

# Sergi Urzay-Gómez

## Contact Information

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## Current Position

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**Universitat Internacional de Catalunya**  
Lecturer / Assistant Professor

## Education

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- Ph.D. in Economics**, Universitat de Girona, Spain. Sept 2020–Jul 2024
- Thesis: “Essays on Political Economy”
  - Mention: Excellent Cum Laude
  - *Advisors:* Dr. Dolors Berga & Dr. Gemma Ubasart
- M.Sc. in Political Analysis**, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain. 2016–2018
- Thesis: “Institutional and economic determinants of corruption”
  - *Advisor:* Dr. Marc Guinjoan
- B.Sc. in Economics**, Universitat de Girona, Girona, Spain. 2012–2016
- Thesis: “Educational outcomes in Germany: Another way to divide Berlin?”
  - *Advisor:* Dr. Javier Valbuena

## Research

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### Publications

1. Urzay-Gómez, S. (2024). “Wage patterns in West Berlin: A Synthetic Control approach after the fall of the Wall” *Applied Economics Letters* (2024).

### Working Papers

1. Silva, J.I.; Okabe, T.; Urzay-Gómez, S. (2025). “Labor share and market power in European firms”. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=5120572>. *Submitted*.
2. Mauerer, I.; Puy, M.; Urzay-Gómez, S. (2024). “Explaining Preferences for EU Integration: Theory and Empirical Evidence”. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4812690>. *R&R in European Economic Review*
3. Urzay-Gómez, S. (2024a). “PIGS in Crisis: Euro Preference, Age, and Education” *Mimeo UdG*.
4. Urzay-Gómez, S. (2024b). “Wages at the Edge: Analysing EU 2004 Enlargement in Germany’s Border” *Mimeo UdG*.

## Teaching Experience

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### Lecturer, Bachelor level, Universitat Internacional de Catalunya

- **Macroeconomics I**
  - 2024-25: Taught in English (6 ECTS) and Catalan/Spanish (4,5 ECTS)
- **Macroeconomics II**
  - 2024-25: Taught in English (3 ECTS) and Catalan (3 ECTS)

### Part-Time Teaching, Master level, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

- **Economic areas: EU and the USA**
  - 2021-22: Taught in Catalan (2 ECTS) and Spanish (2 ECTS)
  - 2022-23: Taught in Catalan (2 ECTS) and Spanish (2 ECTS)
  - 2023-24: Taught in Catalan (2 ECTS) and Spanish (2 ECTS)
- **Economic areas: Asia and Latin America**
  - 2021-22: Taught in Catalan (2 ECTS) and Spanish (2 ECTS)
  - 2022-23: Taught in Catalan (2 ECTS) and Spanish (2 ECTS)
  - 2023-24: Taught in Catalan (2 ECTS) and Spanish (2 ECTS)

### Part-Time Teaching, Bachelor level, Universitat de Girona

- **Intermediate Microeconomics**
  - 2020-21: Taught in Catalan (6 ECTS)
  - 2021-22: Taught in Catalan (6 ECTS)
  - 2022-23: Taught in Catalan (6 ECTS)
  - 2023-24: Taught in Catalan (9 ECTS)
- **Spanish and World Economy**
  - 2020-21: Taught in Spanish (6 ECTS)
  - 2021-22: Taught in Spanish (6 ECTS)
  - 2022-23: Taught in English (6 ECTS)
  - 2023-24: Taught in English (6 ECTS)
- **Introduction to Economics**
  - 2017-18: Taught in Catalan (1 ECTS)
  - 2020-21: Taught in Catalan (3 ECTS)
  - 2023-24: Taught in Catalan (1 ECTS)
- **Applied Economic Tools**
  - 2020-21: Taught in Catalan (2 ECTS)

## Teaching Assistant, Master level, IBEI - Universitat Pompeu Fabra

- **Growth Models and Development Strategies**
  - 2023-24: Assisted in English (4 ECTS)
  - 2024-25: Assisted in English (4 ECTS)
- **Governance, National and Global Institutions**
  - 2024-25: Assisted in English (4 ECTS)

## Teaching Publications

1. Urzay-Gómez, S. (2023). El procés d'integració a Europa: la Unió Europea (1a. ed.) [recurs d'aprenentatge textual]. Fundació Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (FUOC). *In Catalan*.

## Participation in Research Projects

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1. “Welfare, allocation mechanisms and public policies”, Research project “PID2019-106642GB-I00” from the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities. Feb 2022–Feb 2024. Teamwork member. PI: Dolors Berga. Total budget: 21,417€.
2. Participant of the research group “Economic Analysis of Public Policies” (Reference: 2021 SGR 00570), recognized and financed by the Catalan Government, from 01/01/2022-12/31/2024 (40,000€). Responsible researcher: Àngels Xabadia; Number of participants: 10.

## Research Stays

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1. Universidad de Málaga, Málaga, Spain. March and May 2022. Research stay with Socorro Puy in the process of writing the joint paper.

## Conferences and Workshops

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### Presentations

1. REES (*Red Española de Elección Social*): “Personal Incentives vs. Institutional Trust: Evidence from the 2009 MEP Pay Harmonisation”, Madrid, 22-23 Nov 2024.
2. Third CESC (Catalan Economic Society Congress): “Individual determinants towards European Integration”, Barcelona, 2–3 Jun 2023.
3. REES (*Red Española de Elección Social*): “Individual determinants towards European Integration”, Barcelona, 25-26 Nov 2022.
4. REES (*Red Española de Elección Social*): “Clustering the EU through Euroscepticism”, Online (2021).

### Only Attendances

1. 4th Winter Workshop of the CES: Barcelona, Dec 2024
2. 7th Madrid Political Economy Workshop: Madrid, Sep 2024
3. 3rd Winter Workshop of the CES: Barcelona, Dec 2023
4. XIII Workshop in Public Policy Design: Girona, Jul 2023
5. 13th Conference on Economic Design: Girona, Jun 2023.

6. Workshop on Collective Decisions: Granada, May 2023.
7. Workshop on Mechanism Design and Welfare Economics: Málaga, Oct 2022.

## Research Transfer

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Government policy analysis through the project entitled “Arrelament” from the Generalitat de Catalunya.  
In collaboration with Jordi Rosell. 2023–2024

- Conducted in-depth analysis of the Arrelament policy, focusing on its economic impact on small towns through socioeconomic variables.

## Academic Service

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### Research Groups

Member of the Economic Analysis Research Group - (GRAE). Universitat de Girona  
Affiliated to the Catalan Economic Society

### Conference Organisation

Member of the Organizing Committee of the 13th Conference on Economic Design, Girona, June 2023.

### Advising and Mentoring

#### Undergraduate Thesis Supervision

*BSc in Economics*, Universitat de Girona

**2024:** Júlia Linares (Grade: Outstanding), Marina Juncà.

#### Master’s Thesis Supervision

*MSc in Economic Analysis*, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

**2025:** Simón Ruiz.

## Skills and Techniques

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Programming: R, Stata, LaTeX

Programs: Matlab, QGIS

Languages: Catalan (native), Spanish (native), English (B2), German (B2), French (B1)

## References

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#### Prof. Dr. Socorro Puy

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