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Education

European University Institute

PhD in Political Science

Fiesole, IT

September 2023-

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

MA in Social Sciences. Grade: 9.4 out of 10. Ranked 1st

Madrid, ES

September 2021 – June 2023

Honors in Microeconomics, Statistics II, International Relations, Research in Progress, Topics in the Economic History of Institutions, Topics in Political Economy, The Political Economy of Democracy, Sociological Analysis II.

ESADE Law School

Double Bachelor in Law and Global Governance (Economics track). Ranked 5th

Barcelona, ES

ESADE Talent prize- Full Scholarship

Septemeber 2015- June 2020

Science Po

Specialization in Middle Eastern Studies.

Menton, FR

January 2020 – June 2020

Studies Abroad

Tufts University- International Relations and Public International Law

June 2018- Boston, US

Kings College- EU Law

June 2017- London, UK

IT Knowledge

STATA (Proficient), R (Proficient), QGIS (Proficient), Latex (Proficient), Python (Medium), JavaScript (Basic)

Languages

Spanish (Native), Catalan (Native), English (C2, TOEFL: 115), French (B2), Italian (B1), Chinese (B1)

Research Experience

European University Institute

Research Assistant

Fiesole, IT

October 2023 – May 2025

- Managing a team of researchers.
- Executing web scraping tasks.
- Programming statistical models in R.

Universidad Carlos III

Research Assistant

Madrid, ES

November 2022 – August 2023

- Managing a team of researchers
- Evaluating survey experiments
- Programming in JavaScript
- Publicizing and diffusion of results

Teaching Experience

University of Luzern

External Lecturer on Applied Causal Inference

Luzern, CH

November 2025 - December 2025

- Lectures on Applied Causal Inference (Master seminar 24 hours)
- Teaching inference methods and papers applying them, and the R code to each method.
- Managed the virtual student portal and evaluated assignments.

European University Institute

Fiesole, IT

Teaching Assistant in Game Theory

September 2024 – December 2024 / September 2025 – December 2025

- Delivered the practical classes in Game Theory.
- Delivered practical sessions on Basic Mathematics and Statistics.
- Managed the virtual student portal and evaluated assignments.

University of Sevilla

Fiesole, IT

Lecturer

February 2024

- Lecturer of the Environmental Migrations workshop.

Other Experience

Garrigues Law firm

Barcelona, ES

Trainee Lawyer

September 2019 – January 2020

September 2020 – March 2021

Quetzaltenango Courts

Quetzaltenango, GU

Legal Mediator

July 2018 – September 2018

Peer-reviewed articles and policy briefs

- Fernández, J. J., Orriols, L., Abril, P. (2025). Economic Vulnerability and Emotions toward Climate Change: A Case Study of Spain. *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 102537. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0272494425000209>
- Abril, P. (2022) Environmental fiscal reform in the MENA Region: The case of Egypt. Lessons and challenges. EuroMesco-Institute of the Mediterranean. (*Policy brief*)
- Abril, P. (2021) EU implementation of climate adaptation measures in Asia, lessons and proposals for imminent challenges. STEAR Think Tank (*Policy evaluation*)
- Abril, P. (2021) Climate change and women's rights. International legal recognition as a solution. UN Association in Spain ANUE. link: fuentedevida.anue.org/2021/07/27/el-cambima-los (*Policy brief*)
- Abril, P., Garrido, L., Ortiz, C., San Pedro, G. (2021) Policy Papers on the EU economy (Green Transition, Digitalisation, Taxation and Welfare Economy). Talento por el Futuro. (*Policy brief*)

Work in progress

- Abril, P. (2025) From Economic Voting to Environmental Backlash: The Mayan Train and Electoral Dynamics in Mexico.
- Abril, P; Dybesland, S; Tufur, D. (2025) When Oil met the Environment: Gender Attitudes and Environmental voting in Ecuador.
- Orriols, L., and Abril, P. (2025) Green Voting without a Green Party: Conjoint Experiments in Candidate Selection. Presented in the APSA Conference (2024).
- Abril, P. (2025) Why do they protest? The role of Indigenous population in the protection of the environment in Latin America.