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EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

Professor of Economics, University of Alicante

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IZA Research Fellow

EDUCATION

Ph.D.

European University Institute, June 2003

Thesis title: "Essays on Labour Economics, Health
Economics and Gender"

B.A.

Universidad de Valencia, June 1998

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Health Economics, Genomics, Labor Economics, Gender.

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

["Gender Gaps in Early Childhood Development in Latin America and the Caribbean"](#), with Alba Sónora-Noya and Samuel Berlinski. *Economics and Human Biology*, 57, 101472, 2025.

[“Sibling Differences in Genetic Propensity for Education: How do Parents React?”](#), with Anastasia Terskaya. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 107 (5): 1356–1370, 2025. Appendix available [here](#).

[“Does College Selectivity Reduce Obesity? A Partial Identification Approach”](#), with Giorgio Brunello, Dimitris Christelis, and Anastasia Terskaya. *Health Economics*, 1-15, 2024.

[“Gender Norms in High School: Impacts on Risky Behaviors from Adolescence to Adulthood”](#), with Núria Rodríguez-Planas and Anastasia Terskaya. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 196: 429-456, 2022.

[“Is the Math Gender Gap Associated with Gender Equality? Only in Low-Income Countries”](#), with Brindusa Anghel and Núria Rodríguez-Planas. *Economics of Education Review*, 79, 2020.

[“Association of a Genetic Risk Score with BMI along the Life-Cycle: Evidence from several US Cohorts”](#), with Anastasia Terskaya and Angie Upegui. *PLoS ONE*, 15(9), 2020.

[“Not Only in My Genes: The Effects of Peers’ Genotype on Obesity”](#), with Giorgio Brunello and Anastasia Terskaya. *Journal of Health Economics*, 72, 102349, 2020.

[“The Impact of Health Insurance on Stockholding: A Regression Discontinuity Approach”](#), with Dimitris Christelis and Dimitris Georgarakos. *Journal of Health Economics*, 69, 102246, 2020.

[“Minimum Wage: Does it Improve Welfare in Thailand?”](#), with Julián Messina and Ximena del Carpio. *Review of Income and Wealth*, 65(2): 358-382, 2019.

[“Intergenerational Transmission of Gender Social Norms and Teenage Smoking”](#), with Núria Rodríguez-Planas. *Social Science and Medicine*, 222: 122-132, 2019.

[“The Labor Market in Spain, 2002-2016”](#), with Anastasia Terskaya. *IZA World of Labor*, 403, 2017.

[“Coverage of Infertility Treatment and Fertility Outcomes”](#), with Matilde P. Machado. *SERIEs - Journal of the Spanish Economic Association*, 6(4): 407-439, 2015.

[“Wage Rigidity and Disinflation in Emerging Countries”](#), with Julián Messina. *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, 6(1): 102-133, 2014.

[“Smoking Persistence Across Countries: a Panel Data Analysis”](#), with Dimitris Christelis. *Journal of Health Economics*, 30: 1077-1093, 2011.

[“Smoking Habits: Like Father, Like Son, Like Mother, Like Daughter?”](#), with María Loureiro and Daniela Vuri. *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 72(6): 717-746, 2010. Paper ranked among IZA Top 10 Downloads.

[“The Rise of Obesity in Europe: an Economic Perspective”](#), with Giorgio Brunello and Pierre-Carl Michaud. *Economic Policy*, 57: 553-96, 2009.

[“Moral Hazard and the Demand for Health Services: a Matching Estimator Approach”](#), with Pedro Pita Barros and Matilde P. Machado. *Journal of Health Economics*, 27: 1006-1025, 2008.

[“Parental Divorce and Students’ Performance: Evidence from Longitudinal Data”](#), with Daniela Vuri. *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, 69(3): 321-338, 2007.

[“The Euro Area Wage Curve”](#), with Jarkko Turunen. *Economics Letters*, 92: 93-98, 2006.

[“Job-Lock and Public Policy: Evidence from Clinton’s Second Mandate”](#). *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 59(3): 430-437, 2006.

WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

[“Birds of a Feather Earn Together: Gender Asymmetries in Peer Effects at the Workplace”](#), with Julián Messina and Anastasia Terskaya. IZA DP No. 16721. Revision requested at the *Journal of Human Resources*.

[“Subjective gender-based patterns in ADHD diagnosis”](#), with Marco Bertoni and Blas A. Marín-López. IZA DP No. 16634 and [HEDG WP 23/17](#). Revision requested at the *Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics*.

[“When the Going Gets Tough: the Impact of Health Shocks on Divorce”](#), with Javier López-Artero and Daniela Vuri. Also available as [IZA DP No. 17849](#) and [HEDG WP 25/04](#).

[“The Aftermath of Peace: the Impact of the FARC’s Ceasefire on Forced Displacement in Colombia”](#), with Pedro Albarrán and Antonio Robles. IZA DP. No. 18087.

“Returns to Formal Sector Experience. Is it About You or Where You Worked?”, with Julián Messina and Santiago Reyes. In progress.

“The Causal Effect of Facemask-wearing on Symptomatic Infection from COVID-19: Observational Data Evidence from 26 European Countries and Israel”, with Dimitris Christelis and Loretta I. Dobrescu. In progress.

PUBLICATIONS IN BOOKS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Comments on ‘Wage Curve Evidence from Turkish Regional Data: 2004-2008’, by Gonca Konyali”, *Investigaciones Regionales*, 24: 209-210, Special issue on ‘Regional wage inequality: recent trends and labour market impacts’, 2012.

“Universitats i Estudis a Catalunya: una Anàlisi Comparativa”, with Julián Messina and Elena del Rey, in A. Serra Ramoneda (Ed.), *Educació Superior i Treball a Catalunya. Estudi de la Inserció Laboral dels Graduats de les Universitats Públiques Catalanes*, pp. 299-328. AQU, 2007 (in Catalan).

“Comments on ‘The Effect of Home-Ownership on Labor Mobility in The Netherlands’, by Michael van Leuvensteijn and Pierre Koning”, in J. Messina, C. Michelacci, J. Turunen and G. Zoega (Eds.), *Labour Market Adjustment in Europe*, Edward Elgar Press, 2006.

“L’Effetto del Divorzio sulle Performance Scolastiche dei Figli”, with Daniela Vuri, in G. Brunello, D. Checchi, C. Lucifora and A. Ichino (Brucchi Luchino, Eds.), *Per un’analisi Critica del Mercato del Lavoro*, Mulino, Laterza, 2005 (in Italian).

“[Reconciling Motherhood and Work: Evidence from Time Use Data in Three Countries](#)”, with Andrea Ichino, in D. S. Hamermesh and G. Pfann (Eds.), *The Economics of Time Use*, pp. 263-288, Amsterdam, Elsevier, 2004.

POPULAR WRITING (NON-TECHNICAL)

“Cruce de Caminos: Género y Trayectoria en el Mundo Profesional”, with Julián Messina and Anastasia Terskaya. Article appeared in [Nada es Gratis](#), 2023 (in Spanish).

“¿Cómo responden los padres a las diferencias entre sus hijos y qué pueden aprender los economistas de los datos genéticos?”, with Anastasia Terskaya. Article appeared in [Nada es Gratis](#), 2023 (in Spanish).

“Los efectos socio-genéticos y la obesidad: ¿nos afectan los genes de nuestros pares?”, with Giorgio Brunello and Anastasia Terskaya. Article appeared in [Nada es Gratis](#), 2021 (in Spanish).

“Mujeres, hombres, resultados socioeconómicos y conductas de riesgo: el papel de la identidad de género”. Serie Fronteras del Conocimiento. Madrid: Funcas, 2018 (in Spanish).

“La cobertura sanitaria y las decisiones financieras individuales”, with Dimitris Christelis and Dimitris Georgarakos. Article appeared in [Nada es Gratis](#), 2016 (in Spanish).

“The Rise of Obesity in Europe: an Economic Perspective”, with Giorgio Brunello and Pierre-Carl Michaud. Article appeared in [Voxeu](#), 2009.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND RESEARCH VISITS

Sept. 2021-July 2022	Visiting Researcher, University of Padova
Oct. 2015-July 2022	Associate Professor, University of Alicante
Sept. 2014-Oct. 2015	Assistant Professor, University of Alicante
July-Aug. 2015	Visiting Researcher, Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington D.C.
2012-14	World Bank, Office of the Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean, Senior Economist Consultant
2009-12	Assistant Professor, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Jan.-Feb. 2012	Visiting Researcher, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome
Nov.-Dec. 2011	Visiting Researcher, World Bank
Oct. 2010	Visiting Researcher, World Bank
Jan.-Feb. 2009	Visiting Researcher, Georgetown University and

	World Bank
2005-09	Assistant Professor, Universitat de Girona
Sept.-Oct. 2008	Visiting Researcher, RAND Corporation (Santa Monica)
Oct. 2007-Feb. 2008	Visiting Researcher, FEDEA (Madrid)
2004-05	CSEF Research Fellow, Università degli Studi di Salerno
2003-04	Economist, DG-Research, EAM, European Central Bank
2002-03	Visiting Assistant Professor, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
2002	Summer Internship, Asian Development Bank
2001-02	Assistant for Prof. Andrea Ichino, EUI
2001	Visiting Researcher, ISER, University of Essex

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate	Instructor: Macroeconomic Principles, Macroeconomics (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, 2002-2003, Open University of Catalonia, 2005); Public Economics, Social Policies and the Welfare State (Universitat de Girona, 2005-06); Applied Economics (Universitat de Girona, 2005-09); Econometrics II (UAB, 2009-12); Labour Economics (Open University of Catalonia, 2004 and 2006-present); Statistics and Introductory Econometrics (University of Alicante, 2014-21); Introduction to Microeconomics (University of Alicante, 2022-25); Econometrics I (University of Valencia, 2025-26).
Graduate	Instructor: Linear Algebra, Economics Ph.D. Program (Università degli Studi di Salerno, 2004-05); Econometrics (IDEA Ph.D. Program,

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 2011-12); Global Economic Evaluation of Health (Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Master in Health Economics and Policy, 2011-12); Personnel Economics: Applications to Health Care Organizations (University of Alicante, Economics Ph.D. Program, 2020-21); Impact Evaluation: Theory and Practice (University of Alicante, Economics Ph.D. Program, 2015-20, 2022-25).

Former PhD students	Anastasia Terskaya , Angie Upegui , Blas A. Marín-López , and Alba Soñora Noya .
Current PhD students	Jorge Casanova-Ferrando , Javier López-Artero , and José Elías Durán Roa .

AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025	Research grant PID2024-160151NB-I00, Principal Investigator, Ministerio de Ciencia, Innovación y Universidades
2023	International Centre for Ageing Research (ICAR) grant. Principal Investigator.
2022	Research grant PID2021-124237NB-I00, Principal Investigator, Ministerio de Ciencia, Innovación y Universidades
2022-25	Research grant CIPROM/2021/068, Principal Investigator, Generalitat Valenciana
2018	Research grant ECO2017-87069-P, Principal Investigator, Ministerio de Economía, Industria y Competitividad
2015	Research grant ECO2014-58434-P (PI: Juan Mora), Ministerio de Economía, Industria y Competitividad
2012	Research grant ECO2011-28822 (PI: Nezih Guner),

2007	Ministerio de Economía, Industria y Competitividad Research grant SEJ2007-62500 (PI: Julián Messina), Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología
2004	Research grant SEJ2004-03276 (PI: Dolors Berga), Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología
2004-05	Post-Doctoral Marie Curie Fellowship, CSEF, University of Salerno
2003	Research grant SEC2003-08714 (PI: Alfonso Alba), Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología
Jan.-March 2001	Pre-Doctoral Marie Curie Fellowship at the Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex
Sept. 2000-June 2002	Doctoral Fellowship, European University Institute
Sept. 1998-Aug. 2000	Doctoral Fellowship, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1998	Award to the Best Academic Record in Economics 1994-1998, Universidad de Valencia

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Sept. 2022-Sept. 2025	Director of the Ph.D. Program in Quantitative Economics, University of Alicante
2022-25	Elected council member of the Spanish Economic Association
2023-present	Co-editor, LABOUR: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations
2019-22	Academic Editor, PLOS ONE
2018-2022	Coordinator of the evaluation of funding proposals by the Spanish National Evaluation Agency. (Colaboradora, Agencia Estatal de Investigación)
2017-20	Elected Executive Committee Member of the European Association of Labour Economists

	(EALE)
2017-21	Associate Editor, <i>SERIEs - Journal of the Spanish Economic Association</i>
Conference organization	Co-organizer (with Julián Messina) of the III Workshop in Public Policy Design, Institutions and Labor Markets, Universitat de Girona (2007). Co-organizer (with Carmen Herrero and Íñigo Iturbe) of the 1 st Health Economics Workshop, University of Alicante (2015). Co-organizer (with Pedro Albarrán and Carmen Herrero) of the PROMETEO Workshop on Applied Microeconomics and Gender, University of Alicante (2020). Co-organizer (with Iván Payá) of the 1st UA ECO Junior Workshop (2023).
2010-12	UAB-UFAE Visitors Program Coordinator

LANGUAGES

Spanish and Catalan (native), English and Italian (fluent), French (passive knowledge).

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of birth: November 16, 1976. Citizenship: Spanish.