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Research fields: Education · Crime · Labour · Development

2026–2027 Academic Job Market

Education

2022–2026 **PhD candidate in Economics**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
Defence: 4 December 2026 (expected).
Dissertation: *Human Capital, Conflict and Poverty in Latin America*
Supervisors: Marc-Arthur Diaye and Carla Canelas.
External thesis examiners (rapporteurs): Daniel Montolio and Juan Vargas.

2021–2022 **M.Res. in Economics**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
Specialisation: Applied Microeconomics.

2019–2021 **Msc in Economics – Programme Grande École**, ESCP Business School
Specialisation: Economics and Public Policy.

2017–2019 **CPGE ECE**, Lycée René Cassin, Bayonne, France
Intensive undergraduate studies in economics, mathematics and philosophy.

Research visit

2025 **Visiting Researcher**, Centre for Economic Performance, London School of Economics
Research hosts: Rui Costa and Stephen Machin.

References

Carla Canelas
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The American University of Paris
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Rui Costa
Research Fellow
Centre for Economic Performance, LSE
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Associate Professor
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan
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Job Market Paper

When Schools Close, Crime Rises: Evidence from Ecuador

Sole-authored | Paper PDF

I geographically link school and arrest records and use a triple-difference design to estimate the effects of prolonged disruption to in-person schooling on youth arrests in Ecuador. The estimates indicate approximately two additional arrests per 1,000 students over 2020–2022. Effects persist following reopening and are larger near international ports, suggesting that organised crime amplifies the consequences of disrupted schooling.

Working Papers

When Siblings Break Bad: Older Sibling Offenses and Human Capital Formation

With Rui Costa and Matteo Sandi | Draft available on request

Using linked school and police records from Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, we study how an older sibling's first offense affects younger siblings' education. The estimates indicate an approximately 18% increase in school dropout. Heterogeneity by offense characteristics and incarceration is consistent with role-model influences and family strain.

When Centralisation Reduces Access to Higher Education: Evidence from Ecuador

With Carla Canelas | Draft available on request

We study Ecuador's introduction of a national entrance exam and centralised allocation of public university places. A treatment-intensity difference-in-differences design shows reduced enrolment, particularly among women and students from less academically prepared environments.

Academic Appointment

2025–2027 **Teaching and Research Fellow (ATER)**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Teaching Experience

Lecturer

2024–2025 **Economics of Poverty and Income Inequality**
St. John's University, undergraduate.

2023–2024 **Introduction to Microeconomics; Introduction to Macroeconomics**
The American University of Paris, undergraduate.

Teaching Assistant

2026 **Microeconomics; Applied Econometrics with Stata**
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, PSME (Master's level).

2022–2026 **Applied Econometrics with R**
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, MSc Applied Economics.

2025–2026 **Probability Theory**
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, second-year undergraduate Economics.

2022–2023 **Economics of Social Protection**
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, undergraduate.

Master's Thesis Discussion

2023–2025 Discussant, Applied Economics to Public Policies programme, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Grants, Fellowships and Awards

2024 Research funding, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), EUR 3,570.

2023 Research funding, Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR-17-EURE-001), EUR 2,500.

2022–2025 PhD funding, Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET).

2022 Best Master's Thesis, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

2020 Best National Essay, Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) and Central Bank of Spain.

Academic Service

2025–2026 Co-organiser, CES PhD Seminar (weekly internal seminar).

2023 Co-organiser, Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory Annual Conference.

2022–2024 Co-organiser, Sorbonne Workshop on Economic Theory.

2022 Co-organiser, Time Uncertainty and Strategies Conference.

Presentations

2026 ADRES (Paris 1); AFEPOP (BETA); QED Jamboree (University of Padua).

2025 CEP Education Seminar (LSE); GAEL Seminar (Grenoble); Paris 1 Internal Seminar; Journées de la Microéconomie Appliquée (Poitiers); HEC PhD Conference; European Society for Population Economics Conference (Naples); Journée Méditerranéenne: Modélisation et Analyse Statistique et Économique (Le Havre); SAEe (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona).

2024 RGS Doctoral Conference in Economics; Journées de la Microéconomie Appliquée (Lille); International Conference on Development Economics (Aix-Marseille); Journée Doctorale Politiques Publiques (Paris 1); Summer Workshop in Economic Theory (Venice).

Policy Research Experience

2022 **Research assistance for Gioconda Herrera**, United Nations Development Programme
Migration and Migration Policy in Ecuador (2000–2021).

2021 **Public policy analysis of housing in the French overseas departments**
SOLIHA / National Council of Housing.

Skills

Software: R, Stata, Python, Excel/VBA.

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (fluent).