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Education

- 2012 – 17 [University of California – Berkeley](#)
Ph.D. Economics
2004 – 10 [Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile](#)
M.A. Economics – B.A. Business and Economics

Employment

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|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 2025 – | Professor | Department of Economics | King's College London |
| 2022 – 25 | Associate Professor | School of Economics and Finance | Queen Mary University of London |
| 2017 – 22 | Assistant Professor | Department of Economics | Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile |

Affiliations

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| 2025 – | Centre for Economic and Policy Research | Research Affiliate, Economic History and Political Economy |
| 2025 – | Global Labor Organization | Fellow |
| 2024 – | Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile | International Visiting Professor, Dept. Economics |
| 2024 – | Higher Education Academy | Fellow |
| 2014 – 17 | Global Policy Lab | Doctoral Fellow |

Publications

Journal Articles

1. Empowerment or indoctrination? Female training programs under dictatorship
Journal of Economic History, forthcoming, with M. Prem and C. von Dessauer.
2. The dark side of infrastructure: Roads, repression, and land in authoritarian Paraguay
Economic Journal, 135:653–669, 2025, with J. Miquel-Florensa, M. Prem, and S. Straub.
3. The efficiency of bus priority infrastructure
Journal of Urban Economics, 146:103751, 2025, with H. Silva.
4. Dictatorship, higher education, and social mobility
Journal of Historical Political Economy, 4(4):509–545, 2025, with M.A. Bautista, L. Martínez, P. Muñoz, and M. Prem.
5. Higher education and mortality: Legacies of an authoritarian college contraction
Journal of the European Economic Association, 22(4):1762–1797, 2024, with L. Martínez, P. Muñoz, and M. Prem.
6. The economics of the public option: Evidence from local pharmaceutical markets
American Economic Review, 114(3):615–644, 2024 (Lead article), with J.P. Atal, J.I. Cuesta, and C. Otero.
7. Police violence, student protests, and educational performance
Review of Economics and Statistics, 106(3):712–727, 2024, with M. Prem.

8. The limits of hegemony: U.S. banks and Chilean firms in the Cold War
Journal of Development Economics, 166:103212, 2024, with F. Aldunate and M. Prem.
9. The intergenerational transmission of higher education: Evidence from the 1973 coup in Chile
Explorations in Economic History, 90:101540, 2023, with M.A. Bautista, L. Martínez, P. Muñoz, and M. Prem.
10. The geography of repression and opposition to autocracy
American Journal of Political Science, 67(1):101-118, 2023, with M.A. Bautista, L. Martínez, P. Muñoz, and M. Prem.
11. Lost in transition? The persistence of dictatorship mayors
Journal of Development Economics, 151:102669, 2021, with P. Muñoz and M. Prem.
12. Collective action and policy implementation: Evidence from Salvador Allende's expropriations
Journal of Economic History, 81(2):405-440, 2021, with F. Vial.
13. Distorted quality signals in school markets
Journal of Development Economics, 147:102532, 2020, with J.I. Cuesta, and C. L. Philippi.
14. Privatization and business groups: Evidence from the Chicago Boys in Chile
Explorations in Economic History, 78:101355, 2020, with F. Aldunate, M. Prem, F. Urzúa.
15. Collective action in networks: Evidence from the Chilean student movement
Journal of Public Economics, 188:104220, 2020.
16. Losing your dictator: Firms during political transition
Journal of Economic Growth, 25(2):227-257, 2020, with M. Prem.
17. The privatization origins of political corporations: Evidence from the Pinochet regime
Journal of Economic History, 80(2):417-456, 2020 (Arthur H. Cole Prize), with M. Prem and F. Urzúa.
18. Non-economic factors in violence: Evidence from organized crime, suicides and climate in Mexico
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 168:434-452, 2019, with C. Baysan et al.
19. Can television bring down a dictator? Evidence from Chile's 'No' campaign
Journal of Comparative Economics, 46(1):349-361, 2018, with M. Prem.
20. The value of political capital: Dictatorship collaborators as business elites
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 155:217-230, 2018, with M. Prem.
21. Start-up nation? Slave wealth and entrepreneurship in Civil War Maryland
Journal of Economic History, 77(2):373-405, 2017, with G. Marshall and S. Naidu.
22. War and local collective action in Sierra Leone: A comment on coefficient stability approaches
Journal of Public Economics, 128:30-33, 2015, with E. Miguel.
23. Railroads, specialization, and population growth: Evidence from the first globalization
Journal of Population Economics, 34:1027-1072, with A. Forero and F. Gallego. (Pre-doctoral work)
24. Immigration and human capital: Consequences of a nineteenth century settlement policy
Cliometrica, 14(3):443-477. (Pre-doctoral work)
25. Can land reform avoid a left turn? Evidence from Chile after the Cuban revolution
The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, 14(1):31-72. (Pre-doctoral work)

Interdisciplinary and Policy Articles

26. The impacts of COVID-19 restrictions on Quality Adjusted Life Years
PLoS ONE, 19(3), 2024, with R. Atal, J.A. Carrasco, R. Harrison, P. Bedregal, and C. Vizcaya.
27. Pinochet's shadow: Privatisation in Chile
History Today, 73(9), September 2023.
28. Reply to: Temporal displacement, adaptation and the effect of climate on suicide rates
Nature Climate Change, 10:502-504, 2020, with M. Burke et al.
29. Candidates or onlookers? An analysis of the impact of the quota law
Estudios Pùblicos, 154:7-41, 2019, with J. Galeno and F. Gallego (in spanish).
30. Higher temperatures increase suicide rates in the United States and Mexico
Nature Climate Change, 8(8):723-729, 2018, with M. Burke et al.
31. University inclusion policies and strategic behaviour in secondary education
Estudios Pùblicos, 149:41-73, 2018, with E. Johnson (in spanish).
32. Chile's agrarian reform
Estudios Pùblicos, 146:7-48, 2017, with J.I. Cuesta, J. Díaz, F. Gallego, and G. Marshall (in spanish).
33. Drug trafficking organizations and local economic activity in Mexico
PLoS ONE, 10(9), 2015.

Book and Chapters

34. The Pinochet Shock: Radical Change and Life Under Dictatorship
Palgrave Macmillan, 2025, Edited with Mounu Prem.
35. An interdisciplinary view of Cuba
In: *Roots of Underdevelopment*, forthcoming, with M. Prem and A. Tesei.
36. The privatization of firms
In: *The Pinochet Shock*, 2025, p. 181-205, with M. Prem.
37. The legacy of the Pinochet regime in Chile
In: *Roots of Underdevelopment*, 2023, p. 369-399, with M. Prem.
38. Local impacts of trade liberalization: Evidence from the Chilean agricultural sector
In: *Economic Policy in Emerging-Market Economies*, 2015, p. 351-378, with J.I. Cuesta and F. Gallego.

Working Papers

39. Transfers and political support in times of economic crisis
with M. Prem. *Submitted*.
40. The political consequences of vaccines: Quasi-experimental evidence from eligibility rules
with E. Depetris-Chauvin. Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Development Economics*.
41. When the state takes over: Nationalization, firm performance, and political backlash
with M. Prem. *Submitted*.

Conferences

<i>Europe</i>	Fife Applied Micro (University of St Andrews), Long-run Development Conference (London School of Economics), Madrid Political Economy (CUNEF), NICEP Conference (University of Nottingham), Centre for Governance and Democracy (QMUL), Royal Economic Society (University of Glasgow).
<i>Latin America</i>	Conference on Corruption (University of Santiago), Latin America and the Caribbean Economic Association (Argentina, Ecuador, Chile), Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society (Argentina, Ecuador, Chile), RIDGE Historical Development (Uruguay), RIDGE Political Economy (Uruguay), Sociedad de Economía de Chile (Talca, Valparaíso, Santiago).
<i>North America</i>	Bay Area Labor Conference (Stanford), Development and Political Economy Conference (Stanford), North East Universities Development Consortium, Pacific Conference for Development Economics (Stanford), Western Economic Association International (San Diego).

Invited Talks

<i>Europe</i>	Brunel University of London, Collegio Carlo Alberto, CUNEF Universidad Madrid, IESE Business School, King's College London, London School of Economics, Paris School of Economics, Queen Mary University of London, Royal Holloway University of London, Toulouse School of Economics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Université Paris-Dauphine, Universitat de Barcelona, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, University of Exeter, University of Gothenburg, University of Kent, University of St Andrews, University of Warwick, University of York.
<i>Latin America</i>	EPGE Brazilian School of Economics and Finance, Insper, Sao Paulo School of Economics, Universidad Adolfo Ibañez, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Universidad Chile, Universidad Diego Portales, Universidad de Los Andes, Universidad Mayor, Universidad de la República, Universidad del Rosario, Universidad de Santiago, Universidad de Talca.
<i>North America</i>	Center Global Development, George Washington University, HEC Montreal, Northwestern University, University of Florida, University of California Berkeley, University of California Davis, University of California Merced, University of California San Diego, University of California Santa Cruz, University of Houston, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Pennsylvania, York University.

Visits, Mini-Courses, and Invited Lectures

- 2025 “Topics in Political Economy”, PUC-Chile.
- 2024 “The Pinochet Shock: Radical Change and Life Under Dictatorship,” PUC-Chile, U. Chile, UAI.
- 2023 “Government support in times of crisis,” keynote speaker in workshop at CUNEF (Madrid).
- 2023 “The Economics of the Military Dictatorship,” Universidad de Chile.
- 2023 “The Economics of the Latin American Cold War,” The Penn Initiative for the Study of Markets.
- 2022 Visiting Scholar, Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago.
- 2019 “The Political Economy of the Pinochet Dictatorship,” CEPAL Summer School.
- 2018 “World Wars, Great Depression, and Protectionism,” Fundación Para el Progreso.

Professional Activities

A. Editorial Boards

- 2021 – 24 *Explorations in Economic History*, Board Member.

B. Committees and Others

- 2026 EEA Conference Scientific Committee
2025 LACEA Scientific Committee
2024 Outreach and Widening Participation
2024 ESEM Conference Scientific Committee
2024 London Replication Games at Birbeck
2023 Organizer Applied Micro Seminars
2023 Outreach and Widening Participation
2022 Organizer Applied Micro Seminars
2022 Co-organizer workshop on the Political Economy of Conflict
2021 Economic Council of Presidential Candidate
2021 LACEA Scientific Committee
2021 Junior Hiring Committee
2020 Junior Hiring Committee
2020 Organizer Second Alumni Conference
2019 Organizer First Alumni Conference
2019 Organizer Economic History and Clio Lab Conference
2019 Organizer Applied Micro Seminars
2018 Organizer Applied Micro Seminars

C. Referee Service

Economics	<i>AEJ Applied Economics, AEJ Economic Policy, Econometrica, Economia, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Public Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Quarterly Journal of Economics, World Bank Economic Review, World Development.</i>
Political Science	<i>American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Political Science Research and Methods.</i>
Other	<i>Nature, PLoS ONE, Science.</i>

Advising

Ph.D. Committee / External Reviewer

Beatriz Alvarez (Universidad Carlos III), Johannes Böken (University of Warwick), Elda Celislami (University of Reading and University of Turin), Andrés García (PUC-Chile), César Huaroto (PUC-Chile), Antonio León (Queen Mary University of London), Dina O'Brien (University of Toronto), Hanifa Pilvar (Queen Mary University of London).

Supervisor of M.A. students and placement in Ph.D. Programs

Claudia De Goyeneche (UC Berkeley), Katia Everke (Stockholm School of Economics), Magdalena Larreboire (Harvard University), Shirley Redroban (University of Maryland), Cristine von Dessauer (MIT).

Teaching

- 2026 – Applied Economics
2022 – 25 Applied Econometrics, Public Economics, Political Economics
2019 – 22 Applied Econometrics, Political Economics
2017 – 19 Applied Econometrics, Introduction to Econometrics
2014 – 16 Development Economics, Spatial and Network Analysis
2010 – 12 Introduction to Economics, Economic History

Honors and Awards

- 2026 Keynote speaker, Patras Applied Microeconomics Workshop.
2025 Philip Leverhulme Prize
2024 QMUL Humanities and Social Sciences Research Award
2024 Top cited article 2022-2023, [The geography of repression and opposition to autocracy](#).
2023 Keynote speaker, Madrid Political Economy Workshop.
2020 Arthur H. Cole Prize for [The privatization origins of political corporations](#).
2020 The Biennial Excellence in Teaching Award.
2019 Outstanding teaching award. Undergraduate course: Introduction to Econometrics.
2018 Outstanding teaching award. Graduate course: Applied Econometrics.
2017 Outstanding teaching award. Undergraduate course: Political Economics.
2017 Nominated to the Juan Luis Londoño Prize for [Distorted quality signals in school markets](#).
2012 Outstanding teaching award. Undergraduate course: Introduction to Economics.
2010 Highest honors in M.A. thesis published as [Can land reform avoid a left turn?](#)

Grants

- 2025 Philip Leverhulme Prize
2023 IHSS Large Grant Corn Funding Scheme
2021 Fondecyt Regular. Project: “The economy of Salvador Allende.”
2017 Fondecyt Inicio. Project: “The economics of the Pinochet regime.”
2016 Development Economics Challenge Grant (CEGA). Project: “The economics of the public option.”
2015 Weiss Family Fund for Research in Development (with S. Hsiang and J. Magruder)
2015 Exploratory Travel and Data Grant (Economic History Association)
2014 SCID Graduate Student Fellowship in International Development (Stanford)
2014 Levin Family Seed Grant (CEGA)

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