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Education

2025 - 2029 **PhD in Economics**
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Getafe, Spain

2023 - 2025 **Master in Economic Analysis**
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Getafe, Spain
Santander Scholarship for the study of the Master

2018 - 2023 **Dual Bachelor in International Studies and Economics**
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Getafe, Spain
Erasmus+ programme: Kingston University, London, United Kingdom

Research

Religious Backlash to Sexuality Education: Evidence from Zambia
With Daniela Solá
Sexual and reproductive health policies often confront deeply rooted religious opposition that can limit their effectiveness. We study Zambia's 2014 Comprehensive Sexuality Education reform and its interaction with non-traditional Christian churches that opposed it. Using pre-reform variation in church exposure, we find lower contraceptive use and higher teen pregnancy among adolescents in more-exposed areas after the reform, persisting through 2024. We find no evidence of lower school participation or lower measured HIV-related knowledge in more-exposed areas. More-exposed areas also showed lower approval of government performance and greater civic engagement, consistent with broader political backlash.

Conferences and Seminar Presentations

2026
German Development Economics Conference and 1st Conference of the EDEG.
IV Spanish Workshop in Development Economics.

Additional Courses

2026
Codechella Madrid (CUNEF)
Instructors: Scott Cunningham, Mark Anderson & Daniel I. Rees.
Cambridge Econometrics Summer School (Timberlake Consultancy)
Instructors: Jeffrey Wooldridge & Melvyn Weeks.
BREAD-IGC Course on Political Economy and Development (BREAD, IGC & LSE)

Teaching Assistant Experience

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Applied Economics (Master) — Fall 2026
Prof.: Daniel I. Rees & Jan Stuhler

Applied Economics (Undergraduate) — Spring 2026†, Spring 2027
Prof.: Julio Cáceres & Warn N. Lekfuangfu

Economics of Education (Undergraduate) — Spring 2026†
Prof.: Jesús Carro

Industrial Organization (Undergraduate) — Spring 2024†
Prof.: Natalia Fabra

†Teaching Excellence Acknowledgments awarded by students

Research Assistant Experience

November 2024 - June 2025 — *University Carlos III de Madrid*
Prof.: Daniela Solá

Personal and Technical Skills

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (C1), French (B2).
Programming: R, Python.
Statistics: R, Stata.
Others: QGIS.