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*Curriculum Vitae*

## Summary

Ph.D. candidate in Economics and Econometrics at Southern Methodist University, specializing in Political Economy, Public Economics, and Development Economics. My research examines the interaction between political incentives, public institutions, and policy implementation, with a focus on EU Cohesion Policy. I also have experience in policy-oriented research, impact evaluation, and econometric analysis using administrative and survey data. Additional information is available at estebanaleman.com.

## Education

2022 – present **Ph.D. in Economics & Econometrics**, *Southern Methodist University*, Dallas, TX, United States.

2016 – 2019 **M.Sc. in Economics**, *Universidad del Rosario*, Bogotá, Colombia.

2011 – 2015 **B.A. in Economics**, *Universidad EAFIT*, Medellín, Colombia.

## Research Interests

Political Economy, Public Finance, Public Economics, Development Economics.

## Job Market Paper

**Politics at the Margin of Rule-Based Redistribution: Evidence from EU Cohesion Policy** [PDF]
Compares regional spending with formula-based allocations under EU Cohesion Policy. The association between spending and electoral support shifts from programme design in 2007–2013 to implementation in 2014–2020.

## Other Working Papers

**Discretion, Adaptation and Economic Resilience in EU Cohesion Policy** [PDF]
Documents how EU Cohesion Policy budget revisions during COVID-19 favored activities with stronger prior implementation and examines how prior progress relates to regional GDP and employment losses.

## Publications

2016 **"Corruption: Transcending Borders."**, *With Michael Jetter and Alejandra Montoya*, *Kyklos*, 69(2), 183 – 207.

## Fellowships and Scholarships

2022 – present **Moody Graduate Fellow**, *Southern Methodist University*, Dallas, TX, United States.

2016 – 2019 **Joven Investigador Fellowship**, *Universidad del Rosario*, Bogotá, Colombia.

## Research and Policy Experience

Jun 2024 – Aug 2024 **Research Assistant**, *World Bank*.
Research team: Sandra Rozo and Juan F. Vargas. Assisted with data management and econometric analysis for a project studying the impact of Venezuelan migration on educational outcomes in Colombia.

Aug 2021 – Jul 2022 **Consultant**, *World Bank*.
Designed, organized, and reported survey-based indicators used as inputs for the Poverty Profile of Mexico. Prepared documentation and analytical outputs for policy-facing research.

May 2021 – Dec 2021 **Senior Analyst**, *DANE, National Administrative Department of Statistics of Colombia*, Bogotá, Colombia.
Managed databases, designed indices and indicators, and supervised the harmonization of administrative records from multiple sources.

Sep 2020 – May 2021 **Research Assistant**, *Georgetown University*.
Managed and cleaned ENIGH and ENOE survey data (Mexico's national household income/expenditure and labor-force surveys), as well as administrative data for applied economics research.

Jul 2019 – Oct 2019 **Analyst**, *Higher Education Observatory of Medellín – Sapiencia*, Medellín, Colombia.
Created documents, data inputs, and analytical materials to support the formulation of Medellín's higher education public policy.

Aug 2016 – Jun 2019 **Research Assistant**, *Universidad del Rosario*, Bogotá, Colombia.
Conducted literature reviews, managed datasets, and prepared statistical analyses for projects in political economy and impact evaluation.

Sep 2015 – Dec 2015 **Research Assistant**, *Universidad EAFIT*, Medellín, Colombia.
Managed databases for research projects in the Department of Economics.

Nov 2015 – May 2016 **Data Analyst**, *RISE, Universidad EAFIT*, Medellín, Colombia.
Collected, cleaned, and processed data for the impact evaluation of the *Parques Educativos* departmental policy.

Aug 2014 – Jan 2015 **Intern**, *Medellín City Hall, Secretariat of Finance*, Medellín, Colombia.
Developed an econometric model of gasoline consumption in Medellín and analyzed its implications for gasoline tax revenue collection.

## Teaching Experience

Aug 2018 – Jun 2019 **Teaching Assistant**, *Universidad del Rosario*, Bogotá, Colombia.
Political Economy, Master's Program in Public Policy Economics.

Aug 2018 – Jun 2019 **Teaching Assistant**, *Universidad del Rosario*, Bogotá, Colombia.
Methods of Economic Measurement, Undergraduate Economics Program.

Aug 2017 – Dec 2018 **Teaching Assistant**, *Universidad del Rosario*, Bogotá, Colombia.
Intermediate Econometrics, Undergraduate Economics Program.

## Presentations

Jun 2026 **"Politics at the Margin of Rule-Based Redistribution: Evidence from EU Cohesion Policy"**, *International Economic Association World Congress*, Belgrade, Serbia, Presentation.

Nov 2025 **"Politics at the Margin of Rule-Based Redistribution: Evidence from EU Cohesion Policy"**, *NTxEC: North Texas Regional Economists Conference*, Arlington, TX, United States, Presentation.

## Technical Skills

Advanced Stata

Intermediate R, Python, LaTeX

Basic MATLAB

## Languages

Spanish Native

English Proficient

## References

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- Michael Jetter. Associate Professor, University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia. Email: mjetter7@gmail.com.
- Juan Fernando Vargas. Professor of Economics, University of Turin, Turin, Italy. Email: juan.vargas@unito.it.