
MÉLANY A. GUALAVISÍ DIAZ

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Labor Economics, Data analysis, Stata, Applied Microeconometrics

EDUCATION

- 2017-2022 **Ph.D. in Economics (Second year student)**
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Fields intended: Development and labor economics.
- 2009-2012 **Maestría en Economía del Desarrollo** (Master's degree in Development Economics)
Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, Quito-Ecuador
- 2004 – 2008 **Economista** (BA, Economics)
Catholic University, Quito-Ecuador

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

April 2014-june 2017

Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC. Labor Markets & Social Security Division, Research fellow

Core activities:

- Managed and updated the Labor Markets and Social Security Information System-SIMS: generating harmonized indicators using household surveys of 21 Latin American countries. sims.iadb.org
- Prepared analytical inputs for annual Flagships of the Division related to labor market and social security topics. Last publication of the Division: Jobs for Growth (2016). <https://publications.iadb.org/handle/11319/7203>
- Worked on the joint publication OECD/IDB : Taxing Wages in Latin America and the Caribbean 2016 http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/taxation/taxing-wages-in-latin-america-and-the-caribbean-2016_9789264262607-en
- Worked on the following projects: 1. Labor Costs in Latin America: analyzed the level of labor regulation strictness and the non-salary cost in Latin American countries considering two indicators, the Employment Protection Legislation Index and taxing wedges. 2. The pension coverage in an informal world: Reflections for reforms. 3. Subsidy to informality in LAC: estimation of the government expenditure in non- contributory programs that are counterpart of the benefits that formal workers receive. 4. The role of migration in family transfers applying cuasi-experimental impact evaluation analysis using MHAS survey 2001-2012. 5. Effects of job rotation in human capital accumulation in Brazil using Administrative data (RAIS).

October 2009-November 2011

Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, Quito, Ecuador, Researcher

Core activities:

- Simulated macroeconomic shocks and evaluated the impact on inequality and poverty using computational general equilibrium models.
- Processed and managed databases (household surveys, enterprise survey, census, IRS database) and elaborating economic reports using Stata.

- Developed monthly economic reports about specific industries in Ecuador (forestry, construction, software, pharmaceutical and tourism industry).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

December 2013-June 2014

The World Bank, Quito, Ecuador, Consultant

Core activities:

- Contributed in different research projects about impact evaluations of public programs such as professional training programs and social mobility studies.
- Processed databases for socioeconomic studies using Stata.

December 2013-March 2014

Independent consultant

Ministry of Economic and Social Inclusion, Quito, Ecuador, Consultant

Core activities: Processed the main national household surveys to elaborate a system of socioeconomic indicators: poverty, health, education, labor market.

Forum Consultores, Quito, Ecuador, Consultant

Core activities: Elaborated diagnostics for evaluating social projects in rural areas in Ecuador and designing development strategies.

National Secretary of Planning and Development, Quito, Ecuador, Consultant

Core activities: Elaborated socioeconomic studies: 1. Calculus of the probability that Ecuador will be between the first 50 countries considering the Human Development Index; 2. Evaluation of the trade policy applied in the country during the years 2008-2009.

December 2011-August 2013

National Secretary of Planning and Development, Quito, Ecuador, Government Adviser

Core activities:

- Coordinated the National System of Evaluation of Public Policy among different public institutions such as Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Development, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture.
- Revised and approved impact evaluation studies.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Professor: Joseph Petry

Course: ECON 203, Economic Statistics II

Description: Attending the lectures and giving TA classes for three hours every week.

Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, Teaching Assistant

Professor: Juan Ponce, Ph.D.

Course: Impact Evaluation. *March 2011-May 2011*

Description:

- Conducted occasional classes, guided students with academic problems, making and grading exams.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- OPHI Summer School on Multidimensional Poverty Analysis, Beijing-China (2016).
- MIT-JPAL- edX Verified Certificate for Evaluating Social Programs (2015).
- Economics of Education (2013). FLACSO Ecuador. Prof. Hessel Oosterbeek.

- Theoretical-practical course on labor markets, poverty and inequality at CEDLAS in the National University of La Plata in Argentina (2012).
- Course of Computable General Equilibrium Models (MACEPES, MAMS) (2011).

LANGUAGES AND SOFTWARE SKILLS

- Languages: English (advance level); Spanish (native speaker), French (basic).
- Software: Microsoft Office, Stata, SPSS, E-Views.

PUBLICATIONS

Alaimo, Veronica; Bosch, Mariano; Gualavisi, Melany; Villa, Juan Miguel: 2017, Measuring the Cost of Salaried Labor in Latin America and the Caribbean, Technical report, Inter-American Development Bank. <http://dx.doi.org/10.18235/0000758>

Gualavisi, M and Oliveri, M.L.: 2016, Antigüedad en el empleo y rotación laboral en América Latina, *Technical report*, Inter-American Development Bank. <https://publications.iadb.org/handle/11319/7770?locale-attribute=en>

Gualavisi, M.: 2012, Impacto de la política de incremento salarial realizada en 2010 para empleadas domésticas, en los resultados del mercado laboral de este sector, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales-FLACSO, Ecuador. <http://hdl.handle.net/10469/8974>

REFERENCES

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