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SUMMARY

I am a Ph.D. candidate in Social Sciences at Carlos III University of Madrid (UC3M), specializing in quantitative methods applied to the social sciences. My research focuses on political behavior and transnational political dynamics, with a focus on comparative politics, international political economy, transitional justice, and international relations. I investigate topics such as antiimmigrant rhetoric, the interplay between migration and diaspora politics, and the loyalty of emigrants to their countries of origin. My work focuses primarily on the Global South, exploring the financial, social, and political ties that migrants maintain with their communities of origin through remittances, but how Global North shapes the former.

My ongoing MRes/Ph.D. research aims to understand how these dynamics influence and are influenced by the social and political landscapes of both host and origin countries.

During my MRes, I conducted several studies on the effects of repatriated remittances in communities of origin. These studies explored themes such as authoritarian resilience, the modulation or intensification of anti-regime political behavior, and the relationships between financial remittances, tax aversion, petty corruption, and electoral violence.

My ultimate goal is to produce academically rigorous and policy-relevant research that addresses contemporary global challenges related to migration, political behavior, and transnational dynamics. I am committed to deepening our understanding of these issues and contributing to informed public policy debates.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International migration, diaspora politics, political economy, comparative politics, financial transfers, anti-immigrant rhetoric, transnational political dynamics, political behavior, transnational justice, state-citizen relationships, political violence, financial remittances, social remittances, political remittances, corruption, clientelism, tax preferences, authoritarian regimes, tax aversion, preferences for redistribution, democratic expansion, democratic diffusion, democratic consolidation, democratic backsliding, quantitative methods.

EDUCATION

- **PhD in Social Sciences**, Madrid, Spain Sep 2024–
Carlos III University (UC3M)
- **MRes in Social Sciences**, Madrid, Spain Sep 2022–Sep 2024
Carlos III-Juan March Institute (IC3JM) GPA: 9.11
- **B.Sc. in International Studies**, Madrid, Spain Sep 2018–Jul 2022
Carlos III University (UC3M) GPA: 8.57

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Scientific and Technical Staff (*Predoc Research Assistant*), Madrid, Spain

Carlos III-Juan March Institute (IC3JM)

Apr 22nd 2024–Aug 18th 2024

- Collaborated on Spanish Ministry-funded project: *"Dynamics and consequences of Transitional Justice at the local level"* (205-MD-2023). PI: Francisco Villamil Fernández (UC3M)
- Conducted data collection and triangulation on mass graves in Spain, developed comprehensive databases for econometric analysis, contributed to reports on progress in mass grave operations, assessed potential empirical biases, and conducted an in-depth analysis of polarization and historical legacies of violence.

Scientific and Technical Staff (*Predoc Research Assistant*), Madrid, Spain

Figuerola Institute of History and Social Sciences, UC3M

Jan 16th 2024–Apr 15th 2024

- Contributed to the Spanish AEI-funded project: *"Integration histories of peripheral Latin capitalisms"*. Knowledge Generation Project. PI: Antonio Tena Junguito.
- Archival Research. Processed colonial economic data using ABBYY FineReader and OCR technologies.

Market Researcher and Research Analyst (*Intern*), Madrid, Spain

Action Against Hunger Spain

Feb 7th 2022–Jul 7th 2022

- Developed Spain's first database on third-sector academic programs.
- Conducted mixed-methods research on university-NGO collaborations.

PRESENTATIONS

- **15th annual conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA) (upcoming)**, 26-28 June 2025. Paper Titled: *Examining the Paradox of Migrant Remittances: Individual Benefits vs. Community Risks in Election-Related Violence*.
- **Legacies of the Past (II Work in Progress Workshop)**, Dec 2024, Observatorio Global Futures, ICADE, Madrid.
- **II Graduate Workshop IC3JM-UB**, Jun 2024: MA Thesis presentation and discussant of a UB student's MA Thesis.

WORKSHOPS

- **MIGRADEMO Final Workshop**, Nov 2024: Doctoral methodology development and topic identification within the current context of Migration and Democratic Diffusion studies.
- **Nationalisms and National Identity Seminar**, IC3JM, Jun 2024
- **Regular participant**: IC3JM Permanent Seminars & UC3M Max Weber Conference (2022—present)

SKILLS

- **Methods**: Data Collection, Data Curation, Triangulation of Data, Quantitative Analysis, Econometrics, Mixed-Methods Research, Data Visualization, Hypothesis Testing, Empirical Modeling, Sensitivity Checks, Robustness Checks.
- **Technical Academic Toolkit**: RStudio, R, STATA, EViews, ABBYY FineReader, OCR Processing, LaTeX.
- **Professional Communication**: Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Google Meet.
- **Digital Cloud**: Dropbox, Google Drive, Microsoft 365.

REFERENCES

- **Sebastián Lavezzolo Pérez**
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- **Covadonga Meseguer Yebra**
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- **Francisco Villamil Fernández**
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LANGUAGES

- **Arabic and Spanish**: Native
- **English and French**: Advanced

COURSES

- **Web Scraping (upcoming, 2025)**. Optional workshop in the PhD program at UC3M.
- **Machine Learning in R (2024)** Machine learning workshop in R program is a four-day intensive course that introduces participants to machine learning concepts and practical applications in R, focusing on supervised and unsupervised learning, along with advanced text analysis techniques. Participants learn to implement various machine learning methods, evaluate models, and explore text analysis tools such as topic modeling and word embeddings. Through lectures and hands-on labs, students develop the skills needed to apply machine learning to diverse datasets.
- **Digital Backpack Program UC3M-CAM (2023)** I have completed the Digital Backpack program (2023). A permanent training program offered by UC3M and other Madrid universities, supported by leading industry partners and the Community of Madrid. Designed for students who have completed 50 per cent of their undergraduate credits or recent graduates, it certifies digital competencies (levels 1–4) through the CAPACITA D title, akin to language proficiency certifications. Scholarship Fee: €500.