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Current Position

Universitat Internacional de Catalunya
Lecturer / Assistant Professor

Education

- Ph.D. in Economics**, Universitat de Girona, Spain. 2020–2024
- 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

Publications

1. Mauerer, I.; Puy, M.; Urzay-Gómez, S. (2025). “Explaining Preferences for EU Integration: Theory and Empirical Evidence”. **Forthcoming in European Economic Review**.
2. 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*.

Work in Progress

1. Correa-Lopera, G.; Medina-Rodríguez, D.; Urzay-Gómez, S. (2025). “Personal Incentives vs. Institutional Trust: Evidence from the 2009 MEP Salary Harmonisation” *Mimeo*.
2. Urzay-Gómez, S. (2024a). “PIGS in Crisis: Euro Preference, Age, and Education” *Mimeo UdG*.
3. Urzay-Gómez, S. (2024b). “Wages at the Edge: Analysing EU 2004 Enlargement in Germany’s Border” *Mimeo UdG*.

Teaching Experience

Lecturer, Bachelor level, Universitat Internacional de Catalunya

- **Macroeconomics I:** 2024-25 (6 ECTS taught in English, 4.5 ECTS taught in Spanish).
- **Macroeconomics II:** 2024-25 (3 ECTS taught in English, 3 ECTS taught in Catalan).

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

- **Economic areas: EU and the USA:** 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 (4 ECTS, taught in Catalan and Spanish).
- **Economic areas: Asia and Latin America:** 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 (4 ECTS, taught in Catalan and Spanish).

Part-Time Teaching, Bachelor level, Universitat de Girona

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

Teaching Assistant, Master level, IBEI - Universitat Pompeu Fabra

- **Growth Models and Development Strategies:** 2023-24, 2024-25.
- **Governance, National and Global Institutions:** 2024-25.

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

1. “Welfare, allocation mechanisms and public policies”, Research project “PID2022-138003NB-I00” from the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities. Sep 2023–Aug 2026. Teamwork member. PI: Dolors Berga. Total budget: 46,750€.
2. “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€.
3. 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

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

Conferences, Workshops and Seminars

Presentations

1. UIC Research Seminar: “Personal Incentives vs. Institutional Trust: Evidence from the 2009 MEP Pay Harmonisation”, Barcelona, 12 Dec 2024.
2. REES (*Red Española de Elección Social*): “Personal Incentives vs. Institutional Trust: Evidence from the 2009 MEP Pay Harmonisation”, Madrid, 22-23 Nov 2024.
3. Third CESC (Catalan Economic Society Congress): “Individual determinants towards European Integration”, Barcelona, 2–3 Jun 2023.
4. REES (*Red Española de Elección Social*): “Individual determinants towards European Integration”, Barcelona, 25-26 Nov 2022.
5. REES (*Red Española de Elección Social*): “Clustering the EU through Euroscepticism”, Online (2021).

Only Attendances

1. 4th Winter Workshop of the Catalan Economic Society: Barcelona, Dec 2024
2. 7th Madrid Political Economy Workshop: Madrid, Sep 2024
3. 3rd Winter Workshop of the Catalan Economic Society: 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

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

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

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

Full Professor

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Universidad de Málaga

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