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EDUCATION

September 2016 – April 2020	THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER PhD. In Human Geography Title: Playing Games with the South? Video Games Development in Chile. Advisors: Martin Hess (The University of Manchester) and Saskia Warren (The University of Manchester). Committee: Rory Horner (The University of Manchester), Yang Chun (Hong Kong Baptist University).	Manchester, UK
March 2012 – September 2013	HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY MSc. In Governance of Risks and Resources. Title: Global Production Networks and their impacts on the pulp and forestry industry in the Chilean Japanese relation. Advisors: Johannes Rehner, Michael Handke.	Santiago, Chile
March 2007 – July 2012	PONTIFICAL CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF CHILE FACULTY OF HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE Geography.	Santiago, Chile

JOB EXPERIENCE

March 2024 –	GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT – CONCEPCIÓN UNIVERSITY Associate Professor
March 2023 – March 2024	GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT – CONCEPCIÓN UNIVERSITY Assistant Professor
October 2022 – February 2023	GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES – THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO Project researcher at the project “Evolutionary Economic Geography on spatial-temporal characteristics of innovation systems.” Analysis of regional innovation performance and regional development of Japanese prefectures. Spatial statistics and article planning.
May 2020 – April 2022	INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY – PONTIFICAL CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF CHILE Postdoctoral Fellow project “Responsible innovation in the Norwegian salmon farming industry: Grand Societal Challenges, Dilemmas and Improvements.” Comparative analysis of innovation processes in the Chilean and Norwegian salmon industry. Joint project with the University of Stavanger (Norway), Western Norway University (Norway) and Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (Chile).
September 2015 – September 2016	CENTRE FOR URBAN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (CEDEUS) – PONTIFICAL CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF CHILE Research Assistant – Planning and policy research cluster.

- October 2015 – September 2016 **NORTH CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY – INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC POLICY**
 Research Assistant project “Building a Territorial Innovation System for Antofagasta Region”.
 Database management.
- October 2013 – October 2015 **NORTH CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY – INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC POLICY**
 Research Assistant project “Recommendations and actions for the promotion and diffusion of the use of non-conventional energy and the diversification of water resources in Antofagasta Region”.
 Database management.
- March 2012 – March 2014 **ANID – INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY, PONTIFICAL CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF CHILE**
 Research Assistant project FONDECYT N° 1120660 “Structures and trends in trade relations with Asia and its spatial effects in Chilean regions”.
 Database management.
 Indicators and statistical analysis.
- October 2012 – September 2013 **NORTH CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY – INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC POLICY**
 Research Assistant project FIC N° 30126480 “Regional Observatory for Sustainable Development, Antofagasta Region.”
 Database management.
 Calculation of Sustainability Indicators.
- January 2012 – March 2012 **UN-ECLAC – HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**
 Internship.
 Analysis of Green Economy Policies in Latin American Cities.
- 2011-2012 **UN-ECLAC – HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION / IEU-UC – IDUS – ITAS – UFZ**
 Assistant “ClimateAdaptationSantiago” (CAS PROJECT).
 Statistical analysis and database management.
- December 2010 – March 2011 **GEOGRAFIA PROYECTOS UC – INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY PONTIFICAL CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF CHILE**
 Project “Urban Bicycle Lanes in Santiago”.
 Database management – GIS Database.
 Cadasters coordinator.
- 2008 – 2010 **UN-ECLAC– HELMHOLTZ ASSOCIATION – GTZ INSTITUTE**
 Assistant “Regional Panorama Latin America. Megacities and Sustainability”.
 Database management.
 Statistical analysis.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2025 **National Research Grant Holder 2025 (Principal Researcher - 3 year) - FONDECYT Iniciación 2025 (106,000 \$USD) (N11250969).**
 The project titled “The geography of transformative innovations in Chilean salmon aquaculture: Analyzing the global periphery innovation potential to face grand societal challenges” seeks to inform public policy design for promoting transformative innovations in Chilean salmon aquaculture. The project was selected in the first position among 52 applications in Geography and Urbanism. Selection rate: 23.1%.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- 2015 Rehner, J., Baeza, S., Barton, J. (2015). A hombros de gigantes. Una geografía económica del comercio Chile-Asia. Geolibros. / English: *On giant's shoulders: An Economic Geography of Chile-Asia trade.*
- 2014 Baeza, S., Barton, J., Campero, C., León, S., Rodríguez, C., Solís, O. (2014) ¿Cuán Sustentable es la Región de Antofagasta? Indicadores y Tendencias para un desarrollo Regional Sustentable. Universidad Católica del Norte. English: *How sustainable is the Antofagasta Region? Indicators and trends for regional sustainable development.*

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2024 Von Brand, S., Baeza, S. & Zagal, J. (2024) Estrategias e impactos en la colaboración público-privada: videojuegos en Chile 2010-2022. In *Video Juegos en Iberoamérica*. Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona. English: *Strategies and impact of public-private collaboration: video games in Chile 2010-2022.*
- 2024 Baeza, S. & Von Brand, S. (2024) Chile. From the dependence on natural resources to the periphery of games production (in Spanish). In Ramírez & Navarrete, *Video Games in the Periphery. Cultural Practices from the margins of digital leisure*. University of Sevilla, Spain.
- 2020 Rehner, J. & Baeza, S. (2020). Innovación e investigación científica en Chile. In Borsdof, A et al. *Chile Cambiando. Revisitando la Geografía Regional de Wolfgang Weischet*. Serie Geo Libros. Santiago de Chile. English: *Innovation and scientific research in Chile.*
- 2016 Campero, C., Barton, J., Baeza, S. (2016) El despertar social frente a la “maldición institucional” en Cisneros, P (ed.), *Sociedad Civil y Política Minera en América Latina*. Ecuador: FLACSO. English: *Social awakening facing “institutional curse.”*

PEER REVIEW ARTICLES

- 2026 **Baeza-González, S.**, Kamakura, N., 2026. Concentration and co-localization dynamics of technological innovation: The Japanese case. *Applied Geography* 186, 103819. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apgeog.2025.103819>
- 2025 **Baeza-González, S.**, Kamakura, N., (2025). A methodological framework for tracing cluster life cycles: emerging hot spot analysis in evolutionary economic geography. *Evolutionary and Institutional Economics Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40844-025-00314-5>
- 2025 Ortiz, A. M. D., **Baeza-González, S.**, Jensen, M., Huaico-Malhue, A., Lavín-Oviedo, U., Celis-Diez, J. L. (2025) Telecoupled social-ecological systems: The case of avocado in Chile. *Global Sustainability*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/sus.2025.10011>
- 2024 Zenteno Hopp, J., **Baeza-González, S.** & Sjøtun, S.G.(2024) ‘Identifying multiple configurations in global innovation system (GIS): lessons from the salmon farming industry.’ *European Planning Studies* 33(2), 226-244 . <https://doi.org/10.1080/09654313.2024.2424904>
- 2023 **Baeza-González S** & Kamakura, N. (2023) Constraints and opportunities in mapping Japanese patent information. *Komaba Studies in Human Geography*, 24.
- 2023 Barton JR, **Baeza-González S**, Hopp JZ, et al. (2023) Neostructural innovation and directionality in Chilean salmon aquaculture. *Marine Policy* 150: 105518. DOI: 10.1016/j.marpol.2023.105518.
- 2023 Barton JR, **Baeza-González S**, Román Á (2023) Unravelling sustainable salmon aquaculture: an historical political ecology of a business responsibility discourse, 1970–2020. *Maritime Studies* 22(10).
- 2021 **Baeza-González, S.** (2021). Video games development in the periphery: cultural dependency? *Geografiska Annaler: Series B, Human Geography* 103 (1), 39–54. <https://doi.org/10.1080/04353684.2021.1894077>

- 2021 Baeza-González, S. (2021). Techno-dependencies in video games production: A Chilean case study. Geoforum, 121, 115–128. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2021.02.008>
- 2014 Rehner, J., Baeza, S., Barton, J. R. (2014). Chile's resource-based export boom and its outcomes: Regional specialization, export stability, and economic growth. Geoforum, 56, 35–45.

WORKING PAPERS

- 2017 Baeza, S. (2017) Industrias creativas en Japón: ¿Genera su aglomeración mayor valor agregado?. Documento de Trabajo en Estudios Asiáticos nº18, Serie Urbanización y Migración. Available at <http://estudiosasiaticos.uc.cl/>. English: *Creative industries in Japan. Does agglomeration add value?*.
- 2011 Baeza, S., Rehner, J. (2011): Vulnerabilidad Sanitaria y Contaminación del Agua en Manila/Filipinas. Documento de Trabajo en Estudios Asiáticos nº7, Serie Urbanización y Migración. Available at: http://www.uc.cl/icp/webcp/estudiosasiaticos/papers/doc_7.pdf. English: *Health vulnerability and water pollution in Manila, Philippines*.

CONFERENCE ARTICLES

- 2019 Baeza, S. (2019) Video Games Production Networks in the periphery: the Chilean case. Proceedings of the 2019 DiGRA International Conference: Game, Play, and the Emerging Ludo-Mix. Available at: <http://www.digra.org/digital-library/publications/video-games-production-networks-in-the-periphery-the-chilean-case/>
- 2014 Baeza, S., Rehner, J. (2014). Dinámica y estructura de la relación comercial Chile-Japón en el mercado de la celulosa y de producción de papel. Anales de la Sociedad Chilena de Ciencias Geográficas. English: *Dynamics and structure of Chilean-Japanese trade in Pulp and Paper industries*.
- 2013 Rehner, J., Baeza, S., Barton, J. (2014): Las dos caras de la moneda de cobre. Dinámica y especialización de la matriz exportadora de las regiones chilenas. Annales de la Sociedad Chilena de Ciencias Geográficas. English: *The two sides of the cooper coin: Dynamics and specialization exports of Chilean regions*.

PEER REVIEW ARTICLES - UNDER REVIEW

- Submitted 2026 Baeza-González, S. Kogler, D. Technology in global peripheral settings; Multinational corporations and the flow of knowledge. Area Development and Policy.
- Submitted 2025 Kamakura, N., Kojiro, S., Baeza-González, S. Vanishing Populations, Contested Futures: Regional Imagination and Policy Convergence in Japan's Aging Society. Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economies and Society.
- Submitted 2025 Baeza-González, S., Kamakura, N. Revisiting the Periphery Concept in the Geographies of Innovation and its Applicability to Technological Trajectories in “Green Transformation” Technologies. Journal of Economic Geography.
- Submitted 2025 Baeza-González S., Barton JR., Román Á. Uneven Geographies of Technological Change in Chilean Salmon Aquaculture. Geografiska Annaler: Series B, Human Geography.

CONFERENCES

2026	THE GEOGRAPHY OF INNOVATION CONFERENCE - GEOINNO	Budapest, Hungary
	Main author	
	Title: Unveiling the network core and periphery structures of technological development in salmon aquaculture	
2025	GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY	Worcester, USA
	Main author	
	Title: Does the periphery matter across technological trajectories? Examining different technologies in the Japanese case.	
2025	GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY	Worcester, USA
	Main author	
	Title: Engaged pluralism with diversity for the future of economic geography. Panel - Economic Geography at 100: Imagining EG futures, the next century.	
2025	JAPAN ASSOCIATION OF ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHERS BRANCH MEETING	Tokyo, Japan
	Main author	
	Title: Technological trajectories in core and periphery settings: comparing knowledge bases.	
2024	ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS – ANNUAL MEETING 2024	Honolulu, USA
	Main author	
	Title: Unequal geographies of technological change: the structural and relational dimensions of specialization in Chilean salmon farming.	
2022	CHILEAN SOCIETY OF REGIONAL STUDIES – SOCHER 2022	Antofagasta, Chile
	Co-author	
	Title: Putting the State back in: Neostructural innovation in the Chilean salmon industry.	
2019	DIGITAL GAMES RESEARCH ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE 2019	Kyoto, Japan
	Main author	
	Title: Video Games Production in the periphery: the Chilean case.	
2019	ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS – ANNUAL MEETING 2019	Washington DC, USA
	Main author	
	Title: Affective Labour and the business of making games: video games development in the periphery.	
2018	GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY	Cologne, Germany
	Main author	
	Title: Playing with the south: dependency in the video games software development in Chile.	

2017

RGS-IBG ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2017

London, UK

Main author

Title: Gaming with the south? Cultural economy and the global production networks of videogames in Chile.

2015

XXXVI NATIONAL CONGRESS AND XXI INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF GEOGRAPHY

Santiago, Chile

Main author

Title: The forestry complex in Araucania region and its relation with the urban economy – a lecture on sustainable development.

2014

CHILE-JAPAN ACADEMIC FORUM 2014 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

Tokyo, Japan

Main author

Title: The impact of woodchips: corporate territories and the benefits of trade between Chile and Japan in the forestry sector.

2014

CHILE-JAPAN ACADEMIC FORUM 2014 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

Tokyo, Japan

Main author

Title: The urban and regional challenges of mining in the world's driest desert: the Antofagasta case.

2013

50 NATIONAL CONGRESS OF JAPANESE SOCIETY OF LATIN AMERICA SOCIAL SCIENCE

Tokyo, Japan

Main author

Title: The Chilean wood, paper, and pulp industry – structures and linkages to Japan and global markets.

2013

XXXIV NATIONAL CONGRESS AND XIX INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF GEOGRAPHY

Chillán, Chile

Main author

Title: The effect of foreign trade with China PR in the domestic employment of Chilean regions. Analysis 1990-2010 and scenarios.

2013

XXXIV NATIONAL CONGRESS AND XIX INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF GEOGRAPHY

Chillán, Chile

Main author

Title: Dynamics and structure of Chile-Japan pulp and paper production: A regional approach.

2013

COLLOQUIUM IN GOVERNANCE OF RISKS AND RESOURCES

Santiago, Chile

Main author

Title: The impact of woodchips: unequal trade relationship with Japan in Southern Chile.

2013

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS – ANNUAL MEETING 2013

Los Angeles, USA

Second author

Title: Resource-based economies and booming Asia: regional impacts in export-driven Chile.

2012

XXXIII NATIONAL CONGRESS AND XVIII INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF GEOGRAPHY Arica, Chile

Main author

Title: The two sides of the copper coin: Dynamics and specialization exports of Chilean regions.

2011

XI GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS MEETING

Santiago, Chile

Main author

Title: Analysis of health vulnerability in Manila, Philippines and its relation to pollution levels in the river Pasig

2011

II ASIAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES MEETING

Santiago, Chile

Main author

Title: Water pollution and health vulnerability in Manila, Philippines; Challenges studying metropolitan areas in Asia.

AWARDS AND HONORS

AWARDS

2016	ANID PROGRAMME FOR ADVANCE HUMAN CAPITAL – CHILEAN GOVERNMENT Doctoral sponsorship.
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HONORS

2013	PONTIFICAL CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF CHILE Juan Mackenna Award.
2012	INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY, PONTIFICAL CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF CHILE Academic Excellence Award 2012. First place in the 2012 ranking.
2011	INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY, PONTIFICAL CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF CHILE Academic Excellence Award 2011. First place in the 2011 ranking.
2009	INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY, PONTIFICAL CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF CHILE Academic Excellence Award 2009. First place in the 2009 ranking.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

PARTICIPATION IN OTHER EVENTS

2024	SUMMER INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY (NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE) The Summer Institute in Economic Geography represents a unique approach to advanced training, mentoring, and professional development for early-career researchers entering the field of economic geography, broadly defined, oriented to the highest standards of international practice. Thirty candidates were selected among three hundred applications. https://www.econgeog.net/alumni
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ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

2014 –	Editorial board member in Atenea. Humanities and interdisciplinary social sciences journal indexed in Web of Science and SCOPUS https://revistas.udec.cl/index.php/atenea/about/editorialTeam
2023 – 2024	Faculty's Head of Research and International Affairs. Research promotion within the faculty, grant application support (workshops), and publication support. Overseeing international agreements between the faculty and foreign universities. International students' support in the faculty. Representative of the faculty on the university's Research Vice Chancellor's committee.

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANCY

2024	“Scoping research on invention patents and innovations by National Oil Companies”. 2024. Consultancy for Natural Resources Governance Institute (US). Reporting on the global state of patenting activity by National Oil Companies.
2023	“Innovation in collaboration management for territorial resilience”. 2023. Consultancy to the Santiago Metropolitan Regional Government (Chile). Reporting on spatial indicators and mapping spatial inequalities in the Santiago metropolitan area.

REFERENCES

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Nationality: Chile
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Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Advanced) and Japanese (Beginner).
Software: MS Office, R language (Advanced in spatial analysis), Python (Beginner).