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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics

Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Primary Field: Political Economy

Secondary Fields: Public Economics, Law and Economics, Environmental Economics

Visiting: Paris School of Economics (Spring 2025)

2020 - 2026

Barcelona, Spain

B.Sc., M.Sc. in Economics and Data Science

ENSAE Paris

2015 - 2019

Paris, France

REFERENCES

Ruben Durante (Advisor)

National University of Singapore

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WORKING PAPERS

Insult Politics in the Age of Social Media, Job Market Paper

Short Abstract: Offensive rhetoric pays: toxic tweets by politicians boost engagement and electoral support, revealing incentives for incivility that deepen partisan polarization.

Experience, Narratives, and Climate Change Beliefs (with Milena Djourelouva, Ruben Durante and Eleonora Patacchini), **R&R** at the *Journal of the European Economic Association*

Short Abstract: Shared shocks do not generate shared beliefs: natural disasters heighten polarization about climate change by activating partisan narratives.

PUBLICATIONS

Media Slant and Public Policy Views (with Milena Djourelouva, Ruben Durante and Eleonora Patacchini). *AEA Papers and Proceedings*. May 2024.

Short Abstract: Exposure to partisan cable news systematically shifts citizens' policy preferences in the direction of each channel's slant.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Jury Composition and Sentencing Decisions (with Marie Beigelman)

Short Abstract: Exploiting quasi-random jury assignment in French criminal courts, we study how laypeople's social identities affect high-stakes judicial decisions.

Media Bias of Conflict (with Ricardo Baeza-Yates, Marta Reynal-Querol and Federico Scabbia)

Short Abstract: Using LLM-based analysis of 10 million news articles, we map the anatomy of global conflict coverage, examining how ties between countries drive coverage biases, and how such biases influence downstream economic outcomes.

PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS

[The road to recovery: The role of poverty in the exposure, vulnerability and resilience to floods in Accra](#) (with A. Erman, R. Goyal, A. Asare, S. Takamatsu, X. Chen, S. Malgioglio, A. Skinner, N. Yoshida and S. Hallegatte). *Economics of Disasters and Climate Change*. February 2020.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2025 Environmental Populism Conference (LSE), IEB Political Economy Workshop (UB),
MPWZ Text-as-Data Workshop, Catalan Economic Society Congress,
Digital Economy Workshop (DIW Berlin), Doctoral Workshop in Digital Economics (TSE)
- 2024 CEPR Paris Symposium, Australian Young Economist Webinar Political Economy Workshop
- 2023 Spanish Economic Association Simposio

Organizer: UPF Applied Student Seminar (2022-2024), BSE Jamboree (2023)

REFeree ACTIVITIES

Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Economic Geography

AWARDS & GRANTS

FPI Scholarship, Spanish Ministry of Education	2022-2026
Severo Ochoa BSE-UPF Ph.D. Track Fellowship	2021
Full Tuition Waiver, Barcelona GSE M.Sc. Economics	2020

TEACHING

Graduate courses at Barcelona School of Economics

- 2024 Masters Thesis supervision (Data Science Decision Making Masters);
Masters Thesis supervision (Competition and Market Regulation Masters)
- 2023 Masters Thesis supervision (Data Science Decision Making Masters);
Masters Thesis supervision (Competition Masters & Energy and Climate Change Masters)
- 2022 Statistical Modeling & Inference (Data Science Methodology Masters);
Masters Thesis supervision (Data Science Decision Making Masters);
Masters Thesis supervision (Competition and Market Regulation Masters)

PRE-DOCTORAL EXPERIENCE

Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Pre-doctoral research assistant for Ruben Durante

2019 - 2020

Barcelona, Spain

Banque de France

Data scientist

2018 - 2019

Paris, France

Universidad del Rosario

Research assistant for Jorge Gallego

Spring 2018

Bogotá, Colombia

The World Bank

Short-term consultant

2017 - 2018

Washington D.C., USA

ENSAE-CREST

Research assistant for Sander Wagner

Summer 2017

Palaiseau, France

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Code & software

Python, Stata, R, QGIS

Languages

English (native), French (native), Spanish (fluent), Catalan (beginner)