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Interests Labor Economics · Microeconometrics · Matched employer-employee datasets · Inequality · Unobserved heterogeneity

Education **Nova School of Business and Economics** Lisbon, PT
PhD in Economics Aug 2020 – Current

Nova School of Business and Economics Lisbon, PT
MSc in Economics Sep 2017 – Jan 2019

Nova School of Business and Economics Lisbon, PT
BSc in Economics Sep 2014 – Jul 2017

University of Economics, Prague Prague, CZ
Exchange Program Sep 2016 – Jan 2017

Research **Working Papers**
R. Barrela, P. Deb, G. Li, C. Pizzinelli (2025) *The Labor Market Decisions of Older Workers in Ageing Economies: Evidence from Spain and the UK*. IMF Working Paper 2025/030
R. Barrela, E. Costa, and P. Portugal (2024). *On the Asymmetrical Sensitivity of the Distribution of Real Wages to Business Cycle Fluctuations*. IZA DP No. 16911
R. Barrela, P. Lopez-Garcia, and R. Setzer (2023). *Medium-term investment responses to activity shocks: the role of corporate debt*. Working Paper Series – No. 2751, European Central Bank.

Other Work
R. Barrela and C. Pizzinelli (2025). *Exploring the Determinants of Early Retirement in Spain*. IMF Selected Issues Papers, Issue 78/2025.
R. Barrela, V. Botelho, and P. Lopez-Garcia (2022). *Firm productivity dynamism in the euro area*. ECB Economic Bulletin, Issue 1/2022.
W. Modery et al. (2021). *Key factors behind productivity trends in EU countries*. Occasional Paper Series 268, European Central Bank.

Work Experience **International Monetary Fund** Jun 2024 – Sep 2024
Fund Internship Program. European Department, Spain Team.

Nova School of Business and Economics Sep 2018 – Current
Teaching Assistant – Labor Economics; Empirical Methods for Finance; Linear Algebra with Python; Data Analysis and Probabilities; Global Economics.

	European Central Bank , Research Analyst	Jul 2021 – Jul 2022
	Directorate General Economics – Supply Side, Labour Markets and Surveillance Division.	
	European Central Bank , Trainee	Aug 2019 – Aug 2020
	Directorate General Economics – Supply Side, Labour Markets and Surveillance Division.	
	Banco de Portugal , Summer Intern	Jul 2018 – Sep 2018
	Economics and Research Department	
Conferences	International Association for Applied Econometrics Conference 13th Edition	2025
	Organized by: International Association for Applied Econometrics University of Torino, Torino	
	Portuguese Around the World: Central Banking Edition, 2nd Edition	2023
	Organized by: Diana Bonfim, Miguel Faria e Castro, Nuno Paixão, André F. Silva Banco de Portugal, Lisbon	
	Collective Bargaining in the 21st Century	2023
	Organized by: Ana Rute Cardoso & David Card Academia das Ciências, Lisbon	
Summer Schools	Expectations and Learning in Dynamic Structural Models	2025
	Institution: The Econometric Society and University College London	
	New Developments in the Econometrics of Heterogeneous Workers and Firms	2023
	Course Instructor: Prof. Elena Manresa (NYU) Institution: CEMFI	
	Topics in Labor Economics, Migration, and Intergenerational Mobility	2023
	Course Instructor: Prof. Jan Stuhler (UC3M) Institution: ISEG Lisbon	
	Empirical Methods for Policy Evaluation	2023
	Course Instructor: Prof. Mónica Costa Dias (University of Bristol) Institution: ISEG Lisbon	
Honors and Scholarships	Portuguese Science and Technology Foundation PhD scholarship	2022
	Amélia de Mello Foundation Award (Best first-year PhD student)	2022
	Haddad Foundation PhD scholarship	2020
	Nova Fellowship for Excellence scholarship	2017

Skills

Computer Skills

Proficient in: Stata, Excel

Familiar with: Python, \LaTeX

Basic: R

Languages

Portuguese (Native), English (fluent)