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Academic Positions and Teaching Experience

- From March 2021 Associate Professor (with tenure), Institute of International Studies (IBEI) Barcelona. PhD Support Program Coordinator and Co-Coordinator and Masters' in International Development; courses on African Development, International Political Economy, Development Finance, Program Evaluation
- 2020-2021 Jean Monnet Fellow, European University Institute, Florence, Italy.
- 2017-2021 Assistant Professor Institute of International Studies (IBEI) Barcelona.
- 2018 to present Adjunct Professor ESADE Business School. Convenor of course on International Development and Global Governance.
- 2012 – 2014 Lecturer (fixed-term), Master of Public Administration (MPA), London School of Economics. Co-convenor of course on Political Economy of Development; Poverty and Inequality, Trade and Global Governance.
- 2010 – 2012 Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Department of International Development, London School of Economics. Lectures and seminars for graduate-level courses on Globalization, Trade, Poverty and Inequality.

Education

- 2005 – 2010 PhD, London School of Economics, Dept. of International Development. Thesis title: "Groups, Location and Wellbeing: Social and Spatial Determinants of Inequality in Madagascar". Passed without revisions.
- 2004 – 2005 M.Phil Development Studies, London School of Economics.
- 1995 – 2001 Diploma (Master's equivalent) in Political Science and International Relations, University of Leipzig, Germany. Graduated with distinction as best student of the year.
- 1998 – 1999 Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po). International Program.

Publications (peer reviewed)

- 2025 Beyond Urban Bias? Urban-Rural Inequalities and Popular Protest in Africa. *World Development* 192, (August).
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2025.107005> [2024 Impact factor 4.8, 1st quartile Economics and Political Science].
- 2024 Perceptions of social class in Africa. Results from a conjoint experiment. *World Development* 178 (June),
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2024.106576> [2022 Impact factor 6.9, 1st decile Economics and Political Science].
- 2023 *Power and Conviction: Political Dimensions of Christian Missionary Activity in Africa*. Cambridge University Press (February). DOI:10.1017/9781108982672.
- 2021 “After the crisis: Implications of the Covid-19 Pandemic for Demographic and Economic Research” *Population and Development Review* (February), 73-76.
- 2020 “Growth, Poverty, and Fertility. The Contribution of Demographic Change to Global Poverty Reduction”, *Population and Development Review*, Vol. 46 No. 1, 65–99. [2019 Impact Factor 2.91, 1st Decile Sociology, 1st Quartile Demography].
- “Fertility inequality can slow down global poverty reduction in developing countries.” *N-IUSSP*, June 8, <https://www.niussp.org/article/fertility-inequality-can-slow-down-global-poverty-reduction-in-the-developing-countries/?print=print>.
- 2019 “Poverty Reduction and Democratization – New Cross-Country Evidence”. *Democratization*, Vol. 26, No. 9, 935-958 [2018 Impact Factor 1.85, 2nd Quartile Pol Science].
- “New Middle Classes Reshape the Developing World”, *Current History*, Vol 118, No. 804, 16-21 [Scopus SJR 2018, 0.13, 2nd Quartile History].
- 2018 “The Developing World’s ‘New Middle Classes’: Implications for Political Research” *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 16, No. 1, pp. 127-140 [2018 Impact Factor 2.33, 1st Quartile Pol Science].
- 2016 “Kicking Away the Ladder? Poverty Reduction and Public Support for Redistribution” *Socio-Economic Review*, Vol. 14, No. 3, 419–442 [2018 Impact factor 3.02, 1st Decile Pol Science].
- 2015 “Long-Term Consequences of Colonial Institutions and Human Capital Investments: Sub-National Evidence from Madagascar” *World Development*, Vol. 66, 293–307 [2015 Impact Factor 2.48, 1st Decile Planning and

Development, 1st Decile Economics].

“Pathways from Jobs to Social Cohesion”. *World Bank Research Observer* Vol. 30, No. 1, 95-123 [2015 Impact factor, 1.67 1st Quartile Planning and Development, 1st Quartile Economics].

2014 “Historical Origins of Uneven Service Supply in Sub-Saharan Africa. The Role of Non-State Providers”. *Journal of Development Studies* Vol. 50, No. 12, 1614-1630 [2014 Impact factor, 0.983, 2nd Quartile Economics].

“Who is Poorest? An Asset-Based Analysis of Multidimensional Wellbeing”. *Development Policy Review* Vol. 33, No. 1, 33-59 [2014 Impact factor, 1.024, 2nd Quartile Planning and Development].

2006 With Jean-Paul Faguet: "Social Funds and Decentralisation: Optimal Institutional Design", *Public Administration and Development*, Vol. 26, No. 4, [Impact factor, 0.581, 3rd Quartile Planning and Development].

2004 With Wolfgang Fengler and other co-authors: "Decentralisation in Madagascar" (book), The World Bank, Washington D.C.

Selected Working Papers and Other Publications

2025 With Lesley-Ann Daniels. *Are You Willing to Pay? War and Citizen's Readiness to Pay Tax*. UNU-WIDER Working Paper No. 57. Vol. 2025. UNU-WIDER, n.d. <https://doi.org/10.35188/UNU-WIDER/2025/616-2>.

With Lesley-Ann Daniels. Views on corruption in times of war: Public opinion experimental evidence from Ukraine. (*under journal review*) Pre-analysis plan: <https://archive.org/details/osf-registrations-bnz6c-v1>

2023 With Diane Zovighian. “Class-differentiated effects of social protection on political trust during the Covid-19 pandemic: The case of Morocco” (*under journal review*).

With Lesley-Ann Daniels. Attitudes to tax in Ukraine. Pre-analysis plan: <https://archive.org/details/osf-registrations-gcyw4-v1>

With Lesley-Ann Daniels. Attitudes to governance reform in Ukraine. Pre-analysis plan: <https://archive.org/details/osf-registrations-sfbje-v1>

2022 African ‘Middle Classes’ Over the Past 50 Years: Persistence and Discontinuities. Evidence from Afrobarometer Surveys (*working paper*).

With Elliott Green and Sangamitra Bandyopadhyay: “Why do the Not-So-Poor Want Redistribution? A Threshold Regression Approach”.

- 2018 “Legacies of Conquest: Long-term Consequences of Multi-ethnic State Building in Precolonial Africa”. LSE - Stanford - Universidad de los Andes Conference Paper on Long-Run Development in Latin America and Beyond, London, 16-17 May (<http://www.lse.ac.uk/lacc/publications/PDFs/Wietzke-MadagascarPrecolonial-May-2018.pdf>)
- 2015 “Jobs, Wellbeing, and Labour Market Regulations. New Cross-Country evidence” (*working paper*).
 “Observing Capabilities: A Group-Based Measure of Capability Inequality”, (*working paper*).
- 2014 “Institution Building from the Bottom and the Top: Long-Term Consequences of Missionary Activity and Settler Colonialism in Madagascar” (*working paper*).
 Pathways from Jobs to Social Cohesion”. World Bank Policy Research Working Paper, WPS6804.
 With Andy Sumner: “What are the Political and Social Implications of the ‘New Middle Classes’ in Developing Countries?” International Development Institute Working Paper 2014-03, King’s College, London.
- 2013 With Catriona McLeod: “Jobs, Wellbeing, and Social Cohesion”. Background Paper for the World Development Report 2013 on Jobs, World Bank Working Paper 6447, The World Bank.

Awards and Research Grants

- 2025 Network on Europe-Africa Relations – Education and Research (NEAR-ER). Project Member and Member of the Editorial Board.
- 2024 Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation, and Universities, Senior mobility grant for forthcoming research stay at Free University Berlin (€17.500).
 Erasmus-Jean Monnet Network Grant: Network on Europe-Africa Relations – Education and Research (NEAR-ER). Network Partner (PI-Gustavo Mueller, KU-Leuven, €1.2 million).
- 2023 “The Social Politics of Risk in Africa”. Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation Project Grant, Principal Investigator, €114.000, 2023-2027. (PID2022-140461NB-I00).
 World Society Foundation Travel and Research Grant (€3000).

- 2020-2021 Jean Monnet Fellowship, European University Institute, Florence (fully funded one year fellowship).
- 2019 European Research Council consolidator grant “States, Nationalism, and the Relationship Between Ethnic Diversity and Public Goods Provision (ETHNICGOODS)”. Co-Investigator with Matthias vom Hau (PI). €1.9 million, 2020-2024 (Grant number 864333).
- 2018 Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation Project Grant, Principal Investigator, €55.000, 2018-2020. (CSO2017-87350-P).
World Society Foundation Travel and Research Grant (€2.500).
- 2014 Max Weber Award for the Best Paper in Religion and Politics by the American Political Science Association, APSA.
- 2013 ESRC / DFID project grant: “How Can Technology Improve Learning? Information Technology, Education and Welfare in Niger. Co-investigator with Jenny Aker (PI) and Christopher Ksoll, 2014-2017, GBP 390.000 (ES/L005433/1).
- 2012 LSE/ STICERD small grants program: “Long-term consequences of colonial institutions and human capital investments. Sub-national evidence from Ghana, Madagascar, and Uganda” (GBP 6.000).
Special performance award for excellence in teaching, London School of Economics.
- 2009 Co-recipient of best young researcher award, Human Development and Capabilities Association.
- 2005 - 2008 Development Studies Department, London School of Economics, five annual studentships.
- 2001 University of Leipzig, Department of Political Science, Departmental Award as Best Student of the Year.

Selected Conference and Seminar Presentations

- 2025 International Workshop on Climate Change and Social Protection, German Institute of Development and Sustainability, 26-28 November, Bonn (invited talk).
Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, 20-22 November,

Atlanta GA.

Departmental Lecture Series, Political Science Department, Humboldt University, 18 November, Berlin (invited talk).

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association 11-14 September, Vancouver, Canada.

Network on Europe-Africa Relations Education and Research (NEAR-ER) Network meeting, 16-17 June, Kampala, Uganda.

Inaugural Africa Regional Conference on Parliament and Legislation (AFRIPAL), 18-20 June, Kampala, Uganda.

III IBEI Symposium on Security, Conflict and Peace, 20 January, Barcelona

2024 University of Trondheim, Workshop on Historical Institutions and their Legacies, 18-19 November, Trondheim, invited talk.

VII Catalan Conference on Political Behavior and Public Opinion, 7 November, Barcelona.

Sociology of Development Conference. Johns Hopkins University, 18-20 October, Washington D.C.

The World Bank, MENA Region, 25 March (virtual), invited talk.

London School of Economics, Department of International Development 13 March, London, invited talk.

German Institute for Global and Area Studies - IBEI joint workshop on Security, Conflict, and Peace 22-23 February, Barcelona.

2023 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association 31 August – 3 September, Los Angeles.

Annual Meeting of the International Sociological Association, 25 June – 1 July, Melbourne, Australia.

The Impact of the 2020–2022 Pandemic on World Society, June 23-24, University of Melbourne, Australia.

2022 VI International Conference of the Spanish Association of Development Researchers (REEDES, June)

2021 International Studies Association, Annual Conference (online, April).

2020 Schuman Seminar Series, European University Institute (Florence, Italy,

- November).
- German Development Institute (online, November).
- American Political Science Association, Annual Conference (online, September).
- 2019 Sociology of Development Annual Conference (Notre Dame University, USA, October).
- Effective States and Inclusive Development Research Centre (ESID) Conference, (Manchester, UK, September).
- European Political Science Association (EPSA), Annual Conference (Belfast, UK, June).
- Stanford – LSE - Universidad de los Andes Conference on Long-Run Development in Latin America and Beyond (Bogota, Colombia, May).
- 2018 International Conference Democracy in the 21st Century (Ulaanbatar, Mongolia, July).
- Stanford – LSE - Universidad de los Andes Conference on Long-Run Development in Latin America and Beyond (London, UK, May).
- King's College Global Poverty and Inequality Dynamics Workshop (London, UK, March).
- 2017 Research Group on Empires, Metropolises, and Extra-European Societies (GRIMSE) Seminar Series, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, November).
- United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER, Helsinki, August).
- Development in the Face of Global Inequalities Conference (Barcelona, May).
- 2016 King's College Workshop on the Developing World's New 'Middle Classes' (London, UK, March).
- 2014 UNU-WIDER conference on Inclusive Growth in Africa (Helsinki, September).
- 2013 American Political Science Association, Annual Conference (Chicago, August).
- European Political Science Association, Annual Conference (Barcelona,

- June).
- 2012 7th IZA/World Bank Conference: Employment and Development (New Delhi, November).
- European Political Science Association, Annual Conference (Berlin, June).
- Development Economics Conference of the German Economic Association (Bonn, June).
- Centre for the Study of African Economies, Annual Conference (Oxford, March).
- The World Bank, Development Economics Research Group (Washington D.C., March).
- 2011 Tufts University, Fletcher School of International Affairs (Boston, November).
- American University, School of International Service (Washington D.C., November).
- London School of Economics, Africa Studies Seminar Series (London, October).
- Annual conference of the European Development Studies Association (York, UK, August).

Memberships and Affiliations

- 2020 to present EUI Platform on Africa, European University Institute, Florence.
- 2019 to present Convener, Research Cluster on Inequality, Institutions and Development for IBEI staff and external researchers.
- 2018 to present Member of working group of the London School of Economics, Stanford University, Universidad de los Andes on Long-Run Development in Latin America and Beyond
- Member of the International Studies Association (ISA), European Political Science Association (EPSA) and the American Political Science Association (APSA).
- 2014-2016 Research affiliate London School of Economics, Department of International Development

Mentoring/Supervision

- 2020 to present PhD Thesis advisor, IBEI. PhD students Rocío Baeza Fernández, Lisa Hall (FPI), Oguz Korkut Keles, Tobias Baehr (completed December 2024).
- 2017-to present M.A. Thesis advisor, IBEI. Advised about 8 M.A. dissertations per year.
- 2011-2014 Capstone project advisor, LSE, MPA Program. Supervised about 5 student Capstone Projects annually with organizations like the World Bank, UNICEF, DFID, Gates Foundation, European Commission.

Other Employment and Selected Policy Experience

- 2014 - 2017 Development Finance and Social Policy Specialist (P-4), UNICEF New York. UNICEF's technical focal point on Development Finance and Social Policy within the Post-2015 Development Agenda; Initiated, coordinated and supervised research program on demographic change, vulnerability, and financing trends in Low and Middle Income Countries.
- 2012 - 2013 Lead consultant, The World Bank, World Development Report 2013 on Jobs. Background papers and quantitative analysis on subjective wellbeing, jobs, and labor market outcomes. Supervision of research assistants.
- 2011 - 2012 Lead consultant, Ministry of Human Development and Social Transformation, Belize. Principal advisor on poverty targeting methods and proxy means testing for national cash transfer and safety net programs. Advised government on poverty indices and program evaluation.
- 2010 Short-term consultant, The World Bank, Washington D.C. Poverty and Gender unit. Background reports on social mobility and measurement of opportunity equality in Latin America.
- 2008 Short-term consultant, The World Bank, Washington D.C. LAC Chief Economist office. Report on urban poverty and neighbourhood effects in Latin America.
- 2001 - 2007 Social Policy specialist, The World Bank, Madagascar Resident Mission (in-country). World Bank focal point on social protection and community development programs; sampling, research design and supervision of project impact evaluations; co-author of Public Expenditure Reviews and publications on social policy and decentralization reform. Part time from 2004.
- 1994 - 1995 Refugee Advisor, Diakonisches Werk, Germany.

Academic References

- Professor Jean-Paul Faguet, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, WC2A 2AE, UK, j.p.faguet@lse.ac.uk.
- Professor Ravi Kanbur, Cornell University, 309 Warren Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-7801, USA, sk145@cornell.edu.
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