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## Current Appointment

Economist. Banco de España (Bank of Spain). Directorate General of Economics, Statistics and Research.

Jan. 2016 – Microeconomic Analysis Division.

Apr. 2013 – Public Sector and Fiscal Policy Unit.

Dec. 2015

## Education

2014 Ph.D. Economics. CEMFI. Madrid. Spain.

2007 M. Phil. Economics and Finance. CEMFI.

2005 B.A. Economics. Universidad de Valladolid. Spain.

## Refereed Publications

- 1 “Distortions and the Size Distribution of Plants: Evidence from Cross-Country Data” (2015), with Manuel García-Santana.  
SERIEs - Journal of the Spanish Economic Association, 2015, 6(3), 279-312.

## Working Papers

- 1 “Competition and the Welfare Gains from Transportation Infrastructure: Evidence from the Golden Quadrilateral of India” (2016), with Jose Asturias and Manuel García-Santana.  
This project was awarded a PEDL grant from the CEPR.
- 2 “Growing Like Spain: 1995-2007” (2016), with Manuel García-Santana, Enrique Moral-Benito and Josep Pijoan-Mas.  
CEPR Discussion Paper 11144.
- 3 “Understanding the Public Sector Pay Gap” (2015), with Maria M. Campos, Domenico Depalo, Evangelia Papapetrou, and Javier J. Pérez.  
Banco de España Working Paper 1539.
- 4 “Agglomeration Matters for Trade” (2015), with Enrique Moral-Benito.  
Previous version: Banco de España Working Paper 1316.
- 5 “Banning US Foreign Bribery: Do US Firms Win?” (2012).  
CEMFI Working Paper No. 1309.
- 6 “Do IMF Programs Stabilize the Economy?” (2008)  
Master’s Thesis CEMFI No. 0805

## Policy-Oriented Work

- 1 “The Fiscal and Macroeconomic Effects of Government Wages and Employment Reform” (2016), with Javier J. Pérez, Marie Aouriri, Maria M. Campos, Dmitrij Celov, Domenico Depalo, Evangelia Papapetrou, Jurga Pesliakaite and Marta Rodríguez-Vives.  
European Central Bank Occasional Paper Series No. 176.
- 2 “Changes in the structure and composition of public sector employment during the crisis” (2015), with Antonio Montesinos and Javier J. Pérez.  
SEFO - Spanish Economic and Financial Outlook, 2015, 4(6), 59-71.
- 3 “The New Revaluation and Sustainability Factor of the Spanish Pension System” (2014)  
Banco de España Economic Bulletin July-August 2014.

## Other Publications (in Spanish)

- 1 “Los cambios en la estructura y composición del empleo público durante la crisis” (2015), with Antonio Montesinos and Javier J. Pérez.  
Cuadernos de Información Económica N. 249 (noviembre-diciembre).
- 2 “El empleo de las Administraciones Públicas en España: caracterización y evolución durante la crisis” (2014), with Antonio Montesinos and Javier J. Pérez  
Documento Ocasional del Banco de España N° 1402.
- 3 “El nuevo factor de revalorización y de sostenibilidad del sistema de pensiones español” (2014)  
Boletín Económico del Banco de España, julio-agosto de 2014.

## Relevant Positions

- Jan. 2016 – Mar. 2016 Visiting position: Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), London.
- Apr. 2013 – Dec. 2015 Banco de España occasional representative on the Working Group on Public Finance. European Central Bank, Frankfurt.
- Apr. 2013 – Dec. 2015 Banco de España representative on the Working Group on Ageing Populations and Sustainability. European Commission, Brussels.
- Jan. 2012 – Apr. 2012 Visiting position: Harvard University. Associate to the Department of Economics. Cambridge. USA.
- Jul. 2007- Aug. 2009 Economist. Department of Economics and Financial Structure. Telefónica S.A. Madrid.

## Seminars (last 5 years)

2016: Universidad Autónoma de Madrid; Conference on International Economics (A Coruña); European Public Choice Society Meeting (Freiburg). 2015: “Infrastructure and the spatial organization of economic activity” (CCHS-CSIC, Madrid); Universidad de Murcia. 2014: Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (CEPR/DFID, London). 2013: Banque de France, XXXVIII SimposiSAEe Santander, “Workshop on Regional and Urban Economics” (Universitat de Barcelona), “The Economics of Firm Exporting” (CESifo Munich), Banco de España, Universität Mannheim, Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica, IMT Lucca. 2012: SAEe Vigo, Winter Meeting Econometric Society (Konstanz), Harvard University.

## Discussions

2016: “Crisis, Austerity and Automatic Stabilization”, by Dolls, Fuest, Peichl and Wittneben (Fiscal Sustainability XXI Century, Banco de España and Barcelona GSE); “Locational Preferences and Firms’ Heterogeneity: an Empirical Analysis of Spanish Multinational Firms”, by Mainer Casado (CIE, A Coruña); “Public Sector Efficiency Revisited”, by Scheubel (EPCS Meeting, Freiburg). 2014: “Towards a Fiscal Union? A Quantitative Assessment for Germany in EMU”, by Gadatsch, Hollmayr and Stähler and “Fiscal Spillovers in the Euro Area”, by Attinasi, Lalik and Vetlov (Public Finance Workshop, Sofia). 2013: “Fixed Costs Per Shipment”, by Kropf and Sauré (CESifo Munich).

## Refereeing

IZA Journal of Labor Policy; SERIEs - Journal of the Spanish Economic Association\*; Comparative Economic Studies; Hacienda Pública Española / Review of Public Economics; International Journal of Computational Economics and Econometrics; Revista Cuadernos de Economía; Estudios de Economía Aplicada.

\* denotes multiples reviews for the same journal.

## **Awards and Scholarships**

- 2013-2014 PEDL, exploratory grant from CEPR for “Transportation Costs and Regional Differences in Scale of Operation” (with José Asturias, Manuel García-Santana and Scott Petty).
- 2009-2013 PhD Scholarship (Formación de Personal Investigador), CEMFI and Spanish Ministry of Education.
- 2005-2007 Graduate Studies Scholarship, CEMFI and Caja Madrid.
- 2005 Honor. Ilustre Colegio de Economistas de Valladolid.

## **Language Skills**

English (fluent); Spanish (native).