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Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (fluent)

CURRENT POSITION

Senior Research Fellow, University College Dublin, School of Politics and International Relations

ERC-funded [Democracy Challenged Project](#) (2024–Present)

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Political Economy, Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Migration, Inequality, Public Policy

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Analysis and Economic Policy

2014 – 2020

Paris School of Economics. Advisor: Flore Gubert

Dissertation: "Information and data manipulation in political economy and household contexts."

Jury: Julia Cage (Sciences Po), Elise Huillery (Paris Dauphine), Juan Vargas (U. Rosario), Leopoldo Fergusson (U. de los Andes)

Colombian Government Five-Year Scholarship for Foreign Studies

M.Sc. in Public Policy and Development (PPD)

2012 – 2014

Paris School of Economics. Funded by l'Agence Nationale de la Recherche

M.A. in Economic Development and Growth

2010 – 2011

Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, Spain

B.A. in Business

2003 – 2008

Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Full scholarship

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Senior ERC Fellow — Democracy Challenged Project

2024 – Present

UCD School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin

Postdoctoral Research / Lecturer Fellow

2022 – 2024

CY Cergy Paris Université, CNRS – THEMA

Lecturer

2021 – 2022

Sorbonne University, Paris

Junior Research Economist

2019 – 2020

Centre d'Études Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales (CEPII), Paris

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- [1] *“Texting Parents about Early Child Development: Behavioral Changes and Unintended Social Effects”* **Journal of Development Economics**, **183**. 2026. (With Karen Macours, Patrick Premand, Renos Vakis)
- [2] *“Capital vs. Labor: the Effect of Income Sources on Attitudes Towards the Top 1 Percent”* **European Journal of Political Economy**, Vol. **88**, June 2025. (With Emmanuel Chavez)
- [3] *“Native attitudes toward first- and second-generation immigrants”* **Migration Studies**, **1–36**, Oxford, 2024. (With Isabelle Bensidoun and Anthony Edo)
- [4] *“Facts, alternative facts, and fact-checking in times of post-truth politics”* **Journal of Public Economics**, Vol. **182**, February 2020. (With Sergei Guriev, Emeric Henry, Ekaterina Zhuravskaya)
- [5] *“Social inequalities, identity and political structure in Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Mexico and Peru, 1952–2019”* **In Political Cleavages and Social Inequalities, 1948–2020 (Gethin, Martínez-Toledano, Piketty)**. Harvard University Press, 2021. (With Clara Martínez-Toledano, Ana C. Leiva)

WORKING PAPERS

- [6] *“Political influence on homicide reports under civil conflict: Evidence from Colombia”* — To be submitted
- [7] *“Confirmation Bias and Asymmetric Political Polarization: Evidence from a Media Experiment in Germany”* (With Laura Pavlova, Li-Yang) — Grant 40K, ZEW – Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research
- [8] *“Winner-Takes-All: Corporate Tax Avoidance, Market Power, and Wealth Concentration in Advanced Capitalist Democracies”* (With Rafael Quintero Godínez, Aidan Regan, Linus Zechlin)

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow — World Inequality Lab Paris School of Economics	2019 – Present
Reviewer — Elsevier Journal of Development Economics and Economic Letters	2021 – 2022
Consultant — OECD Diasporas and migration flows between Senegal, Mali, and Ivory Coast	2020 – 2021
Field Coordinator — World Bank / Paris School of Economics Randomized Controlled Trial: data collection in Nicaragua, Washington D.C., and Managua	2015 – 2017
Research Assistant — DIAL / IRD Développement, Institutions et Mondialisation, Institut de Recherche et Développement, Paris	2013 – 2016

ACADEMIC VISITS

Freie Universität Berlin Fellow research visitor, COMECON	Fall 2021
Universidad de San Martín, Argentina Ecos Sud / Université Paris 13. Project: Crowdfunding potential in developing countries	Fall 2018 / 2019

SELECTED CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

2026 (Scheduled)

- 122nd APSA Annual Meeting — American Political Science Association, *Boston, MA, USA*
- 38th Annual SASE Conference — Sciences Po Bordeaux, *Bordeaux, France*
- Council for European Studies Conference — University College Dublin, *Dublin, Ireland*
- World Inequality Conference — Paris School of Economics, *Paris, France*
- Webinar Economía — Universidad del Rosario, *Bogotá, Colombia*
- Geary Institute for Public Policy Seminar Series — University College Dublin, *Dublin, Ireland*
- World Inequality Lab Seminar — Paris School of Economics, *Paris, France*

2025

- Lunch Seminar, Dept. of Economics, History and Society (DEHES) — University of Geneva (UNIGE), *Geneva, Switzerland*
- 12th Annual Mannheim Taxation Conference — Leibniz Science Campus Mannheim Taxation, *Mannheim, Germany*
- Mannheim Taxation on Campus Meeting — ZEW – Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research, *Mannheim, Germany*
- Public Econ Seminar — ZEW – Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research, *Mannheim, Germany*
- 11th Conference of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality — World Bank Group & George Washington University, *Washington DC, USA*
- SPIRe Research Seminar Series — School of Politics & International Relations, UCD, *Dublin, Ireland*
- Behavioural Science and Policy Group Seminar — BSP, University College Dublin, *Dublin, Ireland*

2024

- Public Econ Seminar — ZEW – Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research, *Mannheim, Germany*
- Behavioural Science and Policy Group Seminar — BSP, University College Dublin, *Dublin, Ireland*
- In_equality Conference 2024 — University of Konstanz, *Konstanz, Germany*

2023

- Workshop on Unveiling Wealth and Income Inequalities — German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), *Berlin, Germany*
- Seminar THEMA — Théorie Économique, Modélisation et Applications, Université Cergy, *Cergy-Pontoise, France*
- DIAL Seminar — Université Paris Dauphine, *Paris, France*
- ENS Applied Seminar — École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, *Lyon, France*

2022

- Research Seminar — Centre d'Études et de Recherches sur le Développement International (CERDI)
- Seminario CID — Centro de Investigación para el Desarrollo, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

2021

- Virtual Inequality Brownbag (VIB) Series — CID (Michigan), PSE, LSE, WZB, U. Amsterdam, EUI

2020

- Workshop Immigration in OECD Countries — 10th Annual International Conference

2019

- Journée d'étude Immigrés et Minorités — INED, *Paris, France*
- VIII NCID Research Workshop on Development Economics — Universidad de Navarra, *Madrid, Spain*

2018

- 14th HiCN Annual Workshop — IDS-EAFIT, *Medellín, Colombia*
- Seminario CEDE — Universidad de los Andes, *Bogotá, Colombia*
- Seminario Interuniversitario Desarrollo Productivo Argentino (SIDPA) — Universidad de Buenos Aires, *Argentina*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Macroeconomics / Microeconomics Cergy University, Paris, France (Undergraduate, in French)	2022 – 2023
Applied Economics Sorbonne University, Paris, France (Undergraduate, in French)	2021 – 2022
Quantitative Methods and Economics IHEAL, Université Paris 3. Master in Latin American Studies (Graduate, in French)	2020 – 2022
Macroeconomics / Microeconomics Paris Saclay, France (Undergraduate, in French)	2018 – 2019
Statistics (Basic and Intermediate) Sciences Po, Le Havre, France (Undergraduate, in English)	2018
Tutor, Master PPD Paris School of Economics, Paris (Graduate, in English)	2017

REFERENCES

Aidan Regan — Professor of Political Economy, School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin.
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Thomas Piketty — Chaired Professor, Paris School of Economics, EHESS. piketty@psemail.eu

Oliver Vanden Eynde — Chaired Professor, Paris School of Economics, Senior Researcher CNRS.
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