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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Economics of Education, Labour Economics, Development Economics

## EDUCATION

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**PhD student in Economics** 2025 - 2028  
*University of Alicante* *Alicante, Spain*

**MSc in Quantitative Economics** 2024 – 2025  
*University of Alicante* *Alicante, Spain*

- **Final thesis:** 10/10 (*honor roll*) [[Abstract](#)]

**MRes in Economic Analysis** 2022 – 2024  
*Carlos III University of Madrid* *Madrid, Spain*

- **Final thesis:** 9/10 [[Full text](#)]

**BSc in Economics** 2018 – 2021  
*Los Andes University* *Bogotá, Colombia*

- **GPA:** 4.66/5 or 9.1/10 (*cum laude*)
- **Minor in Public Policy** [2019-2021]

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Interamerican Development Bank** Summer 2022  
*Short Term Consultant* *Bogotá, Colombia*

- Impact evaluation of the Programmatic Policy Based Loan (PBP) [CO-L1252](#) that seeked to improve the social, productive, and educational inclusion of people with disabilities in Colombia.

**Fedesarrollo – Center for Economic and Social Research** Dec. 2021 – July 2022  
*Junior Economist* *Bogotá, Colombia*

- Analysis of microdata from national surveys (*ENUT* 2016–2020, *SABE* 2015, *ECV* 2020) to examine pensions, healthcare, caregiving, and economic security for the elderly population in Colombia.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Teaching Assistant**  
*University of Alicante*

Introduction to Macroeconomics [Dr. [Francesco Turino](#)] Spring 2025 & 2026  
*Carlos III University of Madrid*

Monetary and Financial Macroeconomics [Prof. [Hernan Seoane](#)] Spring 2024

- [Award for excellence in Teaching](#)

Principles of Economics Fall 2023

- Teaching in English / [Award for excellence in Teaching](#)
- Economics [Prof. [Angel Veciana](#)] | Finance and Accountability [Prof. [Antonio Romero](#)]

## Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

*Los Andes University*

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Econometrics II [Prof. Jorge Bonilla]                                | Fall 2021   |
| International Development [Prof. Philipp Hessel]                     | Spring 2021 |
| History of Economic Thought [Prof. Andrés Sierra]                    | Spring 2021 |
| World Economic History [Prof. Leopoldo Fergusson   Prof. Juan Galán] | Fall 2020   |
| Introduction to Public Policies [Prof. Philipp Hessel]               | Fall 2020   |

## PUBLICATIONS

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**[Book chapter]** Older people and caregivers on “Misión Colombia Envejece” with Hessel, P. (2023). *Fundación Saldarriaga Concha (FSC). Complete document (Spanish) / Executive summary (English)*

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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*A matter of time? Academic performance and school timetables* (with José Montalbán and Martín Fernández)

*Boost your grades watching videos? Lecture capture impact on academic performance*

*Human-in-the-loop: bottom up innovation with GenAI in a global bank* (with Antonio Cabrales, Luis Garicano and Toni Roldán-Monés)

## SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

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2025: SAEe PhD school (*Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona*) ;

## HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| Fundación Ramón Areces Scholarship (full funding) for the PhD thesis                                                                                                                             | 2024- <i>present</i> |
| Economics Department’s Scholarship for the Master in Economic Analysis in UC3M                                                                                                                   | 2022-2024            |
| Degree in Economics with Cum Laude Distinction <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GPA in the top 3 % of the 5 previous years cohorts</li></ul>                                                | 2022                 |
| Award for excellence in Colombia’s Higher Education Quality Exam ”Saber Pro”                                                                                                                     | 2021                 |
| Winner of the XVIII National Economics and Finance - Public Policy contest <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Organized by the Colombian Central Bank &amp; Universidad del Rosario</li></ul> | 2021                 |

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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Stata, R , Julia, Python, Matlab (*Beginner*), Eviews, SQL, MS Office, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

## LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

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Spanish (*Native*) English: (*Fluent*)

English certifications: TOEFL iBT 105/120 pts

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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### Summer Camp Monitor

*Asociación La Forja (Website)*

2016-2025

Organizing value-based non-formal activities, games, sports, and excursions for children to promote holistic growth. I have participated, first as a monitor then as a coordinator in summer camps in Colombia, Ecuador, Panama and Spain.

**Antonio Cabrales Goitia**

Full Professor and Research Chair in Economics

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