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Fields of Interest: Macroeconomics, Labor Economics, International Economics, Human Capital, Gender Economics.

Affiliation

Banco Central de Chile, Monetary Policy Division, Economic Analysis Department.
Senior Economist, October 2023 – Present

Education

European University Institute, Ph.D. in Economics, 2023.
Dissertation: "Essays in Economics of Education, Gender and Labor Economics."
Advisors: Russell Cooper and Alexander Monge-Naranjo.
European University Institute, MRes. in Economics, 2019.
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, M.A. in Economics, 2018.
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, B.A. in Economics, 2015.

Past Work Experience

Associate Instructor, NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE, 2022–2023.

Publications

"Labor Market Implications of Education Mismatch"
Varona Cervantes, Carla, and Russell Cooper. European Economic Review, 148 (2022): 104179.

Working Papers

"Determining Gender Differences in Education and Labor Market Outcomes"
Joint with Russell Cooper. Conditionally Accepted, The Economic Journal.
"Implications of Policy Interventions on Eliminating Gender Gaps"
Working Paper, 2026. Submitted.

Work in Progress

"Human Capital Misallocation and General Equilibrium Effects"
Joint with Agustín Díaz and Nadim Elayan-Balagué. Work in Progress, 2026.
"Labor Market Transitions and Job-to-Job Mobility in Chile"
Joint with external researcher (Banco Central de Chile). BCCCh Documento de Trabajo, expected December 2026.

Teaching

Numerical Methods (M.A. in Economics), NYUAD	Spring 2023
Macroeconomics II (M.A. in Economics), NYUAD	Spring & Fall 2023
Economic Policy (Undergraduate), NYUAD	Fall 2023
International Economics (Undergraduate), NYU Florence	Spring 2022
Macro and International Economics II (M.A. in Transnational Governance), EUI	Spring 2022
Macroeconomics III: Incomplete Markets (Ph.D.), EUI	Spring 2021

Grants, Awards and Honors

Ph.D. Fellowship, Salvador de Madariaga — Spanish Ministry of Education	<i>2018–2022</i>
Ph.D. Completion Grant — European University Institute	<i>2021–2022</i>
General Scholarship for Post-Compulsory Studies — Spanish Ministry of Education	<i>2012–2015</i>

Professional Activities

Conferences: Computing in Economics and Finance (CEF), Venice, 2026 [scheduled]; Jornadas de Economía Laboral, Málaga, 2026 [scheduled]; Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings, Richmond (VA), 2024; LACEA Annual Meeting, Montevideo, 2024; Gender Gaps Conference, Warsaw, 2024; 37th Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA-ESEM), 2022.

Seminars: Barcelona School of Economics Summer Forum; XXX Meeting of the Economics of Education Association; ECO-EUI Education Conference; Lisbon Economics and Statistics of Education; Brown Bag Seminar, NYUAD.

Languages: English (fluent), Spanish (native), Italian (advanced).

Nationality: Cuban, Spanish.