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EDUCATION

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

PhD in Economics

2020–2026

MRes in Economic Analysis

2018–2020

Cambridge University

Visiting PhD Student

Spring 2025

Universidad Carlos III

MRes in Economics

2017–2018

Universidad de Oviedo

Bachelor in Economics

2013–2017

University of Southern Denmark

Exchange Semester

Fall 2017

WORKING PAPERS

The Impact of Political Campaigns on the Demand for Partisan News

I study how electoral campaigns affect the market for partisan news in Spain. Combining machine learning and large language models with high-frequency audience data, I estimate a structural model of news demand and supply. During campaigns, demand becomes more polarized and outlets respond by specializing; counterfactuals show that proportional-airtime regulation can increase partisan slant.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Breaking the Echo Chamber: Nonviolent Protest and Police Violence on Twitter

with Hannes Mueller, Daniel Montolio, and Francesco Slataper

Online and Offline Protest Participation

Media Entry and Political Slant

with Manuel Leonart

SELECTED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

Econometric Society Asian Meeting (Hong Kong); Workshop on Industrial and Public Economics (Reus); Computational Social Science Seminars, Barcelona Supercomputing Center; European Network for Training in Economic Research (Stockholm and Brussels); Tilburg School of Economics and Management Applied Seminar; BSE Jamboree; Monash–Warwick–Zurich Text-as-Data Workshop; University of Cambridge Political Economy Seminar; Paris School of Economics Workshop in Networks and Political Economy; Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teacher Assistant

Introduction to Text Mining and Natural Language Processing

2020–Currently

- Data Science for Decision Making Program, Barcelona School of Economics

Python Brush-up

2023

- Data Science for Decision Making Program, Barcelona School of Economics

Econometrics I

2021–2023

- IDEA PhD. program, UAB

Microeconomics I

2024

- IDEA PhD. program, UAB

Master Thesis Supervision

2021–2022

- Economics of Public Policy Program, Barcelona School of Economics

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

conflictfcast.org	2020–2021
• Database management, text downloading, text analysis, forecasting and project communication.	
Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica	Currently
• Data analysis.	

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Researcher, Universitat de Barcelona	2026–Present
Assistant to the Editor, Focus (BSE)	2020–2021
• Communication of academic works.	
Replicator, Econometrics Journal & Economic Journal	2020–2021
• Part of the replication team under Prof. Joan Lull, data editor.	

GRANTS AND HONORS

Best Paper Award, Econometric Society Asian Meeting (AMES)	2026
Best Paper Award, Workshop on Industrial and Public Economics (WIPE)	2026
Pre-doctoral contract (FPI Ref. PRE2021-099556, CSIC)	Since 2022
Severo Ochoa BSE Fellowship	Spring 2022

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Co-organizer, Computational Social Science Seminars Barcelona Supercomputing Center	2024–Present
Co-organizer, UAB Mentor Program	2022, 2023

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native — **English:** Fluent — **Catalan:** Fluent

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Languages: Python (advanced), Stata (advanced), MATLAB (intermediate)
Technologies: Git, Google Cloud Services