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## EDUCATION

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<b>Universitat de Girona</b> PhD, Economics Advisor: Sara Ayllón	2021-2025 (due)
<b>Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER), University of Essex</b> Visiting student Host: Birgitta Rabe	Spring 2025 (due)
<b>Universitat Oberta de Catalunya</b> M.Sc., Economic Analysis	2020-2021
<b>Universitat de Girona</b> B.Sc., Economics	2015-2020
<b>Universitat de Girona</b> B.Sc., Business Management and Administration	2015-2020

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Poverty, Inequality, Applied Microeconomics, Public Policy Evaluation, Labour Economics, and Public Economics

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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- Ayllón, S.; Brugarolas, P.; Lado, S. (2024). New estimates for inequality of opportunity in Europe using elastic net algorithms, *Applied Economics Letters*, forthcoming.
- Ayllón, S.; Holmarsdottir, H. B.; Lado, S. (2023). Digitally deprived children in Europe, *Child Indicators Research*, 16: 1315-1339.
- Ayllón, S.; Lado, S. (2022). Food hardship in the US during the pandemic: What can we learn from real-time data?, *Review of Income and Wealth*, 68(2): 518-540.

## CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

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- Ayllón, S.; Lado, S.; Symeonaki, M. (2024). Digitally disengaged and digitally unconfident children in Europe in *Understanding the everyday digital lives of children and young people*, ed. H. B. Holmarsdottir, I. Seland, C. Hyggen, M. Roth. Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 27-55 (chapter 2).
- Ayllón, S.; Brugarolas, P.; Lado, S. (2024). ICT use and children's self-reported life satisfaction in *Understanding the everyday digital lives of children and young people*, ed. H. B. Holmarsdottir, I. Seland, C. Hyggen, M. Roth. Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 239-279 (chapter 9).

## WORKING PAPERS

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- Ayllón, S.; Lado, S. (2025). More than just lunch: School-meal subsidies and language proficiency, IZA Discussion Paper no. 17631. (submitted)
- Ayllón, S.; Brugarolas, P.; Lado, S. (2023). The level of inequality of opportunity in Spain: an estimation using Artificial Intelligence, Instituto de Estudios Fiscales. Media coverage: [El Confidencial](#), [El Confidencial](#)

## REPORTS

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Ayllón, S.; Brugarolas, P.; Lado, S. (2022). La transmisión intergeneracional de la pobreza y la desigualdad de oportunidades en España, Ministerio de Derechos Sociales y Agenda 2030. [in Spanish]

Sánchez, C.; Marquès, P.; Lado, S.; Bikfalvi, A. (2022). Guia de bones pràctiques per a la igualtat de gènere a la indústria agroalimentària, Departament d'Acció Climàtica, Alimentació i Agenda Rural, Generalitat de Catalunya. [in Catalan]

Sánchez, C.; Marquès, P.; Lado, S.; Lloveras, N. (2021). La dona a la indústria alimentària a Catalunya, Departament d'Agricultura, Ramaderia, Pesca i Alimentació, Generalitat de Catalunya. [in Catalan]

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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The causal impact of school-meal programmes in developed economies: a meta-analysis (with Sara Ayllón).

Universal free school meals and work incentives: lessons from England.

Teleworking and childcare across Europe: Is there a childcare digital divide? (with Sara Ayllón, Pablo Brugarolas and Enza Simeone).

## PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

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2023-2025:	INEQOP. Inequality and opportunities: The role of food insecurity, education and pro-social preferences, Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation.
2022-2024:	Economic analysis of public policies, Grup de Recerca Reconeguts, AGAUR (2021SGR570).
2022-2024:	Subsidised school meals and child well-being, Social Research Call 2022 'La Caixa'.
2022-2023:	Inequality of opportunity in Spain: an estimation using Artificial Intelligence, Instituto de Estudios Fiscales.
2022:	Explotació descriptiva de dades sobre les accions finançades pel programa Temps per Cures, Institut Català d'avaluació de polítiques públiques (Ivàlua).
2022:	Transmisión intergeneracional de la pobreza, Dirección General de Diversidad Familiar y Servicios Sociales, Ministerio de Derechos Sociales y Agenda 2030.
2020-2023:	DigiGen. The impact of technological transformations on the digital generation, DT-TRANSFORMATIONS-07-2019, HORIZON 2020, European Commission.
2021:	Guia de bones pràctiques per a la igualtat de gènere a la indústria agroalimentària, Departament d'Acció Climàtica, Alimentació i Agenda Rural.
2020:	La dona a la indústria alimentària a Catalunya, Departament Agricultura, Ramaderia, Pesca i Alimentació, Generalitat de Catalunya.

## SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

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2025:	Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) Seminar Series (University of Essex) (scheduled), Institut Català d'Avaluació de Polítiques Públiques (Ivàlua)
2024:	Symposium of the Spanish Economic Association, PAPERSS Seminar Series (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid), Meta-Analysis of Economics Research Network Colloquium, 37th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics, 2 <sup>nd</sup> young AERNA day (attendance only), XXXI Meeting on Public Economics, AQR Lunch Seminar (Universitat de Barcelona), Equalitas Workshop, Lisbon Economics and Statistics of Education Conference.
2023:	VI Seminar for New Academic Researchers, Meta-Analysis of Economics Research Network Colloquium (attendance only), Third Catalan Economic Society Conference (attendance only), 3 <sup>rd</sup> Winter Workshop of the Catalan Economic Society (attendance only), Garantizar una Alimentación Saludable a la Infancia en la Unión Europea: Hacia un Mayor Compromiso en la Provisión de Comedores Escolares más allá de la Garantía Infantil Europea (attendance only), Workshop sobre Retos en Programas de Garantía de Ingresos (attendance only), XIII Workshop in Public Policy Design (attendance only).

2021: XXVIII Meeting on Public Economics, XXIII Applied Economics Meeting, V Conference of Pre-doctoral Researchers of the University of Girona, XIV Labour Economics Meeting, Symposium of the Spanish Economic Association.

#### OTHER PRESENTATIONS AND SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

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2024: Presentation in the second 'Subsidised school meals and child well-being' stakeholder meeting.

2023: Presentation of the project 'Subsidised school meals and child well-being' to the Advisory Board, Presentation of the project Transmisión intergeneracional de la pobreza y la desigualdad de oportunidades en España to the Ministerio de Derechos Sociales y Agenda 2030, Presentation of the project 'Subsidised school meals and child well-being' to the national stakeholders, Presentation of the project 'Transmisión intergeneracional de la pobreza' to the Red de Inclusión Social (RIS).

Attendance to the following scientific meetings of the 'DigiGen' project: Leicester (2022), Cluj-Napoca (2022), Brussels (2022), Girona (2021), Paderborn (online, 2021), Athens (online, 2020).

#### WORKSHOP, MEETINGS AND SEMINAR ORGANIZATION

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Organizer of the second 'Subsidised school meals and child well-being' stakeholder meeting, Barcelona, 2024.

Organizer of the 'VII Conference of 'Pre-doctoral Researchers', Universitat de Girona, 2024.

Organizer of the first 'Subsidised school meals and child well-being' stakeholder meeting, Barcelona, 2023.

Organizer of the scientific meeting of the 'DigiGen' project, Universitat de Girona, 2021.

#### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

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2024: Summer School: The economics of poverty and inequality: Global challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century (Universitat de Barcelona School of Economics).

2023: SAEe PhD School in Economics: Matched employer-employee data: Theory and applications (Universidad de Salamanca).  
10<sup>th</sup> Course and open seminar on compositional data analysis (Universitat de Girona).  
Summer School: Microeconometrics and policy evaluation – Modern estimation methods and machine learning (Paris School of Economics).  
Regression Discontinuity Design (Mixtape Sessions).

2022: Machine Learning and Causal Inference (Mixtape Sessions).  
Summer School: First steps in the elaboration of a dynamic microsimulation model (InGRID-2 project).

2021: Quantitative Methods for the Analysis and Evaluation of Public Policies with Stata (Universidad Internacional de Andalucía).  
Experimental Approach in Labor and Development Economics (XIV Labour Economics Meeting).  
Summer school: Reducing risk of poverty in the EU: Data and policies, Centre for European Policy Studies (InGRID-2 project).

2020: Winter school: Data for monitoring poverty and vulnerabilities in Europe, Centre for European Policy Studies (InGRID-2 project).

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Macroeconomics (UdG) (2023/2024), Applied Economics Instruments (I) (UdG) (2024/2025, 2023/2024, 2022/2023, 2021/2022), Markets and Behaviour (UOC) (2024/2025, 2023/2024, 2022/2023, 2021/2022), Topics of Applied Economics (UdG) (2023/2024, 2022/2023), International Economics (UdG) (2021/2022), Microeconomics (UOC) (2021/2022), Social Policies in the European Union (UdG) (2020/2021), Political Economy (UdG) (2020/2021).

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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<b>Universitat de Girona</b> Research fellow	2022-
<b>Universitat de Girona</b> Research assistant	2020-2022
<b>Universitat de Girona</b> Associate lecturer	2020-2022
<b>Universitat Oberta de Catalunya</b> Affiliated Teaching staff	2021-
<b>Universitat de Girona (Family Business Chair)</b> Research assistant	2020-2021
<b>Ajuntament de Quart</b> Councillor for Sports (2019-2020), Youth, and Communications	2019-2023
<b>Peixos Puignau</b> Accountant and clerical assistant	2019-2020

## GRANTS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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2024:	Mobility scholarship from the Universitat de Girona for a research visit to the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER), University of Essex. SAEe 2024 PhD student grant, Fundació Ramón Areces and the Spanish Economic Association. PDI Grant, Consell Social de la Universitat de Girona.
2022:	FPU Doctoral Scholarship, Ministerio de Universidades. FI SDUR Doctoral Scholarship, AGAUR.

## LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

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**Languages:** Spanish (native), Catalan (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Galician (beginner).

**Coding:** Stata, R, Python (basic knowledge), LaTeX, Tableau, Power BI.