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Current position

Profesor titular de universidad, Universitat de València, Facultad de Economía.

Nov. 2022 – present

Fields of interest

Economics – History – Geography

Books

- [2] Capital humano y desigualdad territorial. El proceso de alfabetización en los municipios españoles desde la ley Moyano hasta la Guerra Civil. Madrid: Estudios de Historia Económica nº 74. Banco de España (con Francisco J. Beltrán Tapia, Julio Martínez-Galarraga y Daniel A. Tirado, 2019)
- [1] Regional inequality in Spain 1860-2015. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan (with Julio Martínez-Galarraga and Daniel A. Tirado, 2018)

Articles [peer-reviewed]

- [21] The decline of the gender gap in literacy during the early stages of economic development: Evidence from Spanish municipalities 1860-1930. *History of Education Quarterly* (with Francisco J. Beltrán Tapia, Julio Martínez-Galarraga and Daniel A. Tirado-Fabregat, 2026, early view)
- [20] A new methodology for the construction of historical population grids: Spain in the late 19th century. *Journal of Historical Geography* (with Francisco J. Goerlich, Rafael González-Val and Daniel A. Tirado-Fabregat, 2026, early view)
- [19] Society, economy, and missing girls in 18th century Spain. *The History of the Family* (with Francisco J. Beltrán Tapia and Julio Martínez-Galarraga, 2026, early view)
- [18] Developing a population grid in a historical context: The Valencia region in late 19th century. *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History* 55(2), 99-110 (with Francisco J. Goerlich and Daniel A. Tirado-Fabregat, 2025)
- [17] Local institutions and human capital formation in pre-industrial societies: evidence from Valencia. *European Review of Economic History* 28(2), 135-162 (with Francisco J. Beltrán-Tapia, Alicia Gómez-Tello, Julio Martínez-Galarraga and Daniel A. Tirado-Fabregat, 2024)
- [16] Do universities matter for the location of foreign R&D? *Business Research Quarterly* 27, 104-120 (with Dolores Añón Higón, 2024)
- [15] The Spanish municipal population database (ESPOP) 1860-1930. *Revista de Demografía Histórica* 41(1), 133-174 (with Francisco J. Beltrán-Tapia, Julio Martínez-Galarraga and Daniel A. Tirado-Fabregat, 2023)
- [14] Starting high school? On the origins of secondary education in Spain, 1857-1901. *Cliometrica* 17, 233-259 (with Pau Insa Sánchez, 2023)

- [13] Two stories, one fate: age-heaping and literacy in Spain, 1877-1930. *Revista de Historia Económica-Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History* 40(3), 405-438 (with Francisco J. Beltrán Tapia, Julio Martínez-Galarraga and Daniel A. Tirado, 2022)
- [12] The uneven transition towards universal literacy in Spain, 1860-1930. *History of Education* 50(5), 605-627 (with Francisco J. Beltrán Tapia, Julio Martínez-Galarraga and Daniel A. Tirado, 2021)
- [11] Railroad integration and uneven development in the European periphery, 1870-1910. *Social Science History* 45 Special Issue 2, 261-289 (with Eduard J. Álvarez-Palau and Jordi Martí-Henneberg, 2021)
- [10] The shadow of cities: Size, location, and the spatial distribution of population in Spain. *Annals of Regional Science* 66 (3), 729-753 (with Francisco J. Beltrán-Tapia and Julio Martínez-Galarraga, 2021)
- [9] Old wine in new wineskins? Understanding the cooperative movement: Catalonia, 1860-1939. *European Review of Economic History* 25 (2), 328-354 (with Francisco J. Medina Albaladejo, Dolores Añón Higón and José Miguel Lana-Berasain, 2021)
- [8] The long-term relationship between economic development and regional inequality: South-West Europe 1860-2010. *Papers in Regional Science* 99 (3), 479-508 (with Rafael González-Val, Julio Martínez-Galarraga, M. Teresa Sanchis and Daniel A. Tirado, 2020)
- [7] Regional prices in early twentieth-century Spain: A country-product-dummy approach. *Cliometrica* 13, 245-276 (with Alicia Gómez-Tello, Julio Martínez-Galarraga and Daniel A. Tirado, 2019)
- [6] Regional income inequality in France 1860-1954: methods and findings. *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History* 52 (1), 1-14 (with M. Teresa Sanchis, 2019)
- [5] The origins of economic growth and regional income inequality in Latin Europe 1870-1950, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 49 (1), 93-116 (with Julio Martínez-Galarraga, M. Teresa Sanchis and Daniel A. Tirado, 2018)
- [4] Tracing the evolution of agglomeration economies: Spain, 1860-1991, *Journal of Economic History* 78 (1), 81-117 (with Francisco J. Beltrán Tapia and Julio Martínez-Galarraga, 2018)
- [3] Regional inequality and economic development in Spain, 1860-2010, *Journal of Historical Geography* 54, 87-98 (with Julio Martínez-Galarraga and Daniel A. Tirado, 2016)
- [2] Why did Spanish regions not converge before the Civil War? Agglomeration economies and (regional) growth revisited, *Revista de Historia Económica-Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History* 34 (3), 417-448 (with Julio Martínez-Galarraga and Daniel A. Tirado, 2016)
- [1] Mating (marriage) patterns and economic development, *The History of the Family* 16 (4), 312-330 (2011)

Book chapters

- [4] Living standards in Iberia, 1800-2010, in Alfonso Herranz-Loncán and Vicente Pinilla (eds.) *An economic history of the Iberian peninsula 700-2000. Part III. Industrialization and Catching Up, 1800-2000*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (with Jordi Guilera and Julio Martinez-Galarraga, 2024)
- [3] La educación en el Estado Liberal (1857-1901): Entre la universalización y la gestión privada, en Salvador Calatayud, Jesús Millán y María Cruz Romeo (eds.) *Reformas antes del Reformismo: Estado y sociedad de élites en la España contemporánea*. Granada: Comares (con Francisco J. Beltrán Tapia, Pau Insa-Sánchez, Julio Martinez-Galarraga y Daniel A. Tirado Fabregat, 2022)
- [2] La alfabetización en el mundo urbano español, en Luis Enrique Otero Carvajal y Santiago de Miguel Salanova (eds.) *La educación en España: el salto adelante 1900-1936*. Madrid: Los Libros de la Catarata (con Francisco J. Beltrán Tapia, Julio Martinez-Galarraga y Daniel A. Tirado Fabregat, 2022)

- [1] Comparing different estimation methodologies of regional GDPs in Latin American Countries, in Daniel A. Tirado-Fabregat, Marc Badia-Miró and Henry Willebald (eds.) Time and Space: Latin America Regional Development in Historical Perspective. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan (with María Teresa Sanchis-Llopis, 2020)

Other publications

- [3] Catalunya dins l'economia espanyola: del vapor a la intel·ligència artificial, de màquina a vagó. Revista Econòmica de Catalunya 89, 91-98 (amb Julio Martínez-Galarraga i Daniel A. Tirado, 2024)
- [2] Les arrels de la industrialització catalana: del segle XVIII a la Guerra Civil. Revista Econòmica de Catalunya 89, 67-75 (amb Julio Martínez-Galarraga i Daniel A. Tirado, 2024)
- [1] Tendencias de largo plazo de la desigualdad territorial en España (1860-2015). Presupuesto y Gasto Público 102(1), 9-30 (con Julio Martínez-Galarraga y Daniel A. Tirado, 2021)

Presentations

- 2025** 50th SAEe, December 17-19, Barcelona, Spain; XLIV APHES Conference, Universidade de Évora, November 14-15, Évora, Portugal; Seminar, CUNEF Universidad, November 12, Madrid, Spain; 7th BEAT Trobada, October 24, Barcelona, Spain; Seminar, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, October 6, Barcelona, Spain; XI Iberometrics, May 29-30, Sevilla, Spain; Seminar, Lisbon School of Economics and Management (ISEG), March 5, Lisbon, Portugal; XIV Congreso Internacional de la Asociación Española de Historia Económica (AEHE), Universidad de las Palmas de Gran Canaria, January 21-24, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain.
- 2024** XLIII APHES Conference, Lisbon School of Economics and Management (ISEG), November 15-16, Lisbon, Portugal; International Research Workshop "Reconciling the irreconcilable: Methods and techniques towards a European historical local population database", Universitat de València, October 24-25, València, Spain; Workshop "Depopulation, demographic transition and the path to sustainability in European regions", Universtat Jaume I, September 19, Castelló de la Plana, Spain; XV Encuentro de Didáctica AEHE, June 20-21, Plasencia, Spain; Seminar, Department of Modern History and Society, April 14, Trondheim, Norway.
- 2023** Seminario, Universidad de Zaragoza, November 21, Zaragoza, Spain; ESSHC Conference, April 12-15, Gothenburg, Sweden; II Workshop Instituto Figuerola, Universidad Carlos III, June 8-9, Madrid, Spain; Workshop "New perspectives on inequality and human capital in southern Europe in the long term", July 3-4, Zaragoza, Spain.
- 2021** Seminar "The rise of education in historical perspective", May 11, online; Workshop "Depopulation and Agglomeration in turbulent times: Threat or opportunity?" September 29-30, Castellón, Spain; Joint 9th CEPR Economic History Symposium & 7th Banco de España Economic History Seminar, October 8, Madrid, Spain.
- 2020** Seminario-online "De Aranda al Big Data" October 21-23, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2019** Seminario, Departament d'Història Econòmica, Institucions, Política i Economia Mundial, November 27, Barcelona, Spain; XLV International Conference on Regional Science, November 20-22, Universitat Jaume I, Spain; XIII Congress of the European Historical Economics, August 29-31, Paris, France; Joint 7th CEPR Economic History Symposium & 5th Banco de España Economic History Seminar, May 30-31, Roda de Barà, Spain.
- 2018** XLIV International Conference on Regional Science, November 21-23, Universitat de València, Spain; III Workshop d'Economia Valenciana, 18-19 October, Universtitat de València, Spain; Jornada sobre escolarización y alfabetización en España 1787-1930, 19 January, Universitat de València, Spain; Jornadas científicas: Desigualdad, pobreza y bienestar en España, 18-19 January, Universidad de Murcia, Spain.

- 2017** 42nd SAEe, December 14-16, Barcelona, Spain; 32nd Annual Congress of the EEA, August 21-25, Lisbon, Portugal; 3rd Jornada de Historia Económica – Banco de España, October 5, Madrid, Spain; 20th Encuentro Economía Aplicada, June 8-9, Valencia, Spain; III Agriciometrics, April 3-4, University of Cambridge, UK.
- 2016** Taller de Capital Humano en España: Pasado y Presente, December 20, Facultat d'Economia, Valencia, Spain; Jean Monnet Action International Conference: "Studying GDP regional imbalances for a better long-term analysis of European integration", October 6, Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain; II Workshop ANAECO, July 6-8, Departament d'Anàlisi Econòmica, Valencia, Spain; Jean Monnet Action International Conference: "Studying GDP regional imbalances for a better long-term analysis of European integration", March 31, Fundación Universidad-Empresa ADEIT, Valencia, Spain; ESSHC Conference, March 30-April 2, Valencia, Spain.
- 2015** Summer Workshop in Economic Growth, July 6-10, University of Warwick, United Kingdom; II Workshop "Desigualdad Económica Regional en Perspectiva Histórica: Europa y Latinoamérica", June 12, Universitat de València, Spain; XLI International Conference on Regional Studies, November 18-20, Universitat Roviri i Virgili, Spain; 1st HEAd Conference, June 24-26, Universitat Politècnica de València, Spain; II Agriciometrics, June 4-5, Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain; VII Iberometrics, May 8-9, Porto, Portugal.
- 2014** Conference "The Deep Causes of Economic Development", December 18-20, 2014, Utrecht, The Netherlands; FRESH meeting, November 7, 2014, Dublin, Ireland; XI Encuentro de Didáctica AEHE, June 26-27, Santiago de Compostela, Spain; VI Jornadas de Docencia en Economía, June 12-13, Bilbao, Spain; Taller "Pensando en el futuro" (Presentación: La importancia de las Instituciones para el desarrollo económico), January 23, Universitat de València, Spain.
- 2013** FRESH meeting, June 13-14, 2013, Valencia, Spain; EHS Annual Conference, April 5-7, 2013, University of York, UK.
- 2012** 37th SAEe, December 13-15, 2012, Vigo, Spain; Seminario, Universitat de València, November 19, 2012, Valencia, Spain; FRESH meeting, October 12-13, 2012, Lisbon, Portugal; III Encuentro AEHE, 2012, September 7, Barcelona, Spain; X Encuentro de Didáctica AEHE, June 21-22, Salamanca, Spain.
- 2011** 36th SAEe, December 15-17, 2011, Málaga, Spain; CAGE Summer School, July 26, 2011, University of Warwick, UK.
- 2010** Conference "Marriage Patterns, Household Formation and Economic Development", October 6-10, 2010, Utrecht, The Netherlands; 3rd Annual COSME-FEDEA Workshop on Gender Economics, May 27-28, 2010, Madrid, Spain; Seminar, Universitat de València, May 24, 2010, Valencia, Spain.
- 2009** 34th SAEe, December 10-12, 2009, Valencia, Spain.

Thesis advisor

Yava Vilar Varela (Universitat de València, since 2026)

Title: tbd

Clara Sarasa Aznar (Universitat de València, since 2023) (with Pablo Cervera Ferri)

Title: tbd

Pau Insa Sánchez (Universitat de València, 2023) (with Daniel A. Tirado Fabregat)

Title: "*The obstacles to the development of secondary education in Spain, 1857-1900*"

Guillermo Esteban Oliver (Universitat de Lleida, 2021) (with Jordi Martí-Henneberg)

Title: "*El ferrocarril en España: estaciones, acceso a la red y compañías privadas 1848-1941*"

Thesis committee

Èric Gómez-i-Aznar (Universitat de Barcelona, 2021)

Other supervision

Lucía Doménech Collado ("Economía y poder: Continuidad y cambio en las élites políticas españolas 1705-1936", Universitat de València; Beca de Colaboración, Ministerio de Educación y Formación Profesional, Nov. 2021 – Jun. 2022)

Pau Insa Sánchez ("La contribución del capital humano en el crecimiento económico regional y la desigualdad en España, 1787-1930"; Beca de Colaboración, Ministerio de Educación, Cultura y Deporte; Universitat de València, Nov. 2017 – Jun. 2018)

Editorial work

Editor of Investigaciones de Historia Económica-Economic History Research Jan. 2023 – Dec. 2025

Secretary of Investigaciones de Historia Económica-Economic History Research Nov. 2019 – Dec. 2022

Member of the editorial team of Historia Agraria Oct. 2018 – Nov. 2019

Refereeing

Referee for: Cuadernos de Estudios del s. XVIII; Cliometrica; Economic History of Developing Regions; Economic History Review; Explorations in Economic History; European Review of Economic History; Historia Agraria; Historia y Memoria de la Educación; History of Education; History of the Family; International Regional Science Review; International Review of Social History; Indian Growth and Development Review; International Journal of Peace and Development Studies; International Regional Science Review; Investigaciones de Historia Económica; Journal of Economic History; Journal of Maps; Regional Studies; Revista de Historia Económica - Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History; Scandinavian Economic History Review; Vegueta.

Referee for: Agencia Nacional de Evaluación y Prospectiva (2018, 2019).

Organizing committees

Workshop – Methods and techniques towards a historical local population database (Oct. 24-25, 2024, València, Spain)

Taller – Desigualdad en Iberoamérica en el largo plazo (Oct. 3-4, 2023, València, Spain)

Workshop – Education and development in history: New Data and Methods (Jun. 6-7, 2023, València, Spain)

Online seminar – The rise of education in historical perspective (Jan. – May, 2021, València, Spain)

Jornada – Escolarización y alfabetización en España 1787-1930 (Jan. 19, 2018, València, Spain)

Workshop – GLOCREd (Nov. 24, 2017, València, Spain)

Taller – Desigualdad económica regional en perspectiva histórica (Jun. 17, 2015, València, Spain)

Workshop – Frontier Research in Economic and Social History (FRESH) (Jun. 13-14, 2013, València, Spain)

Teaching – undergraduate courses

Incorporación a los estudios de ADE 2022 – 2026
Grado en Administración y Dirección de Empresas (ADE), Universitat de València

Historia Económica I 2025 – 2026
Grado en Economía (ECO), Universitat de València 2017 – 2024

Historia Económica II 2025 – 2026
Doble Grado en Derecho y Economía (Dret+ECO), Universitat de València 2021 – 2022
Grado en Economía (ECO), Universitat de València

Historia Económica y de la Empresa Grado en Administración y Dirección de Empresas (ADE), Universitat de València	2011 – 2024
The World Economy: History & Theory Bachelor of Science (BSc), University of Warwick	2006 – 2008
Microeconomics 1 Bachelor of Science (BSc), University of Warwick	2005 – 2008
Microeconomics 1 Bachelor of Science (BSc), University of Warwick	2002 – 2004

Teaching – postgraduate courses

Cambio económico en la sociedad digital Máster Universitario en Sociedad Digital, Universitat de València	2024 – 2026
Introductory Mathematics and Statistics Master in Science (MSc) in Economics, University of Warwick	2008 – 2009
Mathematical methods Master in Science (MSc) in Finance and Economics, University of Warwick	2008 – 2009
Economics of Financial Markets Master in Science (MSc) in Finance, University of Warwick	2007 – 2009

Teaching – publications

- Capítulo 1. La economía mundial en el largo plazo, en Jordi Palafox (ed.) Los tiempos cambian: historia de la economía. València: Tirant Humanidades (con Julio Martinez-Galarraga, 2014)
- Capítulo 3. La revolución industrial, en Jordi Palafox (ed.) Los tiempos cambian: historia de la economía. València: Tirant Humanidades (con Julio Martinez-Galarraga, 2014)
- Apéndice. Herramientas básicas para el análisis histórico de la economía, en Jordi Palafox (ed.) Los tiempos cambian: historia de la economía. València: Tirant Humanidades (con Julio Martinez-Galarraga, 2014)

Previous positions

Profesor contratado doctor, Universitat de València, Facultad de Economía.	Sep. 2019 – Oct. 2022
Profesor ayudante doctor, Universitat de València, Facultad de Economía.	Oct. 2016 – Sep. 2019
Profesor ayudante, Universitat de València, Facultad de Economía.	Jul. 2011 – Mar. 2016
Profesor ayudante interino, Universitat de València, Facultad de Economía.	Mar. 2011 – Jul. 2011
Teaching Fellow, University of Warwick, Economics Department.	Sep. 2006 – Dec. 2008
Teaching Assistant, University of Warwick, History Department.	Sep. 2007 – Dec. 2007
Teaching Assistant, University of Warwick, Economics Department.	Sep. 2005 – Sep. 2006
Visiting Fellow, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Economics Department.	Aug. 2004 – Aug. 2005
Internship, United Nations, New York, Department of Economics and Social Affairs.	May – Jul. 2004

Teaching Assistant, University of Warwick, Economics Department.

Sep. 2002 – May 2004

Research Assistant, University of Warwick, Economics Department.

Sep. 2002 – May 2004

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Warwick	2010
MSc. in Economics, University of Warwick	2002
B.A. in Business and Economics, University of Kent at Canterbury	2001

Other merits

Sexenios or 6-year research periods	2019 – 2024
	2011 – 2018
Quinquenios or 5-year teaching periods	2020 – 2025
	2015 – 2019
	2002 – 2014