

NICOLÁS CABRA-RUIZ

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FIELDS OF INTEREST

Political Economy, Comparative Politics, Development Economics, Conflict Studies.

EDUCATION

Universidad de los Andes M.A in Economics. GPA: 4.69/5.0; U.S GPA: 4.0/4.0; Rank: 2/26.	<i>Jan 2020 - Dec 2022</i> Bogotá, Colombia
Universidad Nacional de Colombia B.A. in Economics. GPA: 4.4/5.0; U.S GPA: 3.77/4.0; Rank: 2/68	<i>Aug 2014 - Nov 2019</i> Bogotá, Colombia
Universidad Nacional de Colombia B.A. in History. GPA: 4.7/5.0	<i>Jan 2018 - Present</i> Bogotá, Colombia
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam Academic Exchange (B.A in History)	<i>Jul 2023 - Jan 2024</i> Amsterdam, Netherlands

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Predoctoral Research Fellow - RPDE <i>Princeton University</i> PI: Dr. Micaela Sviastchi .	<i>Feb 2024 - Present</i> <i>Princeton, NJ</i>
Research Consultant <i>World Bank</i> Project: Unraveling the Domino Effect: The Impacts of Mass Migration at Origin. PI: Dr. Sandra Roza and Dr. Micaela Sviastchi .	<i>Feb 2023 - Jun 2024</i> <i>Bogotá, Colombia</i>
Researcher <i>Universidad Javeriana - Atlantic Council</i> Support survey design, enumerators training, and quantitative analysis PI: Dr. Juan Carlos Botero .	<i>Feb 2023 - Dec 2023</i> <i>Bogotá, Colombia</i>
Consultant Specialist - Quantitative Methods <i>Panagora Group - USAID-MEL Activity</i> Support survey design, train surveyors, perform field visits in Colombian Amazonian communities, data collection, cleaning, and analysis for a baseline evaluation. [Link]	<i>Mar 2022 - Feb 2023</i> <i>Bogotá, Colombia</i>
Predoctoral Research Fellow <i>Center of Studies on Economic Development (CEDE), Universidad de los Andes</i> Project: State as Society: Evidence from Colombian Paramilitarism. PI: Dr. Juan Sebastián Galán and Dr. James Robinson .	<i>Jul 2021 - Feb 2023</i> <i>Bogotá, Colombia</i>
Research Assistant <i>Universidad Javeriana - USAID</i>	<i>Jul 2021- Nov 2022</i> <i>Bogotá, Colombia</i>

Project: Inclusive Economic Growth for Sustainable Peace? PI: [Dr. Laura Bernal](#), [Dr. Tricia Olsen](#) and [Dr. Kelly Jones](#). [\[Link\]](#)

Research Assistant

Apr 2021-Jan 2022

Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis (CESTA), Stanford University

Project: Mapping Urban Change in Colombia: Violence and Resilience, 1970-2019. PI: [Dr. Zephyr Frank](#) and [Dr. Constanza Castro](#).

Research Assistant

Mar 2017-May 2021

Colombian Academy of Economics Sciences

Bogotá, Colombia

Assisted PI: [Dr. Edgar Reveiz](#), [Alcides Gómez](#) and [Dr. Francisco Thoumi](#).

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Jul 2017-Dec 2017

Faculty of Economics Science, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Bogotá, Colombia

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Jul 2017-Dec 2017

Observatory of Agricultural Policy, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Bogotá, Colombia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Universidad de los Andes

Jan 2023 - July 2023

T.A General Economic History. Lecturer: [Dr. Juan Sebastián Galán](#)

Universidad de los Andes

Jan 2021 - May 2021

T.A Market, Freedom, and Order. Lecturer: [Dr. Jimena Hurtado](#)

Universidad de los Andes

Jan 2020 - Dec 2020

T.A History of Economic Analysis. Lecturer: [Dr. Andrés Alvarez](#)

Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Jan 2019 - Jul 2019

T.A History of Economic Thought. Lecturer: [Dr. Hernando Matallana](#)

Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Jan 2016 - Aug 2017

T.A General Economic History. Lecturer: [Dr. Heraclio Bonilla Mayta](#)

RELEVANT COURSES

Real Analysis and Optimization (5/5)

Advanced Game Theory (Pass)

Big Data and Machine Learning (5/5)

Advanced Macroeconomics -DSGE - (4.61/5)

Advanced Econometrics (4.3/5)

Master Thesis (5/5)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Software: Proficient in Stata, Python, R, ArcGis, QGIS, LaTeX and MatLab

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish and English. French (B2)

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Colombian Academy of Economic Sciences	2023
Invitation to become member of the Young Colombian Academy of Economic Sciences	
Universidad Nacional de Colombia	2021, 2022
Honor Scholarship for highest GPA in History undergraduate program (GPA: 4.9/5.0).	
Universidad Nacional de Colombia	2020
Best Undergraduate Thesis in Economics Annual Prize.	
Universidad de los Andes	2020
Francisco Pizano de Brigard Full Scholarship for master studies in Economics.	
Ministry of National Education of Colombia	2018
Best results in National Exams in Economics and General Knowledge (SABER PRO) .	
Universidad Nacional de Colombia	2015, 2016, 2017, 2022, 2023, 2024
Scholarship for academic excellence and GPA performance in the Economics and History program.	

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

Colombian Academy of Economics Science	2023
Installation of the Colombian Young Academy of Economic Sciences (Bogotá, Colombia). Title of presentation: "Fragmentación social y corrupción en el departamento del Cauca".	
University of Denver	2023
A commentator at the Korbel Research Seminar and speaker in an academic workshop at the Daniels College of Business, University of Denver, funded by USAID and the National Academy of Sciences.	
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)	2022
XXIII version of The Latin American School of Latin American Development (Santiago, Chile).	
Critical Economic Society of Spain	2018
XVI Jornadas de Economía Crítica (León, Spain). Title of presentation: "De Karl Polanyi a la teoría de la Corrupción, Captura y Cooptación del Estado".	

WORKING PAPERS AND PUBLIC DATASETS

- Jones, K. W., Cabra-Ruiz, N., Correa Sánchez, N., Molina González, E., Vélez, M. A. (2024). Land Tenure Security and Forest Cover in the Colombian Amazon. *Frontiers in Forests and Global Change*, 7, 1487898. [\[Link\]](#)
- Cabra-Ruiz, N., Rozo, S. V., Sviatschi, M. M. (2024). Forced Displacement, the Perpetuation of Autocratic Leaders, and Development in Origin Countries (No. w33131). National Bureau of Economic Research. [\[Link\]](#)
- Cabra-Ruiz, N., Torres, S., Wills-Otero, L., Castilla-Gutiérrez, V. (2023). Una caracterización histórica de los partidos políticos de Colombia: 1958-2022 (A historical characterization of Colombian political parties: 1958-2022). Documento CEDE, (36). [\[Link\]](#) [\[Dataset\]](#)
- Cabra-Ruiz, N. (2023). El Baile Rojo: impacto de la violencia política sobre el comportamiento electoral, el caso de la Unión Patriótica (1984-2007) Documentos CEDE 20683, Universidad de los Andes, Facultad de Economía – CEDE. [\[Link\]](#)
- Bobadilla, S., Cabra, N. & Escobar, N. (2019). Café ¿alternativa para la sustitución de cultivos de uso ilícito? Econografos - Escuela de Economía 017286, Universidad Nacional de Colombia-FCE-CID. [\[Link\]](#)
- Cabra, N. (2019). Evaluación de la Misión Bogotá S.XXI en la cobertura de servicios públicos domésticos (1990-2017). Econografos – Facultad de Ciencias Económicas 017215. Universidad Nacional de Colombia. [\[Link\]](#)

Cabra, N., Escobar, N. & Herrera, A. (2019). Determinantes de la violencia homicida en Bogotá 2002-2010. Econografos Escuela de Economía 017223, Universidad Nacional de Colombia. [\[Link\]](#)

Cabra, N. (2019). La globalización como proceso sinérgico en la evolución del desarrollo humano y la educación. Econografos Escuela de Economía 017236, Universidad Nacional de Colombia. [\[Link\]](#)

Cabra, N. (2019). Los polos de desarrollo de François Perroux en el modelo de regionalización para Colombia (1969-1972), Econografos - Escuela de Economía 017392, Universidad Nacional de Colombia. [\[Link\]](#)

Cabra, N. (2019). Del papel a la sustitución de cultivos ilícitos: análisis de la implementación del punto 4 del Acuerdo de paz en el departamento del Cauca. Econografos - Escuela de Economía 017437, Universidad Nacional de Colombia. [\[Link\]](#)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Justice Fair Play Initiative: The Key to Improving Justice Delivery in Colombia. (2024). *Final Report for the Adrienne Arsht Latin American Center of Atlantic Council*. [\[Link\]](#)

Inclusive Economic Growth For Sustainable Peace? An evaluation of development mechanism and conservation efforts in post-conflict Colombia.(2023). *Final Project Report for the U.S National Academy of Science and United States Agency for International Development (USAID)*. [\[Link\]](#)

The baseline for a performance evaluation of the Amazon Alive activity in Colombia (2023). *Baseline Evaluation Report for USAID/Colombia Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Activity*. [\[Link\]](#)