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Education

2011 PhD in Economic History, University of Barcelona.

2005 *Diploma de Estudios Avanzados* (MA) in Economic History, University of Barcelona.

2003 BA in Economics, University of Barcelona.

Stays in foreign centers

2016 Visiting fellow. Department of Economic History, LSE (London School of Economics), UK (3 months)

2009 Visiting Scholar at UC-Davis, California, USA (6 months)

2007 Visiting Training Fellow at the Department of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, University of Kent, UK (3 months).

Grants, awards and honors

PhD Extraordinary Prize, awarded by the University of Barcelona.

Eugenio Larruga Prize for the Best PhD thesis in Economic History, awarded by the Spanish Association of Economic History (2014 edition)

Earl J. Hamilton Prize for the best economic history paper, awarded by the Spanish Association of Economic History (2016 edition)

Spanish Central Bank Grant for studies in economic history (2009-2010). Project title: Evolución y composición del gasto social público en España, 1850-2005 [Evolution and structure of public social spending in Spain, 1850-2005]

Government of Catalonia Grant for stays outside Catalonia (BE 2007). Host University: UC-Davis, California (2009)

University of Barcelona Research and Teaching Grant (BRD –Catalan acronym–), University of Barcelona (2004-2008)

Assistant Researcher Grant (2004). Research Project: Industrialization and business strategies in Spain 1780-1936 [Industrialización y estrategias empresariales en España 1780-1936] funded by the ministry of Science and Technology (BEC2002-01113), Main researcher: Carles Sudrià Triay

Journal Articles

- 2017, "Political Regime and Public Social Spending in Spain: A Time-Series Analysis (1850-2000)", *Revista de Historia Económica - Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History*, 35(3), 355-386
- 2015, "The inequality trap. A comparative analysis of social spending between 1880 and 1930", *Economic History Review*, 68 (2), pp.683-706.
- 2013, "Fallos de mercado y seguro de paro en España antes de 1936", *Revista de Historia Económica, Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History*, 31(3), pp. 387-422.
- 2013, "Los obstáculos al desarrollo de los seguros sociales en España antes de 1936: el caso del seguro de desempleo", *Revista de Historia Industrial*, 52, pp.77-110.
- 2012, "Are dictatorships less redistributive? A comparative analysis of social spending in Europe (1950-1980)", *European Review of Economic History*, 16(2), pp.211-232.

Working Papers

- 2017, "Military spending as a coup-proofing strategy: opening the 'black box' for Spain (1850-1915)", STANCE working paper series (with Oriol Sabaté and Alfonso Herranz-Loncán)
- 2016, "Political regime and social spending in Spain: a time series analysis (1850-2000)", *UBeconomics working papers, Col.lecció d'Economia E16/355*
- 2016, "Régimen político y gasto social en España: un análisis de series temporales (1850-2000)", *Documentos de Trabajo de la Asociación Española de Historia Económica, DT-AEHE, núm. 1616*
- 2011, "The inequality trap. A comparative analysis of social spending between 1880 and 1933" Faculty of Economy and Business, University of Barcelona, (working paper E11/263)
- 2010, "The Determinants of Social Spending in Spain, 1950-1980: Are Dictatorships less Redistributive?" Faculty of Economy and Business, University of Barcelona, (working paper E10/240)
- 2008, (with Vilar Rodríguez, Margarita) "The determinants of social spending in Spain (1880-1960): Is Lindert right?" Faculty of Economy and Business, University of Barcelona, 2008 (working paper E08/209)

Books and book chapters

- 2013, *La evolución del gasto social público en España, 1850-2005*, Estudios de Historia Económica (63), Banco de España, Madrid
- 2010, "El seguro de desempleo en la II República, 1931-1936. La evolución de las tasas de cobertura [*The unemployment insurance in the Second Republic, 1931-1936, the evolution of coverage taxes*]", in Pons Pons, Jerònia and Silvestre Rodríguez, Javier (ed.), *Los orígenes del Estado del Bienestar en España, 1900-1945: los seguros de accidentes, vejez, desempleo y enfermedad*, Zaragoza, Prensas Universitarias de Zaragoza.
Book awarded the National Prize of University Books of the UNE (Union of Spanish University Publishers) (14th edition - best monograph in the areas of Law and Economics).

Book reviews

- 2017, Book Review: Pons, Jeronia y Vilar, Margarita, “El seguro de salud privado y público en España. Su análisis en perspectiva histórica”, *Investigaciones de Historia Económica*, vol. 13 (1).
- 2015, Book Review: Tortella Casares, G. (dir.), “Historia del seguro en España”, *Investigaciones de Historia Económica* vol. 11 (3), pp. 197-198.
- 2012, Book Review: Murphy, John, “A decent provision. Australian welfare policy, 1870 to 1949”, *Revista de Historia Industrial*, 49 (2), pp. 201-204
- 2012, Book Review: Jerònia Pons Pons and María Ángeles Pons Brías (coordinators) “Investigaciones históricas sobre el Seguro español”, *Investigaciones de Historia Económica*, vol. 8 (2), pp. 120-121.
- 2010, Book Review: Steensland, B., “The Failed Welfare Revolution. America’s Struggle over Guaranteed Income Policy”, *Revista de Historia Industrial*, 44 (3) pp. 197-199
- 2009, Book Review: Haggard, S. y Kaufman, R., “Development, Democracy and Welfare States. Latin America, East Asia and Eastern Europe”, *Revista de Historia Industrial*, 40 (2) pp. 201-204

Teaching

Principles of Economics and Statistics (Master).
Universitat de Barcelona (2015--)

Public finances and the welfare state (Master).
Universitat de Barcelona (2015--)

History of the Welfare State.
Universitat de Barcelona (2015--)

Spanish Economic History.
Universitat de Barcelona (2014-2015)
Universidad de Valladolid (2013-2014)

Economic History of the Twentieth Century.
Universidad de Valladolid (2013-2014)

World Economic History.
Universitat de Barcelona (2014--)
Universidad de Valladolid (2013-2014)
Universitat de Barcelona (2007-2013)

World Economic History.
Teaching assistant. Universitat de Barcelona (2004-2007)

Introduction to History, Course of transition from high school to University (2007-2008)

Conferences and seminars

2017 (with Oriol Sabaté and Alfonso Herranz-Loncán), “Opening the 'black box' of military spending: coup-proofing strategies in Spain (1850-1915)”, University of Lund, Seminar, (Lund, Sweden)

- 2017, “A difficult consensus: the making of the Spanish welfare state”, *2nd Workshop on Public finance in the History of Economic Thought, European society for the History of Economic Thought* (Barcelona)
- 2017 (with Oriol Sabaté and Alfonso Herranz-Loncán), “Opening the 'black box' of military spending: coup-proofing strategies in Spain (1850-1915)”, *The Conflict Research Society Annual Conference 2017*, (Oxford, UK)
- 2016, “A difficult consensus: the making of the Spanish welfare state”, *Shocks and Reconstructions: Histories of Long-Term Inequalities / Finland in comparison V* (University of Tampere, Finland)
- 2016, “Régimen político y gasto social en España: un análisis de series temporales, 1850-2000”, *VI Encuentro AEHE* (Sevilla)
- 2016, “Instituciones políticas y gasto social en España: un análisis de series temporales (1850-2000)”, Universidad de Zaragoza, Zaragoza (March 28)
- 2016, “Régimen político y configuración del modelo de política social en España, 1880-2005”, I Congreso Iberoamericano de Relaciones Laborales y Recursos Humanos (Sevilla, January 28-29)
- 2015, “Education and ethnic diversity in Bolivia: the long-term effect of the 1952 Revolution” (with Alfonso Herranz-Loncán and José Péres-Cajías), 17th World Economic History Congress, Kyoto (August 3-7)
- 2014, “Crecimiento económico, integración de mercados y desigualdad regional en América Latina (1870-2010)”, Poster, XI Congreso Internacional de la AEHE (Madrid, September 4-5)
- 2014, “Legado histórico y transformaciones del Estado del Bienestar en España desde la transición a la actualidad”, Máster Interuniversitario en Historia Contemporánea. Ciclo de Conferencias. Tendencias actuales en Historia Contemporánea (Santander, June 30 – July 4)
- 2013, “The inequality trap. A comparative analysis of social spending between 1880 and 1930-33”, 10th Conference of the European Historical Economics Society (London, September 6-7)
- 2013, “The inequality trap. A comparative analysis of social spending between 1880 and 1930-33”, London School of Economics, London, (February 6)
- 2012, “The inequality trap. A comparative analysis of social spending between 1880 and 1930-33”, III Encuentro Anual de la AEHE (Barcelona, September 9)
- 2012, (with Javier San-Julian, Marc Prat and Alfonso Herranz) “EE-T Project: Economics e-Translation into and from European languages. Contributions from the Spanish partnership”, X Encuentro de Didáctica de la Historia Económica (Salamanca, 21-22 June)
- 2012, “Are dictatorships less redistributive? A comparative analysis of social spending in Europe (1950-1980)”, Nuffield College, Oxford (February 9)
- 2011, “Are dictatorships less redistributive? A comparative analysis of social spending in Europe (1950-1980)”, Instituto de Economía, FCEyA, Universidad de la República (Montevideo, Uruguay, November 28)
- 2011, “El seguro de desempleo en España en la II República, 1931-1936. La evolución de las tasas de cobertura”, 5th Uruguayan Economic History Conference AUDHE (Montevideo, 23-25 November).

- 2011, “La protección privada contra el paro en España antes de la Guerra Civil”, 10th AEHE Conference (Carmona, 8-10 September)
- 2011, “The inequality trap. A comparative analysis of social spending between 1880 and 1930-33”, Iberometrics V (Barcelona, March 25-26)
- 2010, “The determinants of social spending in Spain, 1950-1980. Are dictatorships less redistributive?”, II Encuentro Anual de la AEHE (Madrid, September 9)
- 2009, “The determinants of social spending in Spain, 1950-1980, Are dictatorships less redistributive?”, 29th APHES Conference (Porto, November 12-13)
- 2009, “The determinants of social spending in fifteen European countries, 1950-80, Are dictatorships less redistributive?”, 8th EHES Conference (Geneva, September 4-5)
- 2009, “Politics and the Welfare State in six selected western European countries, 1960-2004”, 4th Globaleuronet Summer School -Growth and Globalization: hardships, barriers and economic policies- (Lisbon, June 29-July 2)
- 2008, (with Vilar Rodríguez, M.) “The Evolution of Public Social Spending in Spain, 1850-1963”, 3rd Globaleuronet Summer School - Economic and Social Inequalities In Historical Perspective- (Paris, July 7-11).
- 2008, (with Vilar Rodríguez, M.) “Factores Determinantes del Gasto Social Público en España, 1880-1960: una aproximación cuantitativa”, 9th AEHE (Spanish Economic History Association) Conference, (Murcia, Spain, September 9-12).
- 2008, “Estructura y evolución del gasto social público en España, 1908-1963”, 9th AEHE Conference, (Murcia, Spain, September 9-12)
- 2008, “El seguro de desempleo en la II República, 1931-1936. La evolución de las tasas de cobertura”, seminar at the course: *Los orígenes del Estado del Bienestar en España, 1900-1945: los seguros de accidentes, vejez, desempleo y enfermedad*. Organized by Institución Fernando el Católico (CSIC), and coordinated by Vicente Pinilla and Javier Silvestre (Zaragoza, Spain, November 3).
- 2008, “La creación del seguro de desempleo en la II República. Un análisis de su impacto y de por qué fue voluntario”, 9th AEHE Conference, (Murcia, Spain, September 9-12)
- 2008, “The evolution of public social spending in Spain, 1850-1963”, Economic History Society Conference 2008, New Researchers’ session, (Nottingham, UK, March 28-30)
- 2008, “Structure and evolution of Public Social Spending in Spain, 1850-1963”, Department of Economic History’s Seminars, University of Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain, January 10)
- 2007, “The Evolution of Public Social Spending in Spain, 1850-1963”, Workshop Income inequality and origins of the Welfare State in Spain and Portugal, (Barcelona, Spain, December 14)
- 2007, “La evolución del gasto social en España, 1908-1963”, I CLADHE (Latin American Conference of Economic History), (Montevideo, Uruguay, December 5-7)
- 2007, “La creación del seguro de desempleo en la II República. Un análisis de su impacto y de por qué fue voluntario”, Preparatory session for the 9th AEHE Conference (Carmona, Sevilla, Spain, October 18-19).

Research projects

- 2015-2017, Social spending, human capital investment and democracy in Latin America, 1913-2005. Funded by: Fundació Areces. Main researcher: Sergio Espuelas, University of Barcelona.
- 2015-, Market integration and its spatial impact: Latin American regions in the very long run (1890-2010) (ECO2015-65049-C2-2-P). Funded by: Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad. Main researcher: Alfonso Herranz Loncán, University of Barcelona.
- 2014-2015, Economic Growth, Market integration and Regional Inequality in Latin America, 1870-2010 (ECO2012-39169-C03-03). Funded by: Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad. Main researcher: Alfonso Herranz Loncán, University of Barcelona.
- 2012-2015, Pensions and Education: Combined effects on inter and intragenerational redistribution. Funded by: FGCS –Fundació General CSIC. Main researcher: Concepció Patxot Cardoner, University of Barcelona.
- 2010-2012, Determinants of Economic and Regional growth in Spain and Portugal, 1850-2008: an economic history approach (ECO2009-13331-C02-02). Funded by the Secretaría de Estado de Educación, Universidades, Investigación y Desarrollo. Main researcher: Alfonso Herranz Loncán, University of Barcelona.
- 2009-2011, History and Economic Development: Industry, Business and Sustainability (2009 SGR 153). Funded by the Government of Catalonia (Comisionat per a Universitats i Recerca). Main researcher: Carles Sudrià Triay, University of Barcelona.
- 2010-2011, A very long term comparative analysis on the Spanish military spending, 1850-2009 (2009RICIP00005)]. Funded by Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca (AGAUR) - Institut Català Internacional per la Pau. Main researcher: Alfonso Herranz Loncán, University of Barcelona.
- 2008, Historical origins of the Catalan deficit in social policy (FBG 304931). Funded by the Government of Catalonia (Conselleria d'Acció social i ciutadania). Main researcher: Alfonso Herranz Loncán, University of Barcelona.
- 2006-, member of the Research Group on income inequality and public policies in historical perspective, which belongs to the Generalitat de Catalunya [government of Catalonia] Research Network in Economics and Public Policies (XREPP). Director: Daniel Tirado Fabregat/Alfonso Herranz Loncán.
- 2005-2008, Technological revolutions and economic growth in Spain, 1875-1985: an industrial history approach (SEJ 2005-02498/ECON). Funded by the Ministry of Education and Science. Main researcher: Jordi Catalan Vidal, University of Barcelona.
- 2005-2008, Research Group in Industrial and Business History (2005 SGR 00854). Funded by the Government of Catalonia (Comisionat per a Universitats i Recerca). Main researcher: Carles Sudrià Triay, University of Barcelona.

Organization of academic activities

- 2014 to present, Coordinator of the seminar series of the Economic History department at the University of Barcelona

- 2015, Co-organizer (with Alfonso Herranz) of the Barcelona FRESH (Frontier Research in Economic and Social History) meeting on the Economic History of Education (Barcelona, December 3-4)
- 2014, Co-organizer of the session: “Pósters sobre investigaciones de historia económica: grupos y proyectos” [Posters about research projects in economic history], at the XI Congreso Internacional de la AEHE (Madrid, September 4-5)
- 2012, Co-organizer (with Ulises Garcia Repetto and Ramiro Albrieu) of the session: “La gestión de las finanzas públicas en el siglo XX: abordajes desde un enfoque de largo plazo [*Public finance management in the 20th century. A long-run perspective*]”, at the 3rd CLADHE (Congreso Latinoamericano de Historia Económica), Bariloche, Argentina, October 2012
- 2011, Co-organizer (with Ulises Garcia Repetto and Silvana Harriett) of the session: “Seguros sociales: desempeño, instituciones y políticas en el largo plazo [*Social insurances: performance, institutions and public policies in the long term*]”, at the 5th Uruguayan Conference of Economic History (Montevideo, Uruguay, November 2011)

Refereeing

European Review of Economic History
 Economic History Review
 Revista de Historia Económica - Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History
 Eastern European Economics
 Investigaciones de Historia Económica – Economic History Research
 Revista Uruguaya de Historia Económica
 América Latina en la Historia Económica
 Documentos de Trabajo de la AEHE (asociación Española de Historia Económica)

Other research activities

- 2014-, Editorial Board, working-paper series of the Spanish Association of Economic History (AEHE).
- Researcher at the UB Economics and Economic History Research Centre “Antoni de Capmany”.
- Researcher at the Barcelona Economic Analysis Team Research Institute (BEAT)

Teaching innovation projects

- 2012-2013, Avaluació continuada, rendiment acadèmic i propostes de millora docent: el cas de l'assignatura d'Història Econòmica (2012PID-UB/174). Funded by the Vicerectorat de Política Docent i Científica - Programa de Millora i Innovació Docent (University of Barcelona). Main researcher: Ramon Ramon Muñoz
- 2011-2013, Economics e-translations into and from European languages: an on-line platform (518297-LLP-1-2011-IT-ERASMUS-FEXI). Funded by the Education, Audiovisual and Cultural Executive Agency –Lifelong learning program- of the European Commission. Main Researcher: Marco Enrico Luigi Guidi.
- 2007-... member of the group of teaching innovation in Economic, Political and Social History (2007GID-UB/12), University of Barcelona, coordinated by: Anna Carreras.

PhD thesis supervision

2015, PhD thesis - Oriol Sabaté Domingo, *Military spending, institutional stability and fiscal capacity. Spain in comparative perspective (1850-2009)*, University of Barcelona (September), qualification: Cum Laude.