

Belén Hípola

CONTACT INFORMATION	Via Roentgen, 1 (5th floor) Milano, 20136	maria.hipola@phd.unibocconi.it https://bhipola.github.io/
EDUCATION	Bocconi University , Milan Ph.D. in Economics	August 2023 - Present
	Columbia University , New York M.A. in Economics, GPA: 3.92/4.00	Sept. 2021 - Dec. 2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• La Caixa Fellowship 2020 (Full funding)• Thesis: Holding Back Retention: The Effects of Learning Cycles on Enrollment and Student Achievement in Brazil (A+)• Supervisor: Miguel Urquiola	
	Universidad Complutense de Madrid , Madrid B.A in Economics	Feb. 2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exchange Year on Erasmus at Université Paris-Dauphine 2017/18• Capstone thesis (Best thesis of my cohort): School Choice: Theory and Applications• Supervisor: Carmelo Rodríguez-Álvarez	
	Universidad Complutense de Madrid , Madrid B.Sc in Mathematics and Statistics	Feb. 2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capstone thesis: CG-AdaBoost: the classification algorithm AdaBoost from a cooperative game perspective• Supervisor: Juan Tejada	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Education, Labor, and Development	
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS	Bocconi University Graduate Fellowship	2023
	Master SynThesis Competition First Place (\$1,000)	2023
	La Caixa Fellowship for Postgraduate Studies (estimated \$150,000)	2020
	Best Economics Undergraduate Thesis	2020
RESEARCH	Working Papers Enrique Llopis, Elvira Alonso, Paloma Fontanillo, Belén Hípola, Sara Méndez y Javier Ramos. 2017. Welfare Levels of the Rural Population in Murcia, 1769-1895. Mortality and Demographic and Economic Instability. Spanish Association of Economic History .	
PRESENTATIONS	Seminar, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (ICAE)	June 2023
TEACHING EXPERIENCE (IN-CLASS)	Bocconi University <i>Social and Economic Networks (Master)</i> Bocconi University <i>Microeconomics 1 (PhD)</i>	Spring 2025 Fall 2024
	Barnard College, Columbia University <i>Introduction to Economic Reasoning (Bachelor)</i>	Spring 2023 Fall 2022

WORKING EXPERIENCE	Barnard College, Columbia University , New York	
	<i>Barnard-Teagle Fellow</i>	June 2022 - Aug. 2023
	Developed interactive modules in RShiny to make learning economics more accessible. Project led by Rajiv Sethi and resulted in Interactive Economics .	
	Program for Economic Research, Columbia University , New York	
	<i>Graduate Research Fellow</i>	June 2022 - Aug. 2022
	Assisted Douglas Almond with data analysis and research tasks on environmental economics.	
	FPWA (Non-profit organization) , New York	
	<i>Fiscal Policy Fellow</i>	Nov. 2020 - May 2021
	Analyzed internal and public data, built, and maintained data visualizations (Tableau).	
	Banco Santander - Credit Risk Model Validation , Madrid	
	<i>Intern</i>	June 2019 - Feb. 2020
	Validated credit risk models (scoring and PD models) with replication and critical analysis.	
MEDIA ARTICLES AND DISSEMINATION	<i>¿Es la repetición de curso efectiva y equitativa en España?</i> by Belén Hípola and Eva Flavia Martínez Orbegozo. Bookchapter for <i>La desigualdad en España</i> . Lengua de Trapo (2024).	
	<i>Ideology and polarization in times of coronavirus</i> by Javier Padilla and Belén Hípola. English version published in LSE Eurocrisis and Spanish version in Agenda Pública (2020).	
	<i>Coronavirus and American Elections: A Story of Polarization</i> by Javier Padilla and Belén Hípola. English version published in CUNY Thought Project (2020).	
LANGUAGES	Spanish (native)	
	English (C2)	
	French (B2)	
	Italian (B1)	
	Portuguese (A2)	
CODING SKILLS	R, STATA (Advanced)	
	Python, SAS, and SQL (Intermediate)	