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I work as a post-doctoral researcher in the Department of Economic History at Lund University. I got my PhD from Universidad Carlos III de Madrid where I studied the long-run evolution of service employment in the United States through the twentieth century. My research has been so far concentrated on issues related to human capital and technology with a particular focus on how the geography of growth and mobility affected economic growth, employment, and inequality. I am currently exploring the link between agricultural productivity and urbanisation in the context of Early Modern Swedish Economy.

## Professional Experience

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- **Lund University** **Lund**  
*Post Doctoral Researcher* *September 2016–*  
Researcher at the Department of Economic History.
- **Universidad Carlos III de Madrid** **Getafe**  
*Researcher in training* *September 2012–Currently*  
Researcher at the Social Sciences department. As part of my job I taught practical sessions of Economic History to first year students both in English and Spanish. This subject includes not only the learning of the main milestones of economic growth in the history of the world economy but also the use of basic economic models and tool. I was also responsible for the administrative duties involving the course and individual tutorials with students. I have always received very good grades on the student evaluations and special mention from the Dean's office in the courses 2012-2013 and 2014-2015

## Education

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Academic Qualifications.....

- **Economic History PhD – Universidad Carlos III de Madrid** **Madrid**  
*2012–2016*  
'Examining the Evolution of the Tertiary Sector: Economic Geography of Knowledge'  
3 month stage at London School of Economics from September 2015 financed with grant.  
*Cum laude* distinction awarded
- **MSc European and International Development – University of Glasgow** **Scotland**  
*2010–2011*  
'Europe and the effects of integration: Solow vs. Core-periphery model'  
Graduated with Merit
- **Economics Degree (Licenciatura) – Universidad Carlos III de Madrid** **Madrid**  
*2005–2010*  
, *Majored in Economics of European Integration. Average grade 7.2/10.0*  
Bilingual degree

## Participation in Conferences and Seminars

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- **October 2017, 12<sup>th</sup> Swedish economic-historic meeting** University of Stockholm, Sweden '*Can Kings Create Towns that Thrive?*'
- **September 2017, 12<sup>th</sup> Sound Economic History Workshop** University of Jyväskylä, Finland '*Can Kings Create Towns that Thrive?*'
- **August 2017, Economic History European Society** University of Tübingen, Germany '*Can Kings Create Towns that Thrive?*'
- **July 2017, CAGE Summer School**, University of Warwick University '*A dynamic Von Thünen model. Sweden 1570-1810*'
- **April 2017, Economic History Society Annual Conference** Royal Holloway, United Kingdom '*Universities, spillovers and the resilience of inequality in the human-capital century*'
- **November 2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of Danish Historical Economics Society** Copenhagen University, Denmark '*Fail of Towns? Agricultural surplus and urbanisation. 1570-1810 in Sweden*'
- **November 2015, 10<sup>th</sup> SOUND Economic History Workshop** Lund University, Sweden '*Knowledge shocks and the resilience of regional inequality*'
- **September 2015, Seminar at Ingenio Institute.** Valencia, CSIC and Universitat Politècnica de València. '*The ITC Revolution: long-term determinants of localisation*'
- **September 2015, European Historical Economics Society Annual Conference.** University of Pisa '*The ITC Revolution: long-term determinants of service sector employees localisation*'
- **April 2015: Workshop of Economic History for PhD's.** Getafe, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid '*The ITC Revolution: long-term determinants of service sector employees localisation*'
- **March 2015: Economic History Society, Annual Conference.** Birmingham, Telford Campus '*The ITC Revolution: long-term determinants of service sector employees localisation*'
- **November 2014: Second Evolution of Networks, Industries and Clusters Workshop.** Halle, Germany. Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung Halle '*A long-run analysis on the geographical concentration of service production. United States 1890-2010*'
- **July 2013: VIII European Historical Economics Society Summer School.** Getafe, Historical Economics Society and Instituto Figuerola '*A snapshot on service localisation patterns: the service sector in the United States of America in 1980*'

## Other Courses and Qualifications

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- **Universidad Autónoma de Madrid** Advanced Courses in Economics '*Microeconometrics: Discrete Choice and Panel Data Models*'. May 2015
- **LSE and Fundación Ramón Areces** Second Program of LSE Masterclasses: '*Cities and Citizens in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*'. November 2014
- **LSE and Fundación Ramón Areces** First Program of LSE Masterclasses: '*Mobility, innovation and Competitiveness*'. May 2013  
'*Wellbeing and a New Health Policy Agenda*'. June 2013

Technical and Personal skills.....

- **Programming Languages:** Proficient in: STATA, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X  
Also basic ability with: SPSS.
- **Software Skills:** MS Office Package, GIS (Advanced).
- **Languages:** Spanish (Mother tongue), Catalan (bilingual), English (Fluent. TOEFL: 104).

## Interests

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- Economic History, Economic Geography, Spatial Inequality, Industrial Economics and Regional Development
- Spatial Econometrics, Panel data econometrics
- Map designing, GIS

## Teaching experience

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- Economic History (UC3M) - Undergraduate Students (Spanish and English). From 2012 to 2016.
- Current trends in development theory (Lund University) - Undergraduate (English) Spring 2018

## References and publications

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- "The driving forces of service localization during the twentieth century: evidence from the United States" (2018) - European Review of Economic History.  
Available at <https://academic.oup.com/ereh/advance-article/doi/10.1093/ereh/hey011/4992969>
- Service labour market: The engine of growth and inequality (VOXEU column)  
Available at <http://www.voxeu.org/article/service-labour-market-engine-growth-and-inequality>
- How market size drove the localisation of knowledge hubs (VOXEU column)  
Available at <https://voxeu.org/article/how-market-size-drove-localisation-knowledge-hubs-us>
- "Spillovers Without Increasing Returns: Universities and the Resilience of Inequality in the Human-Capital Century". On R&R Journal of Economic Geography.
- Working Paper: "Can Kings Create Towns that Thrive?" - Under review in Journal of Urban Economics