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## EDUCATION

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<b>The University of Manchester</b>	<i>2019 - Present</i>
Ph.D. candidate in Economics (Graduation expected in 2025)	
<b>The University of Manchester</b>	<i>2019-2020</i>
MSc in Economics	
<b>The London School of Economics and Political Science</b>	<i>2015-2016</i>
MSc in Economic History	
<b>Universidad San Francisco de Quito</b>	<i>2009-2013</i>
B.A in Economics	

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Growth and development, Political Economy, Public Policy Evaluation, Economic History, Applied Econometrics.

## JOB MARKET PAPER

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*Property with different rights: The long-run effects of Ecuador's agrarian reform*

I study the long-run impacts of a policy that affected the quality of property rights in a developing country. I focus on a region in Ecuador that experienced land redistribution during the agrarian reforms of the 1960s and 1970s. In this region, one side was granted flexible property rights over crop choice, while the other was restricted to growing rice, the main annual crop, due to food security concerns. I use the 2000 agricultural census to examine the effects of these property rights regimes on crop productivity and credit markets. I use alternative data sets to study the effects on efficient land use and structural transformation. I find that areas that received flexible property rights are more productive in perennial crops. Moreover, this effect comes from outside Ecuadorian traditional crops such as bananas or cocoa, providing evidence that this type of reform fostered diversification. In addition, these zones show more efficient land use, and there is suggestive evidence of rapid structural transformation. In contrast, areas under the crop restriction policy continue to focus on rice production, even without a binding restriction in place, and do not show increased productivity for annual crops in general. These places are more likely to rely on informal credit markets, which I argue has created a novel mechanism influencing farmers' long-term decisions and contributing to a path dependency cycle. Within perennial crops, these areas lack diversification and are heavily specialized in banana production, which was the most common perennial crop before the reform. In an additional comparison, I use a region where the agrarian reform was not fully implemented. This allows me to contrast the outcomes of different types of reforms against a non-reform scenario.

## WORKING PAPERS

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*Populism and distributive politics* [Under review] [Link](#)

Populists may use past repression events to consolidate their core voters. Regions exposed to these events can gain more public sector jobs by voting for populists. I test this idea using the first election of former Ecuadorian

President Rafael Correa in 2006. This election is relevant as Correa was an unknown figure in politics who won with a new political party, without congressmen or local candidates. Between 2006 and 2010, the regime implemented aggressive changes in political institutions and rapid fiscal expansion. By exploiting differences in distances between repression episodes from 1984-1988 and local schools, and using this as an instrument for Correa's 2006 vote share, I find that the geographic allocation of bureaucrats in 2010 is explained by Correa's 2006 vote share. This result is relevant given the massive political changes occurring in the country during this period. I demonstrate that the instrument does not work through the previous election winner's vote share. Additionally, I document that central government transfers increased to municipalities with the largest vote share for Correa in 2006, indicating that this was indeed the distributive politics strategy followed during this period.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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*Can agrarian reform cause stunting?*

*What policies really reduce historical gender gaps in education? (With Daniel Baquero)*

*Concertaje and land reform (With Daniel Baquero and Alex Rivadeneira)*

## POLICY REPORTS

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*Apuntando Alto: Retos en la Lucha Contra la Desnutrición Crónica (World Bank).*

(With Nelson Gutiérrez, Claudia Rokx, Hugo Brousset and Tomás Ciuffardi).

*Gasto en desnutrición (CRISFE [Ecuadorian NGO]) (With Daniel Baquero).*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**University of Manchester**

Manchester, UK

*Department of Economics*

2021-

*Teaching Assistant*

Development economics (Undergraduate) 2023

Economics for public policy (Undergraduate) 2022 & 2023

Econometrics (Undergraduate) 2021-2022

**Commended prize for Excellence in Teaching Awards (2022)**

*Teaching Associate*

Economics for public policy (Undergraduate) 2024

Econometrics (data analysis labs) (Undergraduate) 2024-2025

Macroeconomics (I-IV) (Undergraduate) 2024-2025

**Universidad San Francisco de Quito**

Quito, Ecuador

*Department of Economics*

2017-2019

*Lecturer*

Introduction to Economics 2017-2019

Principles of Microeconomics for Business 2017-2019

Principles of Macroeconomics for Business 2017-2019

Applied Development Economics 2019

## NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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*Short term consultant*

2016-2018

World Bank office in Quito, Ecuador

*Short term temporary*

2014-2015

World Bank office in Quito, Ecuador

Intern in the macroeconomic forecast division  
Central Bank of Ecuador

2012

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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Nominated for USFQ alumni awards Universidad San Francisco de Quito	2023
Hallsworth Conference Fund (£19,410) with Nuno Palma and Guillaume Blanc University of Manchester	2022
Ph.D. Scholarship (tuition + stipend) Department of Economics, University of Manchester	2019-2024
World Bank innovation award Team member of the project "texting for nutrition"	2017
Chevening scholarship Scholarship to study MSc at the London School of Economics	2015
Polytechnic school scholarship USFQ Scholarship to study the master in applied mathematics at USFQ (Scholarship not taken)	2014
Deloitte scholarship Awarded to the top student in economics at USFQ in each cohort	2013

## SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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### 2024

Lancaster University, University of Manchester, Royal economic society annual conference (Belfast), Economic history society (Northumbria)

### 2023

Winter meeting of the econometric society, RIDGE (Medellín), Lewis lab Grad students workshop (Manchester), University of ManchesterX2, University of Liverpool

### 2022

University of Manchester, Applied young economists webinar (Monash/Warwick), ESPOL (Guayaquil), USFQ (Quito), University of Warwick, LACEA-LAMES

### 2020

University of Manchester

### 2018

USFQ (Quito)

### 2017

RIDGE (Uruguay), USFQ (Quito), ESPOL (Guayaquil)

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Co-organizer of the conference "Big counterfactuals in Macro-Political history". Manchester	2023
Organizer PhD students' seminars. Manchester	2022-2023
Co-organizer PhD Internal conference. Manchester	2022-2023

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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Stata, R, Matlab, QGIS, Latex, Microsoft Office

## LANGUAGES

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English (fluent), Spanish (Native), German (A2 level)

## REFERENCES

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- Nuno Palma. Professor. Department of Economics, University of Manchester  
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- Rachel Griffith. Professor. Department of Economics, University of Manchester  
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- Guillaume Blanc. Assistant Professor. Department of Economics, University of Manchester  
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- Samuel Pienknagura. Senior Economist. Research Department, International Monetary Fund  
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