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Education

- **Ph.D. in Economics, Oxford University (UK).** 2001.
- **M.Sc. in Development Economics, Oxford University (UK).** 1996.
- **B.Sc. in Economics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (Spain).** 1995.
- **Erasmus Program Visiting Student, Warwick University (UK).** 1993-94. B.Sc. in Economics.
- **Visiting Academic, Universidad de Chile (Chile).** April-July 1998. Department of Economics.

Research Interests

- Development Economics; Poverty; Intra-household Allocation; Social Policies; Labour Economics; Health Economics; Crime and Conflict; Analytics of Public Policy; Latin America and the Caribbean.

Work Experience

- Research Economist, **Inter-American Development Bank**, Washington, U.S., 2005-current.
- Lecturer in Development Economics, **Institute of Social Studies**, The Hague, Netherlands, 2002-2005.
- Economist, **United Nations Development Programme**, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 2001-2002.
- Tutor in Development Economics, Hertford College at **University of Oxford**, Oxford, UK, 1998-2000.

Publications

International Peer Reviewed Journals

- [1] How much of a Threat to Economic Growth is a Mature Epidemic? *Applied Economics*. Forthcoming 2009.
- [2] Ex-Ante Simulations of Direct and Indirect Effects of Welfare Reforms. *Review of Income and Wealth*, Volume 53, 4, pp. 645-72, 2007 (with J. Ponce).
- [3] On More Ambitious Conditional Cash Transfers, Social Protection and Permanent Reduction of Poverty. *Journal of International Development*, Volume 19, pp. 1016-19. 2007.
- [4] Child Malnutrition and the Provision of Water and Sanitation in the Philippines. *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*, Volume 12, 2, pp. 125-57. 2007.
- [5] Political Space, Pro-Poor Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy in Honduras. *Journal of Latin American Studies*, Volume 39, 2, pp. 329-354. 2007.
- [6] ¿Contribuye la Ayuda al Desarrollo a Reducir la Desigualdad? *Revista de Economía Mundial*, Volume 15, pp. 303-333. 2006 (with M. González & J. Larrú).
- [7] The Distributive Consequences of Machismo: A Simulation Analysis of Intrahousehold Discrimination. *Journal of International Development*, Volume 18, pp.1065-1080. 2006.
- [8] Determinantes Socioeconómicos en la Lucha contra la Malaria en Honduras. *Población y Salud en Mesoamérica*, Volume 4, 1, pp. 1-26. 2006 (with M. Avilés)
- [9] Mortalidad Infantil, Equidad y Eficiencia: Un Análisis Costo-Efectivo de Alcanzar la Meta del Milenio en Ecuador. *European Journal of Development Research*, Volume 18, 2, pp. 179-202, June 2006 (with J. R. Vos, M. León, R. Lucio & J. Rosero).
- [10] From *Economicist* to *Culturalist* Development Theories: How Strong is the Relation Between Cultural Aspects and Economic Development?. *European Journal of Development Research*, Volume 16, 4, pp. 868-891. 2004.
- [11] Social Transfers as a Determinant of Intrahousehold Distribution of Resources in Chile. *Journal of Income Distribution*, Volume 13, Issue 1/2, pp 76-104, 2004.
- [12] Sida, Crecimiento Económico y la Iniciativa HIPC en Honduras. *Revista Centroamericana de Economía*, Nos. 59-60. 2001.

Books and Contributions to Peer Reviewed Books

- [13] "Social Capital, Crime and Welfare: The Cases of Colombia and Honduras" in M. Cox (ed.) *The Paradox of Social Capital: Fueling Conflict and Building Peace through Trust and Networks*. Chapter 3, pp. 37-56. London: Routledge. 2008.
- [14] "Income Mobility in Latin America: A Pseudo-Panel Approach" (with H. Ñopo & G. Pizzolitto) in Marilyn M. Watkins (ed.) *World Poverty Issues*. Chapter 5, pp. 123-38. New York: Novapublishers. 2008.
- [15] "From *Economicist* to *Culturalist* Development Theories: How Strong is the Relation Between Cultural Aspects and Economic Development" in GTZ *Culture and Development. Cases from Latin America*. Chapter 4, pp. 81-107. Eschborn: GTZ Series. August 2007. Reprinted from article in *European Journal of Development Research*.

- [16] The More Difficult Is Yet To Come: Pro-Poor Growth in Honduras. Stockholm: Sida-ISS. February 2005.
- [17] "Health" (with R. Vos, M. León, R. Lucio & J. Rosero) in World Bank/IADB *Ecuador: Creating Fiscal Space for Poverty Reduction*, Volume 2, Chapter 4, pp. 67-124. November 2004.
- [18] "Honduras: Crecimiento Exportador, Distribución y Pobreza" (with M. Sanchez), in E. Ganuza, S. Morley, S. Robinson & R. Vos (eds). *Quién se Beneficia del Libre Comercio? Promoción de Exportaciones y Pobreza en América Latina y el Caribe en los 90*, Chapter 13, pp. 371-96. New York: UNDP. May 2004.
- [19] Learning by Doing: The Experience of the Poverty Reduction Strategy in Honduras. Stockholm: Sida-ISS. Jan 2004.
- [20] "Efectos Indirectos del Gasto Social en la Generación de Ingresos en el Ecuador" (with J. Ponce & M. León), in Vos, R. (ed.) *¿Quién Se Beneficia del Gasto Social en el Ecuador?* Chapter 5, pp. 71-88. Quito: SIISE. 2003.
- [21] "¿Quién se Beneficia del Gasto Social en el Ecuador?" (with J. Ponce, M. León W. Brborich), in Vos, R. (ed.), *Quién Se Beneficia del Gasto Social en el Ecuador?* Chapter 4, pp. 47-70. Quito: SIISE. 2003.
- [22] "Extending Coverage in Multi-Pillar Pension Systems" (with Holzmann, R., T. Packard), in Holzmann, R. & J. Stiglitz (eds.), *New Ideas About Old Age Security. Towards Sustainable Pension Systems in the 21st Century*. Chapter 13, pp. 452-84. Washington DC: World Bank. January 2001.

Working Papers, Reports and Invited Research Series

- [23] "Impacto del Incremento de Precios de Alimentos en América Latina y el Caribe: La Experiencia de los Países Andinos" Inter-American Development Bank, Research Working Paper, forthcoming 2009.
- [24] "Information, Externalities and Socioeconomics of Malaria in Honduras", Inter-American Development Bank, Research Working Paper, forthcoming 2009.
- [25] "The Micro-foundations of Social Contracts, Civil Conflicts and International Peace-Making" Inter-American Development Bank, Research Working Paper 644, August 2008 (with M. Murshed)
- [26] "Rising Food Prices and Poverty in Latin America: Effects of the 2006-2008 Price Surge" Inter-American Development Bank Working Paper, May 2008 (with M. Robles and S. Duryea)
- [27] "Crime, Social Capital and Public Interventions: the Case of Cali" *Economic and Sector Study Series*, Inter-American Development Bank, March 2007 (with E. Alda).
- [28] "Socioeconomic Aspects of Malaria in Honduras: Towards an Effective Agenda". *Economic and Sector Study Series*, Inter-American Development Bank, May 2005 (with M. Avilés).
- [29] "Simulating Progressive Social Transfers: Gas Subsidies and Solidarity Bonds in Ecuador". *ISS Working Paper* No. 393. The Hague: ISS. 2004 (with J. Ponce & M. León).
- [30] "PRSP: ¿Nuevas Siglas o Nuevas Ideas para la Reducción de la Pobreza?", *Serie Análisis, Real Instituto Elcano de Estudios Estratégicos*. Madrid: RIE. 2004.
- [31] "Poverty and Social Impact Analysis. The Possible Effects of Electrical Privatisation in Honduras". *Poverty and Social Impact Analysis Series*, 2. London: Department for International Development, UK. 2003 (with M. González).
- [32] "Acuerdos de Libre Comercio Estados Unidos-Centroamérica: Preludio de la Batalla por las Américas". *Serie Análisis, Real Instituto Elcano de Estudios Estratégicos*. Madrid: RIE. 2003.
- [33] "The Effects of Economic Adjustment in Democratic Legitimacy in Honduras". *ISS Working Paper Series* No. 366. 2003. The Hague: ISS.
- [34] "Crecimiento Exportador y Distribución del Ingreso en Honduras". *Colección Desarrollo Humano Sostenible* 5. 2002. Tegucigalpa: UNDP.
- [35] "AIDS, Economic Growth and the HIPC Initiative in Honduras". *WIDER Discussion Paper* 2001/79. Helsinki: WIDER. 2001.
- [36] "The Economic Value of a Passport: A Model of Citizenship and the Social Dividend in a Global Economy" *QEH Working Papers* 4. Oxford University. 1997 (with E.V.K. FitzGerald)

Articles in Newspapers

- [37] "La economía de Honduras requiere un milagro", *El Heraldo*, 19 January 2001, Tegucigalpa.
- [38] "El libre comercio en Honduras y la batalla por las Américas" *El Heraldo*, 19 November 2003. Tegucigalpa.
- [39] "La amenaza del VIH/SIDA en el desarrollo de Honduras" *El Heraldo*, 30 November 2003. Tegucigalpa.
- [40] "Hacia dónde vamos en la lucha contra la pobreza en Honduras" *El Heraldo*, 7 December 2003. Tegucigalpa.

Work in Progress or Submitted

- "Theory and Empirics of Democracy and Crime Revisited: How Much Further Can We Go With Existing Data and Methodologies?", submitted.
- "Social Contracts, Civil Conflict and International Peace-making" (with M. Murshed), submitted.
- "Will Those Whom You Trust Hurt You? Analyzing the Endogeneity of Social Capital and Crime" (with E. Alda), submitted.
- "Estimating Poverty Mobility in Latin America Using a Pseudo-Panel Approach" (with H. Ñopo), submitted.

- “Music to My Ears: The (Many) Social Benefits of Music Training Programs”, submitted.
- “Las Consecuencias Distributivas de la Crisis de los Alimentos” (with F. Jaramillo), submitted.
- “Information, Externalities and Socioeconomics of Malaria” (with M. Avilés), submitted.
- “Cost of Crime in South-Africa: A Comprehensive Estimation for Results-Oriented Policy Choices” (with E. Alda), work in progress.
- “Financial Literacy and Savings Decisions”, work in progress (with C. Pages and H. Ñopo).
- “Economic Returns to Citizenship” work in progress (with E.V.K. FitzGerald).
- “Demand and Supply of Social Security in Colombia” work in progress.
- “Technology, Empowerment and Corruption” work in progress.
- “Knowledge Generation by IFIs in a Period of Crisis” work in progress.
- “Conflict and Political Participation in Latin America” work in progress (with R. Desai, E. Alda).

Selected Presentations at Conferences

- The Food Crisis in the Andean Region (October 10, 2008) OEA, Washington DC.
- Distributive Consequences of Machismo (February 29, 2008) UNDP/Colegio de Mexico. Mexico.
- Violence and Social Capital in Cali (October 5, 2007). LACEA 12th Annual Meeting, Colombia.
- Social Capital, Violence and Institutions in Colombia (June 23, 2007) XI Conference of the International Society for New Institutional Economics, Reykjavik.
- Threats to Sustained Economic Growth in a HIPC Country: HIV/AIDS and FDI in Honduras (November 1, 2005) LACEA 10th Annual Meeting, Paris.
- From Economicist to Culturalist Development Theories (October 7, 2005) GTZ Workshop on Development and Culture. Santiago de Chile.
- Simulating Progressive Social Transfers: Gas Subsidies and Solidarity Bonds in Ecuador (May 6, 2004) Institute of Social Studies, The Hague.
- On the Methodology of Poverty and Social Impact Analysis (Feb. 9, 2003). Department for International Development, London.
- Efectos del Gasto Social en la Decisión de Trabajar (Nov. 13, 2002). Conferencia Magistral del VIII Encuentro de Matemática, Escuela Politécnica Nacional. Quito.
- Poverty and Social Impact Analysis. The Privatisation of Electrical Services in Honduras (Oct 15, 2002) World Bank and DFID Joint Conference on Poverty & Social Impact Analysis. The World Bank. Washington DC.
- Bargaining, Social Transfers and Distribution of Incomes in Chile (July 4, 2002). Third International Congress of European Latino-Americanists. Free University of Amsterdam. Amsterdam.
- Distribución del Ingreso y la Familia en América Latina. (Nov. 21, 2001). XI Congreso Internacional de Profesionales de las Ciencias Económicas. Ciudad de Guatemala.
- AIDS, Economic Growth and the HIPC Initiative in Honduras (Aug. 17, 2001) WIDER International Development Conference on Debt Relief. WIDER-UN, Helsinki.
- Transfers and Poverty in Chile (December 1, 2000), University of Oxford, Oxford.
- Preliminary Econometric Evidence of Participation in the Formal Pension System in Argentina y Chile (Aug 13, 1999) Workshop on Pension Systems in Latin America. World Bank, Washington DC.

Teaching Experience

- **Institute of Social Studies.** Lecturer. Graduate School. 2002-2005
Economic, Social and Environmental Project Analysis, Lectures and workshops.
Human Development and Poverty Alleviation, Lectures and workshops.
Micro and Macroeconomic Analysis of Development, Lectures.
Introductory Statistics, Lectures.
- **Facultad Latino-Americana de Ciencias Sociales.** Lecturer. Graduate School. 2002, 2005
Econometrics, Lectures and workshops.
Poverty, Inequality and Structural Adjustment, Lectures and workshops.
- **Universidad Autónoma Nacional de Honduras.** Invited Lecturer. Graduate School. 2001.
Topics on Development, Seminars.
- **University of Oxford.** Tutor. BA. 1998-2000
Tutor in Development Economics, Tutorials.

Affiliations

- Member of the American Economics Association; Asociación de Economía Mundial; International Association for Research in Income and Wealth; International Society of New Institutional Economics; Latin American and the Caribbean Economic Association.
- Research Associate, Department of Economics, Facultad Latino-Americana de Ciencias Sociales, FLACSO, Ecuador, since 2005.
- Advisor, Comisión Nacional Anti-Corrupción, Honduras, since 2006.

Referee Activities

- American Journal of Agricultural Economics; Applied Economics; Economía, European Journal of Development Research; Journal of Population Economics; Revista de Economía Mundial; World Development; Routledge.

Professional Experience

Research Projects

- [1] Team Leader, Social Protection and Informality in Colombia. Colombia. 2008. US\$ 450,000 research project on the links between informality and social protection decisions. 4-people project. Inter-American Development Bank. Bogotá, Washington.
- [2] Team Leader, Agricultural Policies as Response to the Food Price Crisis. Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru. 2008. US\$ 205,000 research project on agricultural policy initiatives to confront the food price crisis. Inter-American Development Bank. La Paz, Quito, Lima and Washington.
- [3] Team Leader, Extending Social Protection Coverage in Peru. 2007-8. US\$ 400,000 research project to analyze the causes of low coverage in social security in Peru. 5-people team. Inter-American Development Bank. Lima, Washington.
- [4] Team Leader, Public Social Expenditure Review, Guyana. 2007. Technical cooperation with the Government of Guyana. 7-people team. Inter-American Development Bank. Georgetown, Washington.
- [5] Team Leader, One Size Does not Fit All: Poverty Dynamics in Latin America. 2005-6. Research project on income mobility and poverty dynamics in Latin America. 3-people team. Inter-American Development Bank. Washington.
- [6] Team Leader, Citizen Security and Social Capital in Cali. Colombia. 2005-6. Research project analyzing the role of public social capital formation to reduce crime. 4-people team. Inter-American Development Bank. Bogotá, Cali and Washington.
- [7] Team Leader, Economic Consequences of Corruption, Honduras. 2005. Research project to quantify the socioeconomic costs of corruption in Honduras. 2-people team. Inter-American Development Bank. Washington.
- [8] Team Member, Iraq Multiple Indicator Rapid Assessment Survey. August 2004. Technical cooperation. Task: Advisory work on preliminary results of a multiple indicator survey in Iraq. 3-people team. United Nations Development Programme. Amman, Oslo, The Hague.
- [9] Team Member, Poverty Assessment: Philippines. June-September 2004. Research project. Task: Study on water, sanitation and malnutrition for the Poverty Assessment. Individual consultant. World Bank. The Hague.
- [10] Team Leader (Country Coordinator for Honduras), Monitoring of Poverty Reduction Strategies in Latin America. September 2002-December 2004. Research project. Task: Production of country reports, with focus on pro-poor growth consequences of the PRS. 6-people team. Swedish International Development Agency Tegucigalpa.
- [11] Team Member, Reaching the Millennium Development Goals for Child Mortality: Improving Equity and Efficiency in Ecuador's Health Budget. January 2004-May 2004. Research project. Task: Production of chapter on health for Ecuador PER. 6-people team. Inter-American Development Bank. Quito, The Hague.
- [12] Team Leader (Country Coordinator for Honduras), Export-led Growth and Distribution of Incomes in Latin America. July 2001-December 2003. Research project. Task: Production of background country study for Honduras that built original SAM and CGE model. 3-people team. United Nations Development Programme. Tegucigalpa, The Hague.
- [13] Team Member, Efficient and Equitable Social Spending in Ecuador. June 2002-March 2003. Research project. Task: Production of background study on the incidence of social spending in Ecuador. 5-people team. Inter-American Development Bank and Government of Ecuador. Quito, The Hague.
- [14] Team Member, Macroeconomic Policy-making and Poverty Reduction in Venezuela. November 2002. Technical cooperation. Task: Training of Ministry of Planning and Development in the analysis of household surveys and estimation of poverty estimates. 3-people team. Government of Venezuela. Caracas, The Hague.
- [15] Team Member, Poverty and Social Impact Analysis: Privatisation of Electricity in Honduras. March-October 2002. Research project. Task: Production of PSIA study on the potential distributive impact of electricity privatization in Honduras. 4-people team. Government of Honduras and DFID. London, Tegucigalpa, The Hague.
- [16] Team Member, Human Development Report, Honduras. September 2001-September 2002. Research project. Task: Chapter on social capital and economic growth in 2002-3. Report. 7-people team. United Nations Development Programme. Tegucigalpa.

- [17] Team Leader. Macroeconomic Impact of HIV/AIDS in Honduras. February-November 2001. Research project. 2-people. United Nations Development Programme. Tegucigalpa.
- [18] Team Leader. Distributive Impact of Export-led Growth in Honduras. March-December 2001. Research project. 3-people team. United Nations Development Programme. Tegucigalpa.
- [19] Team Member. Managing Social Risks. June-September 1999. Research project. Task: Production of study on pension coverage in Chile and Argentina (3-people team). World Bank. Santiago de Chile, Washington.

Operations

- [20] Team Leader. Social Action Center for the Music, Phase II. Venezuela. 2006-7. US\$ 211 million project to support social development of disadvantaged children and youths through musical education. 10-people team. Inter-American Development Bank. Caracas, Washington.
- [21] Team Leader. Modernization of Labour Markets in Suriname. 2007. Technical cooperation to strengthen vocational training schemes in Suriname. 4-people team. Inter-American Development Bank. Paramaribo, Washington.
- [22] Team Member. Citizen Security Program in Trinidad and Tobago. 2007. US\$ 30 million loan in the area of citizen security. Task: Evaluation component and economic analysis. 7-people team. Inter-American Development Bank. Port of Spain, Washington.
- [23] Team Leader. Program of Inclusion, Prevention of Violence and Youth Employment in Medellín. Colombia. 2006. Technical cooperation to develop local employment program for youth at risk. 4-people team. Inter-American Development Bank. Medellín, Washington.
- [24] Team Leader. Generating Quality Employment and Poverty Reduction in Peru. Peru. 2006. Technical cooperation to identify successful experiences in quality employment generation in Peru. 3-people team.. Inter-American Development Bank. Lima, Washington.
- [25] Team Member. Jamaica Youth Program. 2006. US\$ 5 million loan to develop transition to work schemes in Jamaica. 4-people team. Task: Evaluation component and economic analysis. Inter-American Development Bank. Kingston, Washington.
- [26] Team Member. Citizen Security in Guyana. 2006. US\$ 15 million loan in the area of citizen security. Task: Evaluation component. 10-people team. Inter-American Development Bank. Georgetown, Washington.
- [27] Team Member. Citizen Security Program in Peru. 2005-6. US\$ 30 million loan in the area of citizen security in Peru. Task: Evaluation component and economic analysis. 9-people team. Inter-American Development Bank. Lima, Washington.
- [28] Team Member. February-December 2001. Foro de Fortalecimiento Democrático. Advisory work. Task: Economic analysis for a multiple stakeholder coordination and deliberation forum. 5-people team. United Nations Development Programme. Tegucigalpa.
- [29] Team Member. June-December 2001. Advisory work on economic policies to other agencies of the UN System in Honduras. 5-people team. United Nations Development Programme. Tegucigalpa.

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- Spanish (native); English (fluent)

References

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