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Current Position

July 2024– **Associate Professor of Economics (Tenured)**, Department of Economics,
Vienna University of Economics and Business

September 2019-June 2024 **Assistant Professor of Economics (Tenure-Track)**, Department of Economics,
Vienna University of Economics and Business

Previous Academic Positions

April 2017-August 2019 **Post-Doctoral Researcher**, Centre on Migration, Policy and Society
(COMPAS) University of Oxford

January 2017-April 2017 **Teaching Associate**, Queen Mary University of London,
October 2016-January 2017 **Teaching Fellow**, SOAS, University of London

June 2014-June 2016 **Research Assistant**, at the Centre for Economic Performance
London School Of Economics (LSE)

May 2013-May 2014 **Research Assistant**, Queen Mary University of London

September 2008-September 2009 **Research Assistant**, Department of Economics,
Universidad Loyola, Andalucía (previously ETEA)

Education

September 2013-November 2017 PhD, Queen Mary, University of London

September 2011- September 2012 Graduate Studies in Economics,
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

September 2009- September 2011 M.A. in Economic Analysis, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

September 2003- June 2008 B.A. in Business Administration, Universidad Loyola, Andalucía
(previously ETEA), Summa Cum Laude (with Distinction)

Visiting and Research Positions (including scheduled)

September 2026 -July 2027 at Harvard	WAPPP Research Fellow with the Women and Public Policy Program Kennedy School (HKS) Program, Harvard Kennedy School
April-July 2026	Visiting Scholar in Economics , Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
March 2026	Visiting Scholar in Economics , CSIC
February 2025	Visiting Scholar in Economics , Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
July-October 2024	Visiting Scholar in Economics , Brown University
February-March 2024	Visiting Scholar in Economics , Brown University
July 2023	ECONtribute Research Fellow , University of Cologne
January 2023-June 2023	Visiting Scholar in Economics , Brown University
February 2020-present	Contributing Scholar , The Center for Growth and Opportunity
September 2019-present	Research Affiliate , Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS) University of Oxford
September 2019-present	Research Fellow , Global Labor Organization (GLO)
February 2019-present	Research Fellow , IZA- Institute of Labor Economics
February 2019-February 2025	Research Affiliate , IZA- Institute of Labor Economics
January 2016-April 2016	Visiting Student , Department of Economics, San Diego State University

Research Fields

Applied Economics with focus on d Labor and Gender

Research

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

High-speed Internet and the Widening Gender Gap in Adolescent Mental Health: Evidence from Hospital Records, with Daniel Fernandez-Kranz and Natalia Nollenberger, **Journal of Health Economics**, 2025

– Media Covered in [Brookings](#), [VoxEU](#)

Immigration Policies, Backlash, and School Bullying, with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes, **AEA Papers and Proceedings**, 2024, 114: 540–545

Police Trust and Domestic Violence: Evidence from VAWA Self-Petitions, with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes, **Journal of Economic Geographic**, Volume 22, Issue 2, March 2022, Pages 395–422

– Media Covered in [Brookings](#), [Real Clear Markets](#) [The Washington Post](#), [Border Criminologies](#)

U.S. Immigration Policy and Immigrant Fertility, with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes, **Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization**, Volume 189, September 2021, Pages 274-297

Immigration Enforcement and the Hiring of Low Skilled Labor, with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes and Bernhard Schmidpeter, **American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings**, Vol.111, May 2021

Intimate Partner Violence under Forced Coexistence and Economic Stress: Evidence from the COVID-19 Pandemic, with Daniel Fernandez Kranz and Natalia Nollenberger, **Journal of Public Economics**, Volume 194, February 2021, 104350 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2020.104350>

– Media Covered in [Nada es Gratis](#)

Is Immigration Enforcement Shaping Immigrant Marriage Patterns?, with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes and Chunbei Wang, **Journal of Public Economics**, vol.190, October 2020.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2020.104242>

Labor Market Impacts of Granting Access to Driving Licenses to Undocumented Immigrants, with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes and Almudena Sevilla, **Labour Economics** vol.63, 2020.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2020.101805>

Immigration Enforcement and Children’s Living Arrangements, with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes. **Journal of Policy Analysis and Management**, vol. 38, No. 1, 11-40 (2019).
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/pam.22106>

Split Families and the Future of Children: Immigration Enforcement and Foster Care Placements, with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes. **American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings**, vol.108, May 2018. pp.368-72. DOI: [10.1257/pandp.20181104](https://doi.org/10.1257/pandp.20181104)

– Media Covered in [Honolulu Star-Advertiser](#)

Interior Immigration Enforcement and Childhood Poverty in the United States, with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes and Almudena Sevilla. **Journal of Public Economics**, Vol. 158, February 2018, Pages 63-78.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2017.12.004>

A macro-economic model to forecast remittances based on Monte-Carlo simulation and artificial intelligence, with Carlos García-Alonso and Gabriel Pérez-Alcalá **Expert Systems with Applications** Volume 39, Issue 9, Pages 7929-7937, 2012. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eswa.2012.01.108>

Chapters in Refereed Books

Immigration Policies and School Bullying, with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes, 2026, Book Chapter in *Migration, Human Capital and the Labor Market*, 53B, Benjamin Elsner, Solomon W. Polachek

Understanding the Consequences of Heightened Immigration Enforcement. with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes, *In The Human and Economic Implications of Twenty-First Century Immigration Policy*, Susan Pozo, ed. Kalamazoo, MI: W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, pp. 107-140.

On the Piecemeal Approach to Immigration Enforcement: Evidence from the United States, with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes. *Refugees and Economic Migrants: Facts, policies and challenges* edited by Francesco Fasani, Queens Mary University of London, CEPR Press, October 2016. Available online at: <http://voxeu.org/content/refugees-and-economic-migrants-facts-policies-and-challenges>

Opening Labor Markets to Immigrants: Impact on Firms and Workers *Immigration and Labor Markets* edited by Raquel Carrasco, *forthcoming, Funcas*

Working Papers

Spillover Effects of Immigration Policies on Children’s Human Capital with Bernhard Schmidpeter, (R&R JHR)

– Media Covered in [Border Criminologies](#)

Low-Wage Jobs, Foreign-Born Workers, and Firm Performance, with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes, Parag Mahajan and Bernhard Schmidpeter, (*R&R JHR*)

– Cite by [CRS report](#)

The Impact of Non-Mandatory Police Reporting on Domestic Violence

Empowered Mothers, Empowered Generations: The Impact of Women's Economics, with Elisabeth Wurm

Demand for Green Skills in an Evolving Landscape, with Friederike Mengel, Bernhard Schmidpeter and Michel Serafinelli

The Queen of Inventions: How Home Technology Shaped Women's Work and Children's Futures

Research in Progress

Voter Gender and Support for Female Candidates: Evidence from Administrative Data in Ecuador, with Brian Knight, Luis Martinez and Ana María Tribín

The Hidden Workforce: Making Women's Work Visible, with Chen Lin

Shaping Policy Without the Vote: Women's Clubs and the Rise of American Kindergartens, with Francesco Ferlenga

Does Female Leadership Change Firms? Evidence from CEO Gender Transitions with Bernhard Schmidpeter

Worker Level Impact of Immigration, with Bernhard Schmidpeter and Parag Mahajan

Climate Change and the Local Labour Market, with Michel Serafinelli and Bernhard Schmidpeter

Others Publications

Immigration and Unemployment Benefits: Evidence from Germany, with Osea Giuntella and Carlos Vargas-Silva, July 2019, REMINDER-project

Minimum Wages, Earnings and Mobility in the EU, with Cinzia Rienzo and Carlos Vargas-Silva, September 2019, REMINDER-project

Large Scale Knowledge-Based Simulation Models: An Approximation to the North-South Remittances Model. With Carlos García Alonso and Gabriel Pérez Alcalá. *Proceeding of the 2009 Winter Simulation Conference* M. D. Rossetti, R. R. Hill, B. Johansson, A. Dunkin and R. G. Ingalls, eds. 3077-3087, 2009

Fellowships, Scholarships and Honours

7th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting on Economic Sciences,

Early Career Research grant program, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, March 2018

Royal Economic Society Conference Grant, 2016

Best poster award at the PAA meetings, Washington, 2016.

Royal Economic Society Easter Training School Grant, April 2016

Queen Mary Postgraduate Research Fund Award, November 2015

Queen Mary Principal's research studentship, October 2013-September 2016

Graduate Program Scholarship, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, 2009-2012

Summa cum laude, B.A. in Business Administration, awarded by Universidad de Córdoba, 2008

Prize to the Best Student obtaining the degree in Economics/Business Administration in the Andalusia Community, awarded by Andalusia Government 2008

Prize to the Excellence Academic Achievement, awarded by Universidad de Córdoba, (ETEA), 2003-2008

Grants

REMINDER: Horizon 2020-Researcher, 2017-2019 (PI: Carlos Vargas-Silva), Funder: European Commission, *Researcher*

MIGNEX: Horizon 2020-Researcher, 2018-2023 (PI:Jorgen Carling). Funder: European Commission, *Researcher*

John Fell Fund, 2018-2020, Funder: University of Oxford, *Co-PI*

WU-Project,WWTF, 2021-2022, 18.000 €, *PI*

WU-Research Visit Grant,2022, 10.000 €

WU-Project,WWTF, 2023-2024, 17.267,41 €, *PI*

WU-Project,WWTF, 2025-2026, 20.000 €, *PI*

WU-Project,WWTF, 2026-2027, 25.000 €, *PI*

WU-Project,WWTF, 2026-2027, 20.000 €, *co-PI*

Seminar and Conference Presentations (including scheduled)

2026: Keynote Speaker: "Understanding Voluntary and Forced Migration" University of Lille, LEM

Seminars: UC3M, University of Innsbruck, TU Wien

Conferences: Annual Conference Economic History Society, COSME 2026, Barcelona Summer Forum 2026, EALE 2026

2025: Seminars: UC3M, IAE-CSIC

Conferences: Reunión del Grupo de Trabajo de Migraciones del Consejo Asesor de Asuntos Económicos, Ministerio de Economía, Comercio y Empresa, 'Women & Entrepreneurship', UCL

2024: Seminars: UCLouvain, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, ETH Zurich, University of Passau, The City University of New York (CUNY)

Conferences:The role of firms in the labour market, 3th Workshop on Public Policies, BSE Summer Forum 2024, NBER SI Labor Studies, Workshop on Migration and Culture, University of Copenhagen

2023: Seminars: Brown University, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University, University of Cologne, TU Dresden

Conferences: NBER Spring 2023 Immigrants and the U.S. Economy Conference, Workshop on the Economics of Crime for Junior Scholars, , Washington Area Labor Economics Symposium, European Economic Association Conference, Immigration in OECD Countries Conference.

2022: Seminars: University Pablo Olavide, Sevilla, IE University, St. Andrews, LMU Munich, Central European University (CEU), Ifo Institute, Royal Holloway University of London

Conferences: ASSA Meetings-CSWEP Session, APPAM 2022, SOLE 2022, REHO 2022, 3rd EBRD & King's College London Workshop on the Economics and Politics of Migration, NBER Summer Institute 2022, 7th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting on Economic Sciences, Violence in Multi-Disciplinary Perspective (University of Cologne/Econtribute), 7th IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education, 13th Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime

2021: Seminars: Masaryk University Brno

Conferences: ASSA Meetings, NBER Spring 2021 Immigrants and the U.S. Economy Conference, PAA 2021, SOLE 26th Annual Meetings 2021, 2021 Annual Meeting of the Society of the Economics of the Household 2021, Workshop on Migration and Integration Uppsala Immigration Lab, Chicago/LSE crime conference, 17th IZA Annual Migration Meeting, 2021 European Society for Population Economics, APPAM 2021, SEA 2021.

2020: Seminars: Online Economics of Crime Seminar, Texas A&M University; Webinar: The Economics of Migration

Conferences: APPAM 2020, EALE SOLE AASLE World Conference, June 2020

2019: Seminars: Nuffield College, University of Oxford, University of Alicante, Kings College, Vienna University of Economics and Business

Conferences: 9th Annual Conference on Immigration in OECD Countries, Paris ; WinE mentoring retreat 2019, ESPE, Annual Conference 2019 Bath; Barcelona Summer Forum Migration Workshop, June, 2019; Workshops on Migration and Mobility, June 2019; 4th IZA Junior/Senior Symposium, Austin, April 2019; Workshop on Forced Displacement, Queen Mary University of London, March 2019;

2018: Seminars: COMPAS Seminar Series, University of Oxford, ESRC Festival, University of Oxford, University of Duisburg-Essen, RWI Essen

Conferences: ZEW Workshop on the Economics of Immigration, October 2018; Nuffield College, University of Oxford, June 2018; 4th Workshop on the Economics of Migration in Nuremberg, May 2018; Oxford Migration Conference Crossing Borders / Crossing Disciplines - Rethinking Inclusion, Exclusion, and Human Mobility, May 2018; ;Workshop on Migration and the Labour Markets, Edinburgh, April 2018

2017: RES Symposium of Junior Researchers, April 2017 ; 2017 ASSA Meetings, January 2017;RES PhD Meetings, January 2017

2016: RGS/RWI Workshop on the Economics of Migration, September 2016; 21st Society of Labor Economists Meeting, May 2016; 2nd Workshop on the Economics of Migration, April 2016; Royal Economic Society Easter Training School, April 2016;2016 Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society, March 2016

2015: European Economic Association, Mannheim, August 2015; Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Summer School July 2015

2014: Economic Seminar, University of Seville, December 2014

2009 23rd European Conference on Operational Research, Bonn, July 2009; EURO ORD Workshop on OR for Developing Countries, Bonn, July 2009

Teaching Experience

1. List of courses taught as Lecturer:

Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)

Microeconometrics, Phd
 Labor Economics, Phd
 PhD Writing Group, Phd
 Labour Economics, Msc
 Labour Economics, Bachelor
 Supervision of Master Dissertations (10)

University of Oxford

Economics of Migration, St Catherine's College Oxford
 Economics of Migration, Msc

SOAS, University of London

Introduction to Economic Analysis
 Introduction to Quantitative Methods for Economists
 Quantitative Methods for Economists

2. PhD

Phd Committe member: Nuria Hernandez Garcia (2021), Universidad CEU-Cardenal Herrera
 Phd Supervision: Elisabeth Wurm (2024) , Raphael Gottweis, Dora Walter, Carmen Telm

3. Guest Lecture:

University of Cologne

On the Impact of Immigration,2023, Phd

IE, University

Labor Economics,2023 Msc

4. List of courses taught as Teaching Assistant:

Queen Mary University of London

Applied Economic Methods, Msc
 Economics for Business and Society
 Applied Economics
 Microeconomics

Universidad Carlos III

Growth Economics
 Econometrics
 Public Economics

Professional Activities

Refereeing: Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of

Human Resources, British Journal of Industrial Relations, Journal of Economic Geographic, Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Population Economics, Economica , Economic Inquiry, Empirical Economics, International Migration Review, Journal of Demographic Economics, Migration Studies, Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy

Grant referee: Economic and Social Research Consortium (CIES), Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (RJ)

Conference Organization: Programme Committee member for the Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association 2022

Founder and co-organizer of Vienna Applied Micro Economics Network

Organizer of the Vienna Applied Micro Economics Workshop 2023, 2024, 2025

Departmental Services

Organizer of the COMPAS Seminar Series, Michaelmas Term 2018

Member of the Junior Hiring Committee, Vienna University of Economics and Business, 2021-22, 2022-2023, 2023-2024

Phd Hiring Committee, Vienna University of Economics and Business, 2023-2024

Organizer Junior Faculty Seminar Series, 2023,2024,2025

Languages

English (fluent), Spanish (native), German (basic)

Other

Habilitation in Economics Vienna University of Economics and Business, December 2021

Maternity Leave, May-August 2025

ANECA: Acreditada Profesor/a Titular de Universidad