

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research Interests: Education and Labor• Advisors: Michela Carlana, Stefano Fiorin	August 2023 - Present
	Columbia University , New York M.A. in Economics, GPA: 3.92/4.00 <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• Advisor: Miguel Urquiola• Selected Coursework: Advanced Causal Methods for Education Policy Research (PhD in Economics and Education, Teachers College), Advanced Microeconomics, Advanced Econometrics, Economic Policy Analysis	Sept. 2021 - Dec. 2022
	Universidad Complutense de Madrid , Madrid B.A in Economics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exchange Year on Erasmus at Université Paris-Dauphine 2017/18• Graduated among top 5%• Capstone thesis (Best thesis of my cohort): School Choice: Theory and Applications• Advisor: Carmelo Rodríguez-Álvarez	Feb. 2020
	Universidad Complutense de Madrid , Madrid B.Sc in Mathematics and Statistics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capstone thesis: CG-AdaBoost: the classification algorithm AdaBoost from a cooperative game perspective• Supervisor: Juan Tejada	Feb. 2020
FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS	LEAP Student Grant (4,000€) Bocconi University Graduate Fellowship Master Synthesis Competition First Place (\$1,000) La Caixa Fellowship for Postgraduate Studies (estimated \$150,000) Best Economics Undergraduate Thesis	2024 2023 2023 2020 2020
PRESENTATIONS	Seminar, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (ICAE)	June 2023
TEACHING EXPERIENCE (IN-CLASS)	Bocconi University <i>Microeconomics 1 (PhD)</i> Bocconi University <i>Social and Economic Networks (Master)</i> Columbia University <i>Introduction to Economic Reasoning (Bachelor)</i>	Fall 2024, 2025 Spring 2025 Fall 2022, Spring 2023
OTHER TEACHING ASSISTANCE	Bocconi University <i>Human Capital and Inequality (Master)</i> Bocconi University <i>Microeconomics (Bachelor)</i>	Spring 2026 Fall 2024, 2025

SERVICE	La Strada Seminar (PhD Brownbag) Co-organizer Food for Thought Seminar (Applied Micro Brownbag) Co-organizer	2024 - Present 2025 - Present
CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS	BSE Summer School Difference-in-differences with Panel Data (Jeffrey Wooldridge)	June 2025
WORKING EXPERIENCE	Barnard College, Columbia University , New York <i>Barnard-Teagle Fellow</i> Developed interactive modules in RShiny to make learning economics more accessible. Project led by Rajiv Sethi and resulted in Interactive Economics .	June 2022 - Aug. 2023
	Program for Economic Research, Columbia University , New York <i>Graduate Research Fellow</i> Assisted Douglas Almond with data analysis and research tasks on environmental economics.	June 2022 - Aug. 2022
	FPWA (Non-profit organization) , New York <i>Fiscal Policy Fellow</i> Analyzed internal and public data, built, and maintained data visualizations.	Nov. 2020 - May 2021
	Banco Santander - Credit Risk Model Validation , Madrid <i>Intern</i> Validated credit risk models (scoring and PD models) with replication and critical analysis.	June 2019 - Feb. 2020
MEDIA ARTICLES AND DISSEMINATION	<i>¿Es la repetición de curso efectiva y equitativa en España?</i> by Belén Hípolo 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 Hípolo. 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 Hípolo. 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)	
PERSONAL	Arts Embroidery and drawing Music Brazilian popular music (MPB) and bossa nova are my favorite Sports Running and padel	