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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* [Link](#)

There is a general consensus that agrarian reforms throughout Latin America have failed to achieve their objectives. In this paper, I argue that the reality is more nuanced: While agrarian reforms have not improved agricultural productivity across the region, they have produced some improvements at the local level. Looking specifically at Ecuador's agrarian reforms of the 1960s and 1970s, I find that the long-term impact depends heavily on the type of policy that was implemented. During the agrarian reform, farmers were granted different types of property rights to land. I identified a situation where neighboring regions were intervened by the public land transfers (PLT) legislation, allowing farmers to freely choose their crops, and the expropriation legislation, which required farmers to grow rice. I find that in the long run, PLT successfully increased productivity and the variety of perennial crops. On the other hand, regions subjected to expropriation continued to focus on rice production even after the restrictions were lifted, relying on informal credit markets. By comparing the two property rights regimes with a non-reform scenario, I find additional evidence that PLT promoted agricultural productivity.

## 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*

2012

Central Bank of Ecuador

## 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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