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EMPLOYMENT

MARCH 2025 – PRESENT

Bank of Spain / Senior Economist / Monetary Policy and International Economics Department
- At the European and Global Policies Division.

MARCH 2020 – MARCH 2025

Presidency of the Spanish Government / Deputy Director (since February 2023) & **Senior Advisor / National Office of Foresight and Strategy**
- Foresight and macroeconomic analysis: identification of megatrends and elaboration of future scenarios (qualitative & quantitative approach).
- Policy recommendations and internal advisory to enrich long-term decision-making.
- Multilateral conversations with other public administrations, firms, NGOs.
- Coordination and team management.
- Areas of interest/work: economic growth and innovation, future of work, inequality, education.
- Projects involved: España 2050 strategy, Diálogos sobre el Futuro, “2050: Construye tu futuro” (podcast), Resilient EU2030, HispanIA 2040.

JUNE 2018 – MARCH 2020

BBVA Research / Senior Economist / Spain & Portugal Unit
- Elaboration of economic scenarios and forecast of GDP, inflation and external sector.
- Analysis of the Spanish economy: ad-hoc public projects relevant for the Spanish economy about productivity, digitalization, inequality, or tourism.
- Areas of specialization: macroeconomics, labor economics, inequality.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics / University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (USA) / 2018

M.A. in Economics / University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (USA) / 2015

M.Sc. in Economics and Finance / Centro de Estudios Monetarios y Financieros (CEMFI), Madrid (Spain) / 2012

B.A. in Business Administration / Universidad Pública de Navarra, Pamplona (Spain) / 2010

B.A. in Business Administration / University of Lincoln, Lincoln (UK) / 2009

PUBLICATIONS

Adamopoulou, Effrosyni, Luis Díez Catalán y Ernesto Villanueva. “[Staggered contracts and unemployment during recessions](#).” *Journal of Monetary Economics*, Vol. 156. 2025.

WORKING PAPERS AND POLICY REPORTS

Díez Catalán, Luis, Juan Ramón García y Camilo Ulloa. “[\(Im\)productividad: ¿la enfermedad española?](#)” Observatorio Económico BBVA Research. 2020.

Arellano, Alfonso, Luis Díez Catalán y Alejandro Neut. “[Revolución tecnológica y desarrollo socioeconómico: una agenda para el mercado de trabajo](#).” *Revista ICE*, nº 911. 2019.

Díez Catalán, Luis, Salvador Ramallo y Camilo Ulloa. “[Turismo exterior en España: pérdida de tracción a la espera de mejoras en competitividad](#).” Observatorio Económico BBVA Research. 2019.

Barandiaran, Joseba, Luis Díez Catalán y Víctor Echevarría. “[El empleo en las provincias españolas entre 2013-2018: de lo urbano a lo sectorial](#).” Observatorio Económico BBVA Research. 2019.

Barandiaran, Joseba, Luis Díez Catalán y Miguel Cardoso. “[Desindustrialización prematura en España](#).” Observatorio Económico BBVA Research. 2019.

Díez Catalán, Luis, Rafael Doménech y Alejandro Neut. “[Informatización de sectores y rutinización de ocupaciones en España](#).” Observatorio Económico BBVA Research. 2018.

Díez Catalán, Luis. “[La participación del trabajo en la renta nacional en una economía de servicios](#).” Observatorio España BBVA Research. 2018.

Díez Catalán, Luis. “[The labor share in the service economy](#).” BBVA Research WP Series, nº 18/09. 2018.

Civale, Simone, Luis Díez Catalán y Fatih Fazilet. “[Discretizing a process with non-zero skewness and high kurtosis](#).” 2017.

MEDIA

[La IA: el prompt del crecimiento español](#) (with Sara Baliña). *Nada es Gratis*. March 24, 2025.

[El campo y la ciudad en la recuperación del empleo](#) (with Joseba Barandiaran y Víctor Echevarría). *El Español*. November 29, 2019.

[Desindustrialización... ¿prematura?](#) (with Joseba Barandiaran). *Expansión*. March 25, 2019.

[Empleo y productividad en la era digital](#) (with Alejandro Neut). *Expansión*. December 3, de 2018.

[¿Por qué cae el peso del trabajo en la renta?](#) *Expansión*. September 17, 2018.

TEACHING/ADVISING EXPERIENCE

Instructor / Department of Economics / University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (USA) / 2015-2018. Taught *Introduction to Econometrics* and supervised the teaching assistants for this course.

Independent Project Supervisor / Department of Economics / University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (USA) / 2016. Advised students doing projects to earn an Econometrics minor.

Teaching Assistant / Department of Economics / University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (USA) / 2014-2015. Led recitations sections for *Introduction to Econometrics*.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Graduate Research Program Partnership Fellowship / University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (USA) / 2017.

Distinguished Instructor and Teaching Assistant / University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (USA) / 2013-2016.

Graduate Fellowship / Banco de España, Spain / 2012-2014. Tuition and living expenses for 2 years of graduate studies at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis (USA).

Graduate Fellowship / Fundación La Caixa, Spain / 2010-2012. Tuition and living expenses for 2 years of graduate studies at the Centro de Estudios Monetarios y Financieros (CEMFI) in Madrid (Spain).

Award / Premio Extraordinario Fin de Carrera, Pamplona (Spain) / 2010. Among the best academic records of the cohort in Business Administration at Universidad Pública de Navarra (Spain).

Award / Premio Séneca de Excelencia, Gobierno de Navarra (Spain) / 2009. Among the best academic records of the Séneca student exchange scholarship in Navarra (Spain).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Visiting Scholar / Research Department / Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (USA) / 2016-2018

Research Intern / Research Department / Banco de España, Madrid (Spain) / Summer 2013, Summer 2014

Research Assistant / Centro de Estudios Monetarios y Financieros (CEMFI), Madrid (Spain) / Summer 2012

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND ACADEMIC SEMINARS

Conferences: Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía (SAEe), Barcelona, 2017; Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, 2017; Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, Evanston, 2016.

Invited academic seminars: Vanderbilt University, Nashville, 2018; Banco de Portugal, Lisbon, 2018; Universidade NOVA, Lisbon, 2018; Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona, 2018; BBVA Research, Madrid, 2018; Caixabank Research, Barcelona, 2018; Compass Lexecon, Madrid, 2018; Universidad de Valencia, Valencia, 2021.

COMPUTER SKILLS

MATLAB, Stata, Fortran, Microsoft Office.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native), English (fluent/proficient).