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## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Political Economy, Public Economics, Development Economics

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## EDUCATION

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**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

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Postdoctoral Research Fellow** Since Oct 14

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

**Research Fellow** Sep 07 – Oct 14

*Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB)*

**Research Fellow** Oct' 10 – Feb'13

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

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## RESEARCH STAYS

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Feb'16 – Apr'16 Centre de recherches politiques (CEVIPOF) at Sciences Po (France)

Apr'16 – Jun'16 Department of Government at London School of Economics (UK)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2015 - 2016    Instructor, Introduction to Economics, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.  
2014 - 2015    Instructor, Microeconomics II, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

## FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2016            Postdoctoral fellowship awarded by the “Societat Econòmica Barcelonesa d'Amics del País”.
- 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

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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.

## WORKING PAPERS

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Costas-Pérez, Elena, 2015. "Political Corruption on Turnout: Mobilization or Disaffection?", *Revise and Resubmit, The Journal of Politics. (Job Market Paper, Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Politics)*

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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

Costas-Pérez, Elena, "Does privatization influence corruption perceptions? Evidence from Latin America", 2012.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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*Evaluation of the Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism (ICIM)*, (with V. Elliott, K. Truong, W. Partridge, and M.V. Junho-Pena), 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).

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

*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].

## **REFEREE ACTIVITY**

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European Journal of Political Economy, Local Government Studies, Social Science Journal.

## **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

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- 2014 Barcelona Graduate School of Economics (GSE) Winter Workshop; Political Behaviour Seminar at Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain; Silvaplan Workshop in Political Economy, Switzerland; Political Economy Workshop, Catholic University of Milan, Italy; Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Vienna; Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society.
- 2013 PhD Workshop, Institut d'Economia de Barcelona; PhD Workshop, University of Barcelona.

## **LANGUAGES**

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

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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- Advanced user of mathematic and econometric programs: Stata, E-views, GAUSS, SPSS, etc.
- Advanced user of all MS Office packages: Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint, and LATEX.