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EDUCATION

- PhD in Economics** **Sept 2021 - Present**
The University of Edinburgh
Research Focus: Macroeconomics, households and family economics.
Supervisors: Maia Güell, Ludo Visschers
- Visiting Researcher** **Jan 2025 - Present**
CUNEF Universidad, Department of Economics
- PhD Visiting Scholar** **Jan 2024 - May 2024**
University Carlos III of Madrid, Department of Economics
- MSc in Economics** **Sept 2020 - Sept 2021**
The University of St Andrews
Final Grade: with Distinction, best student in MSc Economics
- MA Soc. Sci. (Hons) in Economics and Politics** **Sept 2016 - June 2020**
The University of Glasgow
Final Grade: with Honours of the First Class

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Carnegie PhD Scholarship Holder** **Sept 2021 - Present**
The Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland
- The John Henderson Prize for the Best Student in Economics** **Sept 2021**
The University of St Andrews
- Dean's List Scholar** **Sept 2021**
The University of St Andrews
- ECB Women in Economics Scholarship** **Sept 2020 - Sept 2021**
European Central Bank
- Membership in the Beta Gamma Sigma Society** **Oct 2018 - Present**
The University of Glasgow
- The Adam Smith Scholar Award of Excellence** **July 2020**
The University of Glasgow

WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Daddy's Home? Paternity Leave and Female Labour Market Outcomes

Abstract: Recent research highlights parenthood as a key driver of gender earnings gaps, largely due to differences in male and female labor supply after childbirth. This paper examines how non-transferable paternity leave influences the motherhood wage penalty and participation over the life cycle, focusing on Spain's 2019 policy granting 16 weeks of fully paid paternity leave. I combine an empirical analysis using social security data with a quantitative model of fertility, labor supply, and parental leave decisions, incorporating human capital accumulation and firm responses to leave policies.

Gender Gaps in the Labour Market: Implications from a Search Model

Abstract: Despite the recent rise in women's education levels and labor force participation rates, gender gaps in the labour market remain persistent. Using individual-data from the United States, I develop and estimate a search model of unemployment, with returns to experience, an endogenous participation margin, and differences in skills. The model builds a multi-outcome framework, providing unified insights into the dynamic interaction of gender gaps in unemployment, labour force participation, wages, and labour market experience.

Legislation, Cultural Change, and Gender Differences in the Labor Market

Joint with Albert Rodríguez-Sala

Abstract: How do institutions affect economic progress? How can culture foster or hinder growth? The social equilibrium among institutions, culture, and economic progress is a fundamental and particularly challenging question. In this project, we aim to shed light on this question through the study of one of the fundamental macroeconomic changes in the last century: the convergence in gender roles in the labor market. To this end, we use individual-level data from Germany to develop a theoretical model of intergenerational and instantaneous learning.

“What keeps you busy these days?” Fertility, labour force participation and the macroeconomy

Joint with Maia Güell

Abstract: Spain has the second-lowest total fertility rate among OECD countries, at 1.3 it has been named the “lowest of low” fertility. Historically, female labour force participation has been limited and, despite a growing trend, it remains quite low and much below that of males. In this project, we investigate how women in Spain allocate their market versus household production time vis-à-vis men. We put forward a theoretical household model in which there is bargaining over fertility and labour market participation to understand how the macroeconomy and policies aimed at gender equality and family well-being shape gender gaps in the labour market and fertility trends.

TEACHING AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Journal of the European Economic Association

March 2024 - Present

Data Replicator at the JEEA Data Editor Office

Essentials of Econometrics

2024/2025

Honours Course: Tutorials, Office Hours, Marking Exams and Coursework, Exam Preparation

Essentials of Econometrics

2023/2024

Honours Course: Tutorials, Office Hours, Marking Exams and Coursework

Applications of Econometrics

2022/2023

Honours Course: Tutorials and Helpdesks

Applications of Econometrics

2021/2022

Honours Course: Tutorials

Undergraduate Tutoring

2020/2021

Tutoring undergraduates during the MSc

The Women in Economics Initiative

Oct 2022 - Oct 2024

Volunteering for the Outreach Team

PricewaterhouseCoopers GmbH

Dec 2018 - Aug 2021

Working Student in the Global Family Business and EMEA EPB Office

CONFERENCES AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Catalan Economic Society Congress

May 2025 (Scheduled)

(CESC)

Mend the Gap in Economic Opportunities <i>Bocconi University, Einaudi Institute (EIEF), World Bank</i>	May 2025 (Scheduled)
Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía <i>Symposium of the Spanish Economic Association (SAEe)</i>	Dec 2024
I CEMFI School of Economics <i>Current issues in the labor market</i>	July 2024
University Carlos III of Madrid <i>Macro Reading Group</i>	April 2024
SGPE Conference <i>Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics</i>	Jan 2023

SKILLS

Programming	R, Matlab, Python
Data Analysis	Stata, SPSS
Other	Github, L ^A T _E X, MS Office, VERA
Languages	German (native), English (native), French (fluent), Spanish (intermediate)

OTHER

Referee for the Scottish Journal of Political Economy <i>The Scottish Journal of Political Economy (SJPE)</i>	Sept 2021 - Present
Classroom Representative for Research Students <i>The University of Edinburgh</i>	Sept 2021 - Present
Postgraduate Executive Representative <i>The University of St Andrews</i>	Sept 2020 - Sept 2021
Classroom Representative for Taught Students <i>The University of St Andrews</i>	Sept 2020 - Sept 2021