

Miguel Ortiz

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of British Columbia

Assistant Professor, Vancouver School of Economics

2025 – Present

Princeton University

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Research Program in Development Economics

2024 – 2025

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Business and Public Policy group at the Haas School of Business

2018 – 2024

Committee: Ernesto Dal Bó, Francesco Trebbi, Federico Finan, Edward Miguel

Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá, Colombia)

B.A. in Economics with minor in Philosophy, summa cum laude (ranked 1st)

2012 – 2017

PUBLICATIONS

“Monopoly of Taxation Without a Monopoly of Violence: The Weak State’s Trade-Offs from Taxation”

with Soeren Henn, Mastaki Mugaruka, Raúl Sánchez de la Sierra and David Qihang Wu

Review of Economic Studies, 2024

WORKING PAPERS

“Hate, Fear and Intergroup Conflict: Experimental Evidence from Nigeria”

– Winner of the Weiss Family Distinguished Paper at NEUDC 2023

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Intergroup Integration Through Local Markets: Evidence from an RCT in Nigeria”

with Eunice B. Atajiri

“Ethiopian Factory: The Effect of Managerial Practices of Chinese Firms on Ethiopian Workers”

with Shibiru Ayalew and David Qihang Wu

AWARDS & GRANTS

Weiss Research Grant, The Weiss Fund, \$70,000 USD, 2025 (co-PI)

IGC Exploratory Grant, The International Growth Center, £20,000 GBP, 2024 (co-PI)

ACES Dissertation Fellowship, Assoc. for Comparative Econ Studies, \$40,000 USD, 2023

N2PE Research Grant, Network for a New Political Economy, \$5,000 USD, 2023 (co-PI)

IGC Full Research Grant, The International Growth Center, £52,000 GBP, 2023 (PI)

Weiss Pilot Grant, The Weiss Fund, \$8,000 USD, 2023 (PI)

CEGA Development Economics Challenge, Center for Effective Global Action, \$15,000 USD, 2022 (PI)

ACES Research Award, Association for Comparative Economic Studies, \$20,000 USD, 2022 (PI)

EGAL Research Grant, Center for Equity, Gender, and Leadership, \$5,000 USD, 2022 (PI)

Peter Jones Memorial Fund Grant, Institute for Business Innovation, \$4,500 USD, 2021 (PI)

Portafolio Prize, Best Student in Economics or Business in Colombia, Honorable Mention, 2017

Academic Excellence Prize (×2), Universidad de los Andes, Fall 2015 and Spring 2016

OTHER

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate)

Referee: *Econometrica*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Defense and Peace Economics*

Seminars and Conference: **(2026)**(Planned:) University of Chicago (Development Seminar) **(2025)** West Point Social Science Conference, Rutgers University, Princeton University, (Planned:) IIES-Stockholm, Paris School of Economics, Empirical Microeconomics Workshop at Banff **(2024)** Stockholm University, University of British Columbia, Nova SBE, Universidad del Rosario, Northwestern Political Economy Rookiefest, ESOC Annual Conference, Transatlantic Political Economy Conference (HEC Montreal, McGill, King's College), Columbia University **(2023)** NEUDC (Harvard), Economic Development, Political Economy, and Culture Conference (UCLA & CIFAR), WGAPE, Berkeley Conference on Political Economy and Governance