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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder Partner

Since Nov'15

Knowledge Sharing Network (KSNET), a firm dedicated to knowledge transfer, making academic research in economics accessible to society, firms, public administration, and the third sector.

Second Opinion Correspondent (SOC)

Since May'19

European Commission Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG Home) -a project from ECORYS- in the creation of an anti-corruption network, as the Second Opinion Correspondent (SOC) for Spain.

Country Expert (Spain)

Since Oct'18

Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Institute, an independent research institute based at the Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Editor

Since Mar'15

Politikon, an analysis group focused on political issues, policymaking and social sciences in general. Its goal is to look at reality from an analytical perspective and to debate proposals for the progress of society.

Associate Professor

Sept'19- Sept'21

Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting of the ESADE Business & Law School,

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Oct'14-Sept'18

Department of Economics of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) & Barcelona Graduate School of Economics (Barcelona GSE)

Junior Policy Analyst

Jul'16 – Dec'16

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), at the Development Co-operation Directorate (DCD) in the Secretariat for the Development Assistance Committee (DAC).

Research Fellow

Sep'07 – Oct'14

Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB), a University of Barcelona research centre specialized in the field of applied economics, especially in Fiscal Federalism and Regional Economics.

Research Fellow

Oct' 10 – Feb'13

Office of Evaluation and Oversight (OVE) at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Junior assistant

Jan'07 – Oct'07

D'Aleph, an economic consultancy firm specialising in the provision of advisory services to the public sector.

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics (*Excellent Cum Laude*), University of Barcelona

Sep'10 – Oct'14

Dissertation: Essays on the Political Economy of Local Corruption

Advisors: Albert Solé-Ollé and Pilar Sorribas-Navarro

Reading Committee: Víctor Lapuente (Chair), Francesco Sobbrío and Santiago Sánchez Páges

MSc in Economics, University College of London

Sep'09 – Sep'10

Dissertation: Does privatization influence corruption perceptions? Evidence from Latin America

Advisor: Imran Rasul

MSc in Economics, University of Barcelona

Sep'07 – Jun'09

Dissertation: Do voters punish corrupt mayors? Recent evidence from Spain

Advisor: Albert Solé-Ollé and Pilar Sorribas-Navarro

B.A. in Economics, University of Barcelona

Sep'03 – Jun'07

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Costas-Pérez, Elena, Pablo Tucac. "Nudges: design and evaluation". *GAPP, Instituto Nacional de Administración Pública (INAP)*, no. 25 (2021): 21-35.

Costas-Pérez, Elena, María Sánchez, and Paula Salinas. "El sistema de becas y ayudas al estudio en el nivel universitario. Scholarships and study grants at the university level". *La Cuestión Universitaria*, 10 (2019), 54-77.

Costas-Pérez, Elena, Albert Solé-Ollé, and Pilar Sorribas-Navarro. "Corruption scandals, voter information, and accountability." *European Journal of Political Economy* 28, no. 4 (2012): 469-484.

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

The importance of institutional quality (with Victor Lapuente). Open Government. Good Governance and Public Integrity against Corruption. Government of Catalonia (2019).

Politikon, *El muro invisible. Las dificultades de ser joven en España*, Debate, (2017).

Victor Lapuente (coord), *La Corrupción En España. Un Paseo Por El Lado Oscuro De La Democracia Y El Gobierno*, Alianza Ensayo, (2016).

Les subvencions d'anivellament fiscal dels governs locals a Europa, (with N. Bosch and M. Espasa). Barcelona Deputation. Studies Collection, Barcelona (2008). [*Las subvenciones de nivelación de los gobiernos locales en Europa*, Fundación Democracia y Gobierno Local].

WORKING PAPERS

Costas-Pérez, Elena, 2016. "Political Corruption on Turnout: Mobilization or Disaffection?", (*Job Market Paper*).

Costas-Pérez, Elena, Albert Solé-Ollé, and Pilar Sorribas-Navarro, 2014. "Press Coverage of Political Scandals: Slant and Capture".

OTHER SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND POLICY REPORTS

Long-life Societies confronting the Challenge of Long-Term Care. Review of specialised scientific literature, The Social Observatory of the "la Caixa" Foundation, (with Clara Costas and Sacramento Pinazo-Hernandis) April 2021.

Unemployment and job creation, policy report prepared for the Degroof Foundation (joint with ESADE), 2020-2021.

Costas-Pérez, Elena, and Víctor Lapuente Giné. "El control de los gobernantes." *Nueva revista de política, cultura y arte* 173 (2020): 132-149.

The impact of covid-19 in the most vulnerable children, UNICEF, 2020.

Childhood in reconstruction, Save the Children, 2020.

Scholarships so nobody falls behind, Save the Children, (2018).

Report on the evaluation of cultural activities and methodological proposal, Fundació Bancaria "la Caixa", (2018).

Disinherited, Save the Children, 2017.

Making Development Co-operation More Effective: 2016 Progress Report, (with C.Cesca, J. Fouassier, A.Guerrero, V.Orru, N. Wanner and P. Chichereau). UNDP&OECD (2016).

Country Program Evaluation: Peru (2007-2011), (with E. Cobas, R. Grassi and M. Soldano), Inter-American Development Bank Publications, (2013).

Evaluation of Transnational Programs at the IDB, (with J.M. Puerta, L. Atuesta, M.E. Corrales and J. Sekkel), Inter-American Development Bank Publications, (2012).

IDB-9: Mecanismo Independiente de Consulta e Investigación., (with V. Elliott, K. Truong, W. Partridge, and M.V. Junho-Pena), *Integration & Trade Journal*, 16(35)., (2012).

RESEARCH STAYS

- Sept'17 – Feb'18* Quality of Government Institute (QoG), Department of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg (Sweden)
- Apr'16 – Jun'16* Department of Government at London School of Economics (UK)
- Feb'16 – Apr'16* Centre de recherches politiques (CEVIPOF) at Sciences Po (France)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 – 2022* Courses on Public Trust and Corruption and Accountability in the Master in Public Management at the Public Administration School of Catalonia (EAPC)
- 2019 – 2021* Instructor, Microeconomics, ESADE Business & Law School
- 2016 - 2018* Instructor, Macroeconomics I, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- Spring 2016* Political Science and Political Economy: Advanced Topics, London School of Economics
- 2015 - 2016* Instructor, Introduction to Economics, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- 2014 - 2015* Instructor, Microeconomics II, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2018* Postdoctoral fellowship awarded by the “Institut d'Estudis de l'Autogovern, (IEA)”, Barcelona.
- 2016* Accreditation as Tenure-Eligible Lecturer (“Professor Lector”) by the Catalan University Quality Assurance Agency (AQU), Spain.
- 2016* Accreditation as Tenured Assistant Professor (“Profesor Contratado Doctor”) by the National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation of Spain (ANECA), Spain.
- 2016* Postdoctoral fellowship awarded by the “Societat Econòmica Barcelonesa d'Amics del País (SEBAP)”, Barcelona.
- 2009 - 2010* Predoctoral fellowship (FPU), awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Education.
- 2009* Predoctoral fellowship (FI), awarded by the Catalan Government.
- 2008 - 2009* Predoctoral fellowship (APIF), awarded by the University of Barcelona.

REFeree ACTIVITY

American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, European Journal of Political Economy, British Journal of Political Science, Local Government Studies, Social Science Journal, European Political Science Review, Governance, International Political Science Review.

MEDIA

Regular columnist at *Diari ARA*, and *Politikon*. Collaborator at *TV3* (national Catalan television), *Jot Down* or *El País*.

LANGUAGES

Spanish and Catalan (native), English (high written and oral proficiency) & Portuguese (basic written and oral proficiency).

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Advanced user of econometric programs: Stata, E-views, and SPSS.
- Intermediate user: R and LaTeX.
- Advanced user of all MS Office packages.