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EDUCATION

Rutgers University

PhD. in Political Science

Cum. GPA: 3.95/4.0

Thesis: Democracy Under Siege: Decoding The Mechanisms of Democratic Erosion.

ABD (Dec. 2025).

Candidate (Nov. 2023). Best exam in Comparative Politics.

Major: Comparative Politics. Minors: Quantitative Methods (Machine Learning, Multivariate Statistics, Time Series and Panel Data) and International Relations.

Rutgers University

M.A. in Political Science

Cum. GPA: 4.0/4.0

Oct. 2024

New Brunswick, NJ. USA

London School of Economics. International Development Management

MSc. in Development

Cum. GPA: Distinction

Dec. 2019

London. UK

Thesis: Critique of the political trilemma of the world economy: The role of Economic Development.

The University of Chicago. Harris School of Public Policy

Master of Public Policy, M.P.P

Cum. GPA: 3.6 / 4.0

June 2015

Chicago, IL. USA

By decision I took PhD courses, including: Econometrics, Advance Microeconomics, Game Theory and Industrial Organization

Thesis: Heterogeneity in the Colombian export sector. Impact of Trade reforms on manufacturing firms in Colombia.

Universidad Nacional de Colombia

B.A, Political Science. Cum Laude

Cum. GPA: 4.5 / 5.0. | Ranked 1 out of 53

March, 2010

Thesis: Critique from a neoinstitutional approach to the process of decentralization policy in Colombia 1980 - 2007.

Bogota, Colombia

Pontificia Universidad Javeriana

M.A, Economics. Honors

Cum. GPA: 4.3 / 5.0 | Best Master Disertation (4.7 / 5.0)

May, 2009

Thesis: Warner Law: A Relationship of long run equilibrium between the State and the Economy (SVAR models).

Bogota, Colombia

B.A, Economics.

Cum. GPA: 4.02 / 5.0. | Ranked 9 out of 41

May, 2008

Bogota, Colombia

SEMINARS/OTHER COURSES

Syracuse University

Summer Course: The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)

June 2024

NY, USA

World Trade Organization

Executive Course: The economic analysis of trade policy (Advanced level)

July - August 2018

Geneve, Switzerland

Stanford University (Hoover Institution)

August 2016

Fellow: The Politics and Economics of Regulation

California, USA

Harvard University (Center of International Development)

March 2016

Fellow: Economic Complexity and Growth

Boston, USA

International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Oct/Nov 2012

Macroeconomic and Fiscal Programming in inflation targeting frames.

Washington, D.C., USA

Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Apr/May 2009

Diploma in Formulation, Implementation and Evaluation of Public Policies.

Bogota, Colombia

PUBLISHED WORKS DURING THE PHD

With Andrés Rengifo and Lorena Avila. (2023) Criminal defense work in a sample of arrest hearings in Mexico: The micro-dynamics of case-level engagement, influence, and strategy. *Crime, Law and Social Change*. Springer. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10611-023-10081-2>

With Lorena Avila. (2023). An Expensive Pass to Freedom: Bond Amounts Trajectories in Immigration Court. *American Behavioral Scientist*. Sage. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00027642231215990>

With Ricardo Bello. (2025). Merit and Impartiality in Public Administration: The Effect of Democratic Backsliding through Participation and Contestation. *Policy Studies*. (R&R)

With Lorena Avila. (2025). The Mark of a Criminal Record in US Immigration Bond Hearings. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. Taylor & Francis. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2025.2547871>

BOOK CHAPTER

David Ibanez. (2013). Sirve el análisis y la evaluación de las políticas públicas?. In Andre-Noel Roth, *El análisis y evaluación de las Políticas Publicas en la era de la participación: reflexiones teóricas y estudios de casos*. Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Colección Gerardo Molina. 32. ISBN: 9789587615135.

David Ibanez. (2025). Democratic Erosion, Backsliding and the Quality of Governance in Latin America. In Ohemeng, F., & Ayee, J., *The Politics of Democratic Backsliding: Speaking Truth to Power in Political and Bureaucratic Relationships in Emerging and Developing Countries*. Emerald Publishing. (Forthcoming)

WORKING PAPERS

David Ibanez. (2025). The Cross, the Sword, and the Purse: Two Centuries of State-Building in Latin America. Under Review. (Presented in MPSA, 2023)

With Ricardo Bello. (2025). Direct and Indirect Effects of Democratic Backsliding on Governance Outcomes: The Role of Public Administration. Under Review. (Presented in MPSA, 2025)

PUBLISHED WORKS BEFORE THE PHD

With Mauricio Avella. (2007). *Some stylized facts on public finance in Colombia since the first Kemmerer Mission..* Borradores de Economía. No. 469. Banco de la Republica.

David Ibanez. (2010). *Desarrollo teórico sobre el proceso de las políticas publicas: Un enfoque de legitimación..* Política Publica Hoy. Departamento Nacional de Planeación. Volumen 3. ISSN: 2215-8472.

David Ibanez. (2011). *La institución publica administrativa desde un ámbito de complejidad.* Política Publica Hoy. Departamento Nacional de Planeación. Volumen 10. ISSN: 2215-8472.

With Douglas Ballesteros. (2017). *Barreras de exportación en Colombia: Análisis empírico 2010-2015*. Revista Estudios Económicos. Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo. Volumen 1. ISSN: 2500-7173.

With Fabian Bernal. (2017) *Ecuación de Gravedad modificada para medir el impacto de los TLCs y preferencias arancelarias de Colombia con el mundo*. Revista Estudios Económicos. Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo. Volumen 2. ISSN: 2500-7173.

David Ibanez. (2017) *Patents and International Trade: Theoretical and Empirical Model*. Revista Estudios Económicos. Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo. Volumen 2. ISSN: 2500-7173.

David Ibanez. (2018) *Innovation and Competition in the textile cluster in Colombia*. Revista Estudios Económicos. Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo. Volumen 3. ISSN: 2500-7173.

With Oscar Pachon. (2018) *Survival Models of colombian manufacturing firms in the international market*. Revista Estudios Económicos. Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo. Volumen 3. ISSN: 2500-7173.

With Federico Teveles and Stella Yoh. (2019) *Tourism and Innovation: Leapfrogging the Caribbean Private Sector*. Compete Caribbean. IDB.

David Ibanez. (2019) *Critique of the political trilemma of the world economy: The role of Economic Development*. LSE. International Development.

With Douglas Ballesteros. (2022) *Insolvency of Colombian companies: Approach through unbalanced classification methodology and Machine-Learning models*. Revista Económica y Financiera. No.1 March, 2022.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Rutgers University. School of Political Science	<i>Fall 2025</i>
<i>Instructor Writing College</i>	<i>New Brunswick, New Jersey</i>
Rutgers University. School of Political Science	<i>Summer 2025</i>
<i>Instructor Comparative Politics</i>	<i>New Brunswick, New Jersey</i>
Rutgers University. School of Political Science	<i>2022 - 2023</i>
<i>Teacher Assistance: International Relations, Law and Politics</i>	<i>New Brunswick, New Jersey</i>
Rutgers University. School of Political Science	<i>Summer 2023/Summer2024</i>
<i>Instructor International Political Economy</i>	<i>New Brunswick, New Jersey</i>
Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. School of Economics	<i>Jan 2010 - Present</i>
<i>Instructor Professor: Macroeconomics 1, Microeconomics 1, 2 and 3, Econometrics, International Trade</i>	<i>Bogota, Colombia</i>
Universidad del Rosario. School of Economics.	<i>Aug 2015 - Jun 2018</i>
<i>Lecturer: International Trade (Level: Master)</i>	<i>Bogota, Colombia</i>
Universidad del Rosario. School of Political Sciences.	<i>Aug 2015 - Jun 2018</i>
<i>Lecturer: Design and Evaluation of Public Policies (Level: Master)</i>	
<i>Behavioral Sciences in Public Policies (Undergrad)</i>	<i>Bogota, Colombia</i>
The University of Chicago. Harris School of Public Policy	<i>Sep/Dec 2014</i>
<i>Teacher Assistant: Microeconomics 1, Econometrics 1</i>	<i>Chicago, IL. USA</i>
Universidad de Los Andes. School of Economics	<i>Jan/Dec 2010</i>
<i>Teacher Assistant: Microeconomics III</i>	<i>Bogota, Colombia</i>
Universidad Nacional. School of Political Science	<i>Jan/Dec 2008</i>
<i>Teacher Assistant: International Political Economy</i>	<i>Bogota, Colombia</i>

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Rutgers University*December 2024/Present*

Research Assistant to Professor Lisa Miller: Assisting in research and analysis for the book project *The Myth of Checks and Balances and the American Democratic Deficit*. Conducting qualitative and quantitative analysis and working with legal data (constitutions, laws and decrees). Examining American political institutions, national social and economic policy development, and issues related to race and economic inequality. Making the comparison with seven European countries. Contributing to data analysis and presentation, applying creative approaches to interpreting findings.

Rutgers University*January 2022/Sept 2023*

Project Manager: Leader of a team of 11 Research Assistants. Define a protocol to gather and code data on domestic courts' use of the preliminary reference procedure, which enables them to refer disputes involving the validity or interpretation of European Union (EU) law to the European Court of Justice (ECJ) from 1961 to 2023. The paper is: <https://muse.jhu.edu/pub/1/article/908775>

Superintendency of Firms (Colombia)*Dec 2019/Dec 2021*

Director of Economic Studies: Leader of a team of 18 economists. Quantitative Researcher in Firm Competition, Industrial Organization, Insolvency, Finance, Value Chain and Trade. I led the project to reform the statutory law to provide legal guarantees for companies undergoing insolvency processes. I led the drafting of a bill to offer legal and financial relief to businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Inter-American Development Bank and Compete Caribbean.*September 2018/May 2019*

Researcher: To use quantitative data (firm-survey) to derive a Structural Gravity General Equilibrium Model, to identify and calculate the effects of the biggest barriers to SME growth, as well as qualitative data (interviews) of real-life business cases, which can be used to tackle the said barriers in the CARICOM countries.

Ministry of Foreign Trade and Industrial Development (Colombia)*Dec 2015/Sept 2018*

Director of Economic Studies: Leader of a team of 24 economists. Researcher using economic modeling and statistical/econometric analysis for industrial development, focusing on competition between firms, international trade, anti-dumping laws, creation of incentives to firms with the aim of increasing productivity and industrial policymaking. I was Deputy Minister of Trade (Acting) in two occasions.

- Working with Harvard University to create and apply the Datlas as a diagnostic tool that firms, investors and policymakers can use to improve the productivity of departments, cities and municipalities. <https://bit.ly/2PZufKk>

- Founder of the research journal in international trade and industrial development *Revista de Estudios Económicos*: <https://bit.ly/2Su79w1>

Becker Friedman Institute. University of Chicago*January/June 2015*

Research Assistant: Created programming codes in R, STATA and LaTeX (using knitr) to produce automatically reports for more than 500 schools with graphs, tables and econometric models.

Energy Policy Institute at Chicago*June/Sept. 2014*

Researcher: I won the James Bartlett Fellowship Program: <https://bit.ly/2Anq940>

- My proposal was about to study the relationship between trade reforms and electricity supply infrastructure on manufacturing plans in Colombia.

Ministry of Finance and Public Credit (Colombia)*May 2011/August 2013*

Researcher: Designed petroleum royalties' law, whose main goal was to distribute the resources of the mining and energy sector equitably.

- Designed fiscal law, whose principal goal was to guarantee fiscal sustainability of the government expenditures.

- Main econometrician in charge of International Trade, Industry and Potential GDP estimations.

Swarthmore College*Dec 2007/ Mar 2008*

Researcher: Ran 'in silico' (computational simulations) experiments of agent - based economies and designed robust econometric methods for our quantitative models.

- Designed and executed agent - based simulations on Matlab and C++, data mining, manipulation and econometric analysis using Stata, and theoretical research on trade networks, complexity in economics, and general topics on agent - based computational economics.

Colombian Central Bank. (Banco de la Republica)*Jan 2006 - Feb 2007*

Research Assistant: Junior econometrician in the research department. Forecasting trade flows and GDP.

SKILLS

Computer packages	Microsoft Office, L ^A T _E X. L ^A T _E X. EViews 7.0 (Advance). STATA 18 (Advance) RStudio (knitr) (Advance). R (Advance). RATS (Intermediate). Python (Advance). SPSS (Intermediate). MatLab (Basic).
Languages	Bilingual Spanish - English. Basic Portuguese (Good Reading). Intermediate Italian (A2).

CONFERENCES

American Political Science Association (APSA)	2023, 2024, 2025.
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2023, 2024 (Chair in the panel), 2025.
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)	2024
Management and Public Administration	Universitat Konstanz (Germany): 2024

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Excellence Fellowship <i>Scholarship to study at Rutgers.</i>	<i>August 2021</i> <i>NJ, USA</i>
Chevening Program <i>Scholarship to study at LSE: £80.000.</i>	<i>August 2018</i> <i>London, UK</i>
Stanford University (Hoover Institute) <i>Fellowship: US\$30.000</i>	<i>August 2016</i> <i>California, USA</i>
Harvard University (Center of International Development) <i>Fellowship: US\$10.000</i>	<i>March 2016</i> <i>Boston, USA</i>
Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship <i>Awarded Scholarship to do the Master of Public Policy: US\$ 150.000</i>	<i>Aug 2013/June 2015</i> <i>Washington,D.C, USA</i>
Colfuturo <i>Awarded Scholarship to do the Master of Public Policy: US\$ 50.000</i>	<i>2013/June 2015</i> <i>Bogota, Colombia</i>
Universidad Nacional de Colombia <i>Best GPA 2005-2, 2006-1, 2007-2, 2008-1, 2008-2, 2009-2</i>	<i>2005 - 2009</i> <i>Bogota, Colombia</i>

REFERENCES

Robert Kaufman
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