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Research interests

Education, Migration, Conflict, Innovation

Affiliations

- 2022 – Present **PhD Candidate**, [Bocconi University](#) – Milan, Italy
- 2023 – Present Adjunct Lecturer of Economics, [Universidad de la Sabana](#) – Colombia
- 2024 – Present Research Fellow, [Universidad del Rosario](#) – Colombia
- 2025 – Present Youth Member, [Academia Colombiana de Ciencias Económicas](#) – Colombia
- 2022 – Present Member, [YSI INET](#)

Education

- 2022 – Present **Bocconi University** – Milan, Italy
Ph.D. in Social and Political Science
Teaching Assistant & Research Assistant at DONDENA
Visiting Fellow at The University of Melbourne and Universidad del Rosario
- 2019 – 2020 **University College London (UCL IIPP)** – London, UK
MPA in Innovation, Public Policy and Public Value, with Distinction
- 2019 – 2021 **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) & J-PAL** – Online
MicroMasters in Data, Economics, and Design of Policy: International Development
- 2016 – 2017 **Universidad de Almería** – Almeria, Spain
M.Sc. in Local Sustainable Development, with Honours (best graduate and thesis)
- 2011 – 2016 **Universidad Nacional de Colombia** – Bogota, Colombia
Bachelor in Economics, top 10% of class

Working papers and work in progress

- [1] Peace, migration and higher education: evidence from Colombia
Draft available upon request
Funded by ICFES – Instituto Colombiano para la Evaluación de la Educación
- [2] Career Mentoring for Underrepresented Talent: Effects on Education, Employment and Innovation
with A. de Gendre and N. Salamanca
Draft available upon request
Funded by The University of Melbourne Research Partnership Fund

- [3] Brain Drain, Brain Gain and International Scholarships: the educational, labor, and innovation outcomes of Colfuturo (*analyzing data*)
with A. de Gendre and N. Salamanca
Funded by The University of Melbourne Research Partnership Fund
- [4] Transition from secondary to higher education in conflict areas (*fielding*)
with D. Cortes

Funding, Awards, and Fellowships

- 2025 External Investigator, “Postgraduate loan-scholarships effects on labor and scientific outcomes,” **The University of Melbourne Research Partnership Fund**, AUD 47,800 (~33,000 USD)
- 2025 Principal Investigator, “Peace and Academic Migration,” **ICFES Research call**, COP 16,000,000 (~4,000 USD)
- 2019 – 2026 Fellow, São Paulo School of Advanced Science, **Fapesp**
- 2022 Full Merit PhD Fellowship, **Bocconi University**
- 2021 2071 Moonshot Apprenticeship Program, **UAE Ministry of Cabinet Affairs**
- 2019 Master’s degree scholarships, **UCL Bartlett and Colfuturo**
- 2018 Grant for Youth Peace Initiative, **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands**
- 2017 Mobility Grant for International Visiting Scholar, **AUIP**
- 2016 Master’s degree scholarships Scholarship, **AUIP and Universidad de Almería**

Publications (Pre-PhD)

- [1] García-González, J. D., Pires Manso, J. R., García, J. M., & Valenciano, J. P. (2024). Size of government and economic growth: A convergence analysis of former Soviet Union countries from 1991 to 2018. **Amfiteatru Economic**, 26(18), 1256–1269.
- [2] González, G. H., García-González, J. D., Gómez-Medina, J. S., & Corbella, V. I. (2023). Regionalization of Latin America based on asymmetries in the absorptive capacity of countries. **The Journal of Economic Asymmetries**, 27, e00291.
- [3] García-González, J. D., & Skrita, A. (2019). Predicting academic performance based on student’s family environment: Evidence for Colombia using classification trees. **Psychology, Society & Education**, 11(3), 299–311.
- [4] Sáenz-Castro, J. E., & García-González, J. D. (2019). The relationship between corruption and inequality in Colombia: Empirical evidence using panel data for the period 2008–2017. **Iberoamerican Journal of Development Studies**, 8(2), 28–43.
- [5] Díaz Pinzón, B. H., Gómez Medina, J. S., García-González, J. D., Melo Román, H. A., & Sanabria, F. E. (2017). Contribución de las iniciativas de tecnologías de la información en las organizaciones: Una revisión de la literatura. **Innovar**, 27(66), 41–55.

Invited Seminars, Workshops and Conferences

- 2026 (Including scheduled) YSI Economics of Innovation Working Group Workshop, Tal-Tech (September); São Paulo School of Advanced Science on Immigration, Environmental Violence and Colonialism, USP (July); IZA@LISER Summer School in Labor Economics 2026, LISER (June); KIRDSA III International Conference on Regional Development in South America, UNSAM; The Geography of Innovation Winter School, U Pavia; ALP-POP, Bocconi
- 2025 Ceremonia de Ingreso a la Academia Colombiana de Ciencias Económicas Joven, ACCE; Twice - Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research Brown Bag, U Melbourne; Network Economics Conference and Summer School 2025, Monash University; 4th Summer School on the "Economics of Migration", University of California and UC Davis; Bogotá Summer School of Economics - Network Theory in Economics, U Andes; Seminario Banco de la República, BanRep; Seminario CID, UNAL; Microeconomics Workshop, U Rosario; São Paulo School of Advanced Science on High Dimensional Modelling, FGV; PhD seminar - La Strada, Bocconi; LEAP Lunch seminar, Bocconi; Seminar ERC POPCLIMA, U Bologna
- 2024 UCL IIPP Seminar, UCL; P&I Clinic Seminar, Bocconi; Congreso de Economía Colombiana, U Andes; PhD seminar - La Strada, Bocconi; São Paulo School of Advanced Science on Technology and Innovation Strategies and Policies for Economic Development, Unicamp; IRSPM; U Tampere
- 2023 CEU 18th Annual Doctoral Conference, CEU; Bogotá Summer School of Economics - Research on STEM, U Javeriana

Teaching experience

Universidad de la Sabana, Colombia

- 2024 – Present Main instructor, Development Economics; 256 hours, 92 students & 7 TAs (4.7/5)
- 2023 – 2025 Main instructor, Economic Policy (*In spanish*); 240 hours, 100 students & 6 TAs (4.7/5)
- 2019 Main instructor, History of Economic Thought (*In spanish*); 48 hours & 17 students (4.8/5)
- 2018 – 2019 Main instructor, World Economic History (*In spanish*); 96 hours & 62 students (4.7/5)

Bocconi University, Italy

- 2023 – 2024 Teaching Assistant, Applications for Management; 20 hours

Universidad de Almeria, Spain

- 2017 Main instructor, Publishing in Social Sciences (*In spanish*); 16 hours & 15 students

Research and Industry Experience

- 2023 – 2024 **Research Assistant**, DONDENA - Bocconi University, Italy
- 2021 – 2022 **Advisor**, Colombian Ministry of Housing and Cities, Colombia
- 2021 **Consultant**, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Colombia

2021 **Apprentice**, Mohammed Bin Rashid Centre for Government Innovation, UAE
2021 **Consultant**, Berg Institute, Colombia
2020 **Researcher**, University College London IIPP, UK
2020 **Consultant**, Fedesarrollo, Colombia
2017 – 2018 **Young Professional**, Telefónica, Colombia
2015 – 2016 **Research Assistant**, Academia Colombiana de Ciencias Económicas, Colombia

Mentorship and service

Referee *World Development, Cuadernos de Economía, Revista Equidad & Desarrollo*
Advisor Master's thesis advisor; Andres Felipe Naranjo, U Externado (2025)

Technical skills

Software

LaTeX, R, STATA

Languages

Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Fluent)