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## **Biography**

Rubén Hernández-Murillo is a senior policy economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. He received a MA and a PhD in economics from the University of Rochester in 1998 and 2001, respectively, and a BA in economics from ITAM (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México) in 1995. His research interests include Public Finance, Public Economics, Real Estate Economics, Regional and Urban Economics, Industrial Organization, and Political Economy.

## **Education**

2001 PhD in Economics. University of Rochester.

1998 MA in Economics. University of Rochester.

1995 BA in Economics summa cum laude. ITAM (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México).

## **Appointments Held**

#### Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

2015–Present Senior policy economist.

## Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

2005–2015 Senior economist. 2000–2005 Economist.

#### Washington University in St. Louis

2013 (summer) Adjunct Lecturer. Olin Business School.

#### ITAM (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México)

2002 (spring) Visiting assistant professor. CIE (Centro de Investigación Económica).
1994–1995 Research assistant. CAIE (Centro de Investigación y Análisis Económico).

1994 Instructor: Introductory Microeconomics. 1992–1994 Teaching assistant. Department of Economics.

## **University of Rochester**

1999, 2000 Research assistant to professor Per Krusell. 1998, 1999 Instructor: Intermediate Microeconomics.

# **Areas of Interest**

Public Finance, Public Economics, Real Estate Economics, Regional and Urban Economics, Industrial Organization, and Political Economy.

# **Writings and Publications**

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