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Personal Information

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Academic Formation

Year	Diploma or study description	Institution
<i>2017-present</i>	PhD Student	Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago
<i>2017</i>	MA in Economics	Universidad de los Andes
<i>2015</i>	BA in History	Universidad de los Andes
<i>2013</i>	BA in Economics	Universidad de los Andes
<i>2007</i>	Bachillerato Colombiano and Maturité Suisse/Schweizer Matura (Berne canton)	Colegio Helvetia Bogotá
<i>2004</i>	Academic exchange in Switzerland	École Supérieure de Commerce de Martigny

Languages

Language	Certificate or description	Institution
<i>Spanish</i>	First language.	
<i>English</i>	First language, CAE C1, and TOEFL.	British Consulate, ETS.
<i>French</i>	Maturité Suisse (principal language) and DALF C1.	Colegio Helvetia Bogotá and Alianza Colombo Francesa.
<i>German</i>	Maturité Suisse (Secondary language) and Sprachdiplom I. (the advanced test of the language is still pending).	Colegio Helvetia Bogotá and Deutsche Schule Bogotá.
<i>Russian</i>	A1 (basic) level.	Academia León Tolstoi Bogotá and Liden & Denz Saint Petersburg.

Academic Experience

- 2016-2017* Research Assistant for James Robinson (University Professor at University of Chicago).
- 2016-may* Research Assistant for Leopoldo Fergusson (assistant Professor at Universidad de los Andes) and James Robinson (University Professor at University of Chicago).
- Summer 2016* Fieldwork Research Assistant for Nathan Nunn (Professor at Harvard University) and James Robinson (University Professor at University of Chicago).
- 2015* Teaching Assistant in course 'Economy of Institutions and Decisions' given by Juan Camilo Cárdenas.
- 2014-2015* Fieldwork Research Assistant for Juan Camilo Cárdenas (Dean of the Economics Department and Professor at Universidad de los Andes).
- 2013-May 2016* Research Assistant for Ana María Ibáñez (Professor at Universidad de los Andes).
- 2013* Research Assistant for Adriana Camacho (Professor at Universidad de los Andes).

Scholarships and Fellowships

- 2020 BFI New Data Acquisition Grant. Becker Friedman Institute at the University of Chicago. 20000 USD.
- 2019 The Pearson Institute Research and Innovation Fund. Pearson Institute at the University of Chicago. 10000 USD.
- 2019 Summer Research Grant. Becker Friedman Institute at the University of Chicago. 5000 USD.
- 2017 Pearson Scholar research grant. Pearson Institute at the University of Chicago. 3000 USD.
- 2012 Korean Government Scholarship for International Students of Major Partner Countries. Ministry of Science, ICT, and Future Planning.

Publications

- Ibáñez, Ana María, Montenegro, Laura ¿Qué pasó en las áreas rurales entre 2010 y 2013?: Contribución del acceso a tierras, choques negativos y programas estatales dirigidos al bienestar de los hogares [*What happened in the rural areas between 2010 and 2013?: The contribution of land access, negative shocks, and state programs on household welfare*]. In: *Colombia en movimiento 2010-2013. Los cambios en la vida de los hogares a través de la Encuesta Longitudinal Colombiana de la Universidad de los Andes* [*Colombia in Motion 2010-2013: Changes in household living standards based on the Colombian Longitudinal Survey by the Universidad de los Andes*]. Bogotá: Universidad de los Andes, 2014.

Working Papers

- Ibáñez, Ana María, Montenegro, Laura. “Is Migration Welfare-Enhancing? The Impacts of Economic and Forced Migration amid Conflict”. 2015.
- Arjona, Ana María, Ibáñez, Ana María, Cárdenas, Juan Camilo, Justino, Patricia, Montenegro, Laura. “Examining Forced Displacement beyond Violence: The Effect of Violence and Control of Armed Actors in Colombia”. 2015.
- Montenegro, Laura. “Forming State through Land Reform Policy: The Dynamics of *Baldío* Allocation in Peripheral Colombia”. 2016.
- Montenegro, Laura. “Pensando el Campo Colombiano: La política del desarrollo, las tierras, y la vida del campesino en el diseño de la Reforma Social Agraria (1960-1961)” [*Reflecting on the Colombian Rural Areas: Policies of development, land, and the life of rural workers*]

in the designing of the Social Agrarian Reform (1960-1961)"]. 2016.

Presentations

- Montenegro, Laura. *Is migration welfare-enhancing? The impacts of economic and forced migration*. January 2016, Puebla, Mexico. Presented at the RIMISP International Conference of Territorial Inequality and Development.

Skills (Systems)

STATA

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GIS (ArcGIS, QGIS)

GeoODK