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EDUCATION

Cornell University, Department of Economics <i>Ph.D. Student</i>	2024–present <i>Ithaca, USA</i>
University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy <i>Master of Public Policy</i>	2020–2022 <i>Chicago, USA</i>
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP) <i>B.A. Economics</i>	2010–2016 <i>Lima, Peru</i>

WORK EXPERIENCE

ILR - Cornell University <i>Research Assistant - Professor Michele Belot</i>	July 2025 - present
Crime and Education Labs - UChicago <i>Research Analyst</i>	August 2023 - July 2024
ETH Zurich <i>Predoc Research Assistant - Professor Elliott Ash</i>	January 2022 - June 2023
The World Bank Group <i>Research Assistant - DIME Governance & Institutional Building Division</i>	July 2022 - April 2023
The University of Chicago <i>Research Assistant - Professors Chris Blattman, Michael Albertus and Luis Martinez</i>	March 2021 - August 2022
Inter-American Development Bank <i>Economic Consultant - Competitiveness, Technology and Innovation Division.</i>	May 2019 - May 2021
Universidad del Pacifico - Peru <i>Research Assistant - Prof. Oswaldo Molina</i>	August 2018 - May 2019
Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru <i>Research Assistant - Prof. Jose Carlos Orihuela and Mario D. Tello</i>	August 2015 - August 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú <i>Adjunct Professor. Courses: Thesis Seminar 1, 2; Political Economy of Natural Resources</i>	March 2023 - Present
Harris School of Public Policy <i>Teaching Assistant of Microeconomics I, Analytical Politics II and Statistics I (Master's degree)</i>	June 2021 - June 2022

PUBLICATIONS

- Resource Booms and Entrenched Gender Roles in the Andes.** Review of Development Economics, forthcoming (2025). With J. Orihuela. [Link](#)
- Fading Local Effects: Boom and Bust Evidence from a Peruvian Gold Mine.** Environment and Development Economics, 25(2), 182–203 (2020). With J. Orihuela. [Link](#)

Volatile and Spatially varied: The geographically differentiated economic outcomes of resource-based development in Peru. Extractive Industries and Society. Vol 6(4), pp. 1143-1155. (2019) With J. Orihuela. [Link](#)

WORK IN PROGRESS

The cost of going local: Politicians' Career Incentives in Weak Institutional Settings. With Jose Carlos Orihuela and Cesar Contreras (PUCP)

The Electoral Roots of Procurement Networks. With Gonzalo Moromizato (Northwestern University)

Community-Based Aid, and Violence: Weakening Transnational Gangs Through Immigrant Support. With Paulo Matos (California Technology Institute)

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

VI RISE-SASE 2025 Conference. Universidade Federal Fluminense November 2025

Congreso Anual de la Asociación Peruana de Economía. July 2022

LACEA LAMES Annual Meeting. Universidad del Rosario November 2021

Congreso Anual de la Asociación Peruana de Economía. September 2018

XXXV Encuentro de Economistas. Banco Central de Reserva del Perú. August 2017

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research Project Grant, National Council of Science Peru - CONCYTEC
Social Sciences Category 30,000 USD

Graduate Student, Harris School - University of Chicago
Harris Alumni Scholarship, 45,000 USD

Winner of XIX Research Annual Competition CIES - Peru 2017 - Canada Global Affairs
Senior Category, 20,000 CAD

SKILLS, LANGUAGES AND TESTS SCORES

Stata and R (advanced), Python (Intermediate), Github and VisualStudio. Text editors: L^AT_EX.
Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), Italian (basic).

REFERENCES

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Ramalee E. Pearson Professor, Harris School - The University of Chicago

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Assistant Professor, ETH Zurich.

Michele Belot mb2693@cornell.edu
Frances Perkins Professor of Industrial and Labor Relations and Professor of Economics