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Personal Information

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Academic Formation

- *2004:* Academic exchange in Switzerland (École Supérieure de Commerce de Martigny).
- *2007:* Bachillerato Colombiano and Maturité Suisse/Schweizer Matura (Berne canton) (Colegio Helvetia Bogotá).
- *2013:* BA in Economics (Universidad de los Andes).
- *2015:* BA in History (Universidad de los Andes).
- *2017:* Expected MA in Economics (Universidad de los Andes)

Languages

- *Spanish:* First language.
- *English:* First language, CAE C1, and TOEFL. (British Consulate, ETS).
- *French:* Maturité Suisse (principal language) and DALF C1. (Colegio Helvetia Bogotá and Alianza Colombo Francesa).
- *German:* Maturité Suisse (Secondary language) and Sprachdiplom I. (the advanced test of the language is still pending). (Colegio Helvetia Bogotá and Deutsche Schule Bogotá).
- *Russian:* A1+ (basic) level. (Academia León Tolstoi Bogotá and Liden & Denz Saint Petersburg).

Academic Experience

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

- los Andes) and James Robinson (University Professor at University of Chicago).
- 2016 (*February to present*): Research Assistant for James Robinson (University Professor at University of Chicago).

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)*”]. 2014.

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.

Fellowships

- 2012: Korean Government Scholarship for International Students of Major Partner Countries. Ministry of Science, ICT, and Future Planning.

Summer Courses Abroad

- 2015 (*July 13 to July 23*): Conflict and Political Violence. Olympia Summer Academy. European International Studies Association. Nafplio, Greece.

Skills (Systems)

- STATA
- LATEX
- GIS (ArcGIS, QGIS)
- GeoODK