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## Education

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**Bocconi University**, Milan, Italy 2019–2025  
PhD in Public Policy and Administration  
*Focus: Political Science, Political Economy, and Development Economics*  
Dissertation: “Essays on COVID-19’s Legacy: Economic Challenges, Migration Dynamics, and Democracy in a New Era”

**The Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, PA 2014–2016  
MA in Economics

**Bocconi University & Moscow Institute of International Relations** 2012–2014  
MSc in Economics and Social Sciences / MA in Economics in World Energy (Double Degree)  
*110/110 Summa Cum Laude*

**Universidad ICESI**, Cali, Colombia 2005–2011  
BA in Economics and International Business  
*Cum Laude*

## Research Fields

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Political Economy, Development Economics, Policy Evaluation.  
*Substantive interests:* migration, inequality, poverty, minority political behavior, social policy

## Professional Positions

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**International Consultant**, Georgia Country Team, World Bank Group Jan 2023–Present  
ECA Poverty and Equity team

**Social Protection Consultant**, Social Sustainability and Inclusion, World Bank Group Jan ’20–Sept ’22  
*Disability In LAC*

**ET Consultant**, Poverty and Equity Global Practice, World Bank Group Sept ’16–Sept ’19  
Washington, D.C.  
*LAC Equity Lab; Development Economics Research Group; Social Protection Practice*

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Pennsylvania State University Aug 2014–Jul 2016

**Junior Researcher**, PROESA / CIENFI Research Centers, Colombia Jan 2011–Aug 2012  
*Health Economics and Social Protection*

## Publications

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### *Books and Book Chapters*

Soler-Lopez, Jorge, et al. “Afro-descendants in Latin America: Toward a Framework of Inclusion.” Co-author. World Bank, Washington, D.C.

Soler-Lopez, Jorge, et al. “Remittances, Poverty and Inequality in the Northern Triangle.” Co-author. World Bank, Washington, D.C.

## Working Papers

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“Backlash of Discrimination: First-Generation Immigrant Voting Behavior in the United States.” *Draft*. With Ireri Hernandez Carvallo. ([link](#))

“Food Insecurity and Migration Intentions in Latin America.” ([link](#))

“Affirmative Action and Democratic Attitudes: Evidence from Uruguay’s Afro-descendant Quota Law.” ([link](#))

“Remittances and Their Effect on Poverty and Inequality in Latin America.” ([link](#))

## Work in Progress

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Ethnic Diversity, Redistribution Preferences, and Democratic Support: Evidence from Brazilian Municipalities. Cycling Between Necessity and Choice: Insights from Buenos Aires and São Paulo

## Software Contributions

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Co-developer, [povcalnet](#) Stata command. Programmatic access to the World Bank’s global poverty estimation tool.

## Selected Professional Contributions at the World Bank

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*Poverty and Equity Global Practice, LCSP (2016–2019)*

- Co-authored flagship reports on Afro-descendants in Latin America: Toward a Framework of Inclusion ([link](#)) and Disability Inclusion in Latin America and the Caribbean: A Path To Sustainable Development ([link](#))
- Produced poverty, inequality, and labor market indicators using national household surveys; conducted small area estimation and Human Opportunity Index (HOI) analysis across LAC countries.
- Worked with harmonized microdata for cross-country distributional comparisons within the LAC Equity Lab work programme. ([link](#))
- Developed interactive dashboards on Afro-descendant inclusion using census data, opinion surveys, and household living standards surveys. ([link](#))

*Georgia Country Team, ECA Poverty and Equity (2020–Present)*

- Comparative poverty analysis using EU-SILC harmonized household income and living conditions data (SILC-HIES). -Forthcoming October 2026
- Indicators and analytical frameworks for monitoring household welfare dynamics in ECA middle-income context.

## Conferences and Seminars (as presenter)

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**2026:** Alppop, **2025:** Alppop, WB Pulse of Progress. **2024:** APSA Annual Meeting; AlpPop; Stanford-ETH Immigration Policy Lab; SEA Annual Meeting, Bocconi P&I Seminar. **2023:** AlpPop; Bocconi P&I Seminar, Poverty and Policy Working Group (**earlier**): Bocconi La Strada & Il Brutto Student Seminars

## Fellowships and Awards

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PhD Fellowship, Bocconi University, 2019–2025

Colfuturo Grant, full Master’s duration, 2014–2016

Bocconi Scholarship for International Students, 2012–2014

Bocconi Scholarship for studies at MGIMO, 2012–2014

## Teaching

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*Bocconi University*

BEAT Programme (Bocconi Excellence in Advanced Teaching), 2023

*Pennsylvania State University*

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2014–2016: Introductory Economics, Intermediate Economics (online), Environmental Economics

*Universidad ICESI, Cali, Colombia*

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics I and II, Game Theory, 2007–2011

## Technical Skills

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*Programming and Statistical Software:* Stata, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, Tableau.

*Data I worked with: Opinion:* Americas Barometer, Latinobarómetro, World Value Survey. *Household Surveys:* EU-SILC / SILC-HIES, LIS, World Bank HFPS. *National HH Surveys:* LSMS (Colombia, Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina, Georgia), HIES (Georgia, Colombia, Brazil), CPS, *Admin Data:* Census data from IPUMS and NSOs. Honduran Social Registry.

*Surveys I helped developed:* Survey of Well-Being via Instant and Frequent Tracking (SWIFT) for Haiti 2017: Questionnaire and Sampling Frame

## Languages

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Spanish (native); English, Italian (full professional proficiency); French (professional B2, *Diplômes de français professionnel*); Portuguese (intermediate); German (basic words and phrases).

## References

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### **Prof. Zachary Parolin**

Director, Economics, Inequality and Opportunity Programme, INET Oxford

Professorial Fellow, Nuffield College, University of Oxford

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*PhD thesis advisor*

### **Dr. Saida Ismailakhunova**

Senior Economist and Statistician, World Bank

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*Task Team Leader: Georgia poverty measurement work*

### **Dr. Ireri Hernandez Carvalho**

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*PhD colleague and co-author*