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Summary

Doctoral researcher at LSE and former KPMG strategy consultant, with a background in economics and economic geography. Experienced in working with large and complex datasets and in explaining what the analysis means to both specialist and general audiences. Works in R, Stata, SQL, QGIS and Excel.

Experience

Sailing Instructor, *Real Club Nautico Torrevieja* 06/2022 – 08/2024
Alicante, Spain

- Remained flexible in the given job role, assisting with other organisational necessities and trainings where needed.
- Coordinated preparatory activities with competition schedules.
- Maintained safe training environments for minimised risk of injury. Increased revenue and satisfaction for the Sailing School in more than 10% from 2021.

Summer Intern, *Manufacturas Artesa SL* 07/2019 – 08/2019
Alicante, Spain

- Shadowed senior team members to develop practical knowledge and gain critical industry-specific skills.
- Collaborated with multidisciplinary teams of up to 10 people to deliver projects and samples within formal deadlines.
- Assisted management in assessing and increasing produced samples by 8–10%, formulating and conveying sophisticated insights on internal practices.
- Established and nurtured positive professional relationships within working environments.

Strategy Consultant, *KPMG* 10/2023 – 08/2025
Madrid, Spain

- Recommended process changes to increase effectiveness of operations.
- Developed methods to measure customer value and to evaluate it.
- Created reports and presentations outlining findings from strategic analyses.
- Assisted in developing long-term strategies that aligned with organizational goals.
- Developed effective communication channels between different divisions within a company.

Education

MPhil/PhD in Economic Geography, 09/2025 – Present
London School of Economics and Political Science London, UK

- Working under Prof Riccardo Crescenzi and Prof Vassilis Monastiriotis with the ESRC Scholarship
- Researching topics regarding Public Procurement and Innovation

MSc Local Economic Development, 09/2022 – 08/2023
London School of Economics And Political Science London

- Awarded a Distinction mark in my MSc Local and Economic Development Studied courses such as Regional Development and Policy (GY413), Inclusive Growth (GY404), Techniques of Spatial Economic Analysis (GY460) or Economic of Local and Regional Development (GY410)
- Awarded a Distinction score for my Dissertation on the subject of the rise of populism inside of the Valencian Community when linked to firms' behaviour and evolution

BSc Geography with Economics, *London School of Economics and Political Science* 09/2019 – 06/2022
London

- Awarded upper second-class honours in the BSc Geography with Economics.
- Undertook a wide variety of subjects, from Development and Sustainable Economics to Data Analytics and Data Science Obtained First-Class grades in subjects such as Regional Economic Development and Mathematics and Upper Second-Class in some such as Economics of Environment and Development or the Economics of Cities.

Skills

- Data collection and analysis
- Knowledge of IT applications
- Programming skills in RStudio and Stata
- Economic development
- Team development strategies
- Debate and Team Leadership Skills

Languages

Spanish
Native Tongue

English
C2 Proficiency

German
C1 Proficiency

Catalan/Valencian
C1 Proficiency