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Education

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

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

Professional Positions

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

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

“Backlash of Discrimination: First-Generation Immigrant Voting Behavior in the United States.” *Draft*. With Ireri Hernandez Carvallo. ([link](#)). Sent to JOP in Summer 2026

“Food Insecurity and Migration Intentions in Latin America.” ([link](#)). Sent to Food Policy in Summer 2026

“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

“Cycling Between Necessity and Choice: Insights from Buenos Aires and São Paulo”: I explore the connection between socio-economical status, bike use and commute time using HTS surveys.

“Ethnic Diversity, Redistribution Preferences, and Democratic Support”.

Software Contributions

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

Selected Professional Contributions at the World Bank

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.
- 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)

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

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

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

Programming and Statistical Software: Stata, R, L^AT_EX, 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

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

References

Prof. Zachary Parolin

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