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EDUCATION

Universitat de Barcelona

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics

Barcelona, Spain
Sep. 2016 - Present day

University College of London (scheduled)

Visiting Research in Economics (*Sponsor: Uta Schöenberg*)

London, UK
Mar. 2020 - May. 2020

University of Warwick

Visiting Research in Economics (*Sponsor: Manuel Bagüés*)

Coventry, UK
Feb. 2019 - Jun. 2019

Universitat de Barcelona

MS.c. in Economics

Barcelona, Spain
Sep. 2014 - Jul. 2016

Universidade de Santiago de Compostela

BS.c. in Economics

Santiago de Compostela, Spain
Sep. 2010 - Jul. 2014

REFERENCES

Lídia Farré (*Advisor*)

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TEACHING AND RESEARCH FIELDS

Teaching fields: Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Development Economics, Public Sector Economics, Econometrics

Research fields and interests: Labor Economics, Migration Economics, Economics of Education, Gender Economics, Behavioural Economics, Health Economics, and Policy Evaluation

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Universitat of Barcelona

Public Sector Economics (undergraduate)	Fall, 2019
Public Sector Economics (undergraduate)	Fall, 2018
Public Sector Economics (undergraduate)	Fall, 2017
Econometrics (graduate), TA for Prof. Enrique López-Bazo and Dr. Alessia Matano	Spring, 2017
Econometrics (graduate), TA for Dr. Alessia Matano and Prof. Jordi Suriñach	Fall, 2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, Universitat de Barcelona and OAP	2017 - Present day
MOVE, Research Assistant to Dr. Lúdia Farré	January 2017
MOVE, Research Assistant to Dr. Lúdia Farré	March 2017
IEB, Research Assistant to Prof. Elisabet Viladecans-Marsal	Jan. - Sep. 2016
IREA, Administrative Support Assistant	Sep. - Dec. 2015

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

II Nada es Gratis Prize for Job Market Papers in Economics	2019
IEA-AGAUR mobility grant to visit UCL	2019
Luis Toharia Award, Spanish Association of Labour Economics	2019
SEBAP mobility grant to visit Warwick University	2019
I Prize Maria-Carmen Guisán for the BSc thesis	2018
FI merit-based scholarship, Generalitat de Catalunya	2017 - present
Collaboration Grant, Universitat de Barcelona	2015 - 2016
Extraordinary price in high school (Bachillerato)	2010

RESEARCH PAPERS

“Unemployment Benefit Generosity and Geographical Mobility: Evidence from a Quasi-Natural Experiment” ([Job Market Paper](#))

This paper investigates the effect of the unemployment insurance (UI) generosity on the geographical mobility decisions of unemployed workers. Identification is based on an unanticipated 10 p.p. cut in the UI replacement rate that affected workers starting an unemployment spell after July 14, 2012. Using administrative data from social security records and a regression discontinuity design, I find that the UI reduction increased the probability to migrate to a different province by 4 percentage points, which represents a 24 percent increase of the pre-reform mean. This result is driven by movements towards big cities of young educated men without family responsibilities. These findings are consistent with the view that generous UI benefits represent important frictions to labor market adjustments.

“The Best or the First? Serial Position Effects on Competitive Examinations”, with [Miquel Serra-Burriel](#) and [Jordi Teixidó](#)

This paper analyzes how evaluators' cognitive biases affect assessments in a particular interest setting: competitive exams used to hire primary and secondary teachers in Spain. We use evidence from the largest recruitment competition for teachers since the beginning of the Great Recession and exploit the random order in which candidates make a qualifying oral exam. The results show that those applicants who present latter in the sequence are less likely to pass the test and obtain lower grades. Looking at

the causes of this cognitive bias, preliminary results point towards evaluators' fatigue as the possible mechanism. These findings have implications for the debate over what interventions are appropriate to guarantee the fairness of merit-based competitive evaluations, and it may be specially relevant in our setting given the great impact of teachers' quality on students' achievements.

“Gender Norms, Geographical Mobility, and the Remaining Gender Gap”, with [Lidia Farré](#)

This paper studies the role of family ties on female internal migration and the gender gap. We first document a strong negative correlation between family ties and geographical mobility. Next, we explore the contribution of mobility constraints to the gender wage gap. We estimate the response by men and women to local and distant labor market conditions. In the presence of family ties, women's responses to distant labor market should be weaker than that of men. We conclude that family ties restrict the mobility decisions of women and contribute to the persistent gender gap.

CONFERENCES

31st EALE, Uppsala	2019
34th EEA-ESEM Congress, Manchester	
22nd IZA Summer School in Labor Economics, Buch	
13th Labour Economics Meeting, Huelva	
CWIP Internal Seminar, University of Warwick, Coventry	
2nd Catalan Economic Society Conference, Barcelona	
24th Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Brussels	
43rd Spanish Economics Association Meeting, Madrid	2018
Ph.D. in Economics Workshop, Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona	
8th ifo Dresden Workshop on Regional Economics, Dresden	
Observatori d'Anàlisi i Avaluació de Polítiques Públiques, Barcelona	
Perspectives on (Un) Employment 10th Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Workshop, Nuremberg	
Barcelona GSE Summer School in Labor Economics, Barcelona	2017
Ph.D. Workshop - Work in Progress, Universita de Barcelona, Barcelona	

ADDITIONAL COURSES

22th IZA Summer School in Labor Economics	2019
Barcelona GSE Summer School in Labor Economics	2017
Barcelona GSE Summer School in Policy Analysis	2016

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Reviewer for the 25th Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE), Bologna	2019
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LANGUAGE AND SKILLS

Computer skills: Stata, R, SQL, GeoDa, Gretl, L^AT_EX, MS Office

Languages: Spanish and Galician (native), English (fluent)