spend According to the 2017 and 2018 Budget". Jubilee Foundation.