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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.

Associate Professor Since Sept'19

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

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.

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

RESEARCH STAYS

- Sep'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

- 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.

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

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).

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.