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## EDUCATION

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### American University

PhD in Economics

August 2020 – (*expected*) December 2025

Washington DC, US

Dissertation: “Three Essays in Economic Development in Latin America”

*Committee:* Robert A. Blecker (chair), Gabriel Mathy, Juan Antonio Montecino.

### Université Paris 13 Nord & Université Paris VII Diderot

Master in Economic Policy and Analysis

September 2015 – July 2016

Paris, France

### Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) of the United Nations

Summer School on Latin American Economies

July – Sep. 2015

Santiago, Chile

### University of the Basque Country

Master in Development Studies

September 2014 – September 2015

Bilbao, Spain

### Autonomous University of Madrid

Bachelor of Economics

September 2009 – July 2013

Madrid, Spain

### National Distance Education University (UNED)

Bachelor of Psychology

September 2011 – June 2021

*Internship:* Research Assistant at the Dept. of Social and Organizational Psychology (Nov. 2019-June 2020)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Development Macroeconomics, Applied Macroeconomics, Energy, Trade, Productive Development, Inequality, Economic History, Latin American economies.

## RESEARCH

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### WORKING PAPERS

- Heras-Recuero, L. (2024). *The rise of the middle class and the pattern of consumption imports in Latin America*. CLALS Working Paper Series No. 48 (R&R in SCED).
- *The consumption side of trade shocks: Inequality dynamics and luxury imports* (with Vinicius Curti Cícero). Under Review.
- Balza, Lenin H., Heras-Recuero, L., Matías, D. and R. A. Yépez-García (2024). *Green or growth? Understanding the relationship between economic growth and CO2 emissions*. Technical Note No. IDB-TN-2930 (Submitted).

### WORK IN PROGRESS

- Economic liberalization, industrial policy and manufacturing performance in Mexico.
- Productive development strategies in Mexico: An industry-level database of industrial policy measures.

## PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS

- Heras Recuero, L. and R. Pascual González (2019). *Economic growth, institutional quality, and financial development in middle-income countries*. Working Papers No. 1937, Banco de España.
- Sastre, T. and L. Heras Recuero (2019). *Domestic and foreign investment in advanced economies. The role of industry integration*. Working Papers No. 1933, Banco de España.
- Heras Recuero, L. and E. Olaberria (2018). *Public spending in education and student performance in Colombia*. OECD Economics Department Working Papers, No. 1460. OECD Publishing, Paris.
- Heras-Recuero, L., L'Hotellerie-Fallois, P. and S. Párraga Rodríguez (2019). *La economía de EEUU, diez años después de la crisis*. Boletín Económico del ICE, No. 3110. Secretaría de Estado de Comercio, Ministerio de Industria, Comercio y Turismo, Madrid.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Osca, A. and L. Heras-Recuero (2024). Actor-partner effects of coping strategies on emotional exhaustion in dual-earner couples. *Family Relations*, 73(2). 1219-1234. <https://doi.org/10.1111/fare.12948>
- Heras Recuero, L. and A. Osca Segovia (2021). Work-family conflict, coping strategies, and burnout: A gender and couple analysis. *Journal of Work and Organizational Psychology*, 37(1). 21-28. <https://doi.org/10.5093/jwop2021a5>

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Inter-American Development Bank</b> <i>Economist</i> Knowledge Team. Energy Division.	June 2025 – Present Washington DC, US
<b>The World Bank</b> <i>Macroeconomic Research Consultant</i> Office of the Chief Economist, South Asia Region.	January 2025 – May 2025 Washington DC, US
<b>Inter-American Development Bank</b> <i>Research Intern</i> Energy Division.	June – August 2023 Washington DC, US
<b>American University</b> <i>Research Assistant</i> Research Assistant for Prof. Ignacio González, Prof. Robert Blecker and Prof. Gabriel Mathy.	January 2021 – August 2021; January 2024 – May 2024 Washington DC, US
<b>Banco de España (Central Bank of Spain)</b> <i>Research Assistant</i> Directorate General – Economics, Statistics and Research. International Economics and Euro Area Department.	September 2017 – August 2019 Madrid, Spain
<b>École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales</b> <i>Research Assistant</i> Fondation France-Japon de l'EHESS.	April – July 2017 Paris, France
<b>Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</b> <i>Research Consultant/Trainee</i> Economics Department. Country Studies branch.	March 2016 – Jan. 2017 Paris, France
<b>Autonomous University of Madrid</b> <i>Research Assistant</i> Department of Public Economics.	November 2012 – June 2013 Madrid, Spain

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### American University

Teaching Assistant

August 2021 – December 2024

Washington DC, US

Teaching Assistant for PhD Development Macroeconomics (*Spring 2023*), PhD Empirical Macroeconomics (*Fall 2024*), Graduate Econometrics (*Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Fall 2024*), Graduate International Economics: Trade (*Fall 2024*), Undergraduate Econometrics (*Fall 2023*), Undergrad Macroeconomics (*Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023*), Undergrad Senior Policy Analysis Seminar (*Spring 2024*), Undergrad Economic History (*Spring 2022*), Undergrad Money, Banking and Finance (*Spring 2022*), Undergrad Economic Inequality (*Spring 2022*).

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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- 2025** Eastern Economic Association Conference (February 20-23) – *New York*  
Latin American Studies Association Congress (May 23-26) – *San Francisco, US*
- 2024** VII Congress of the Spanish Network of Development Studies (*May 30*) – *Madrid, Spain*  
Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (July 8-11) – *Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*  
Southern Economic Association 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (November 23-25) – *Washington, DC*
- 2022** Gender Dissertation Workshop, American University (September 12) – *Washington, DC*
- 2019** Research Seminars, Banco de España (March 26, June 25) – *Madrid, Spain*
- 2018** European Investment Bank (November 27) – *Luxembourg*

## GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Travel and Accommodation Grant**, Young Scholars Initiative 2024, 2025
- Econometrics Prize**, Department of Economics, American University 2024
- Field Research Grant**, Department of Economics, American University 2024
- Frank M. Tamagna Prize** (\$3800), American University 2023
- Merit-based Graduate Fellowship**, American University 2020 – 2024
- Research Assistant Fellowship**, Spanish Ministry of Education Nov. 2012 – June 2013

## SKILLS

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- Programming and software** Stata, Eviews, SPSS, R, Matlab, Python, LaTeX
- Languages** Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), French (Intermediate)

## COMPLEMENTARY TRAINING

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Summer School on Panel Data Econometrics (*CEMFI*) (15 hours), Advanced Stata Course (*Banco de España*) (12 hours), Macroeconometric Forecasting Course (*IMF*) (90 hours).

## REFERENCES

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### Robert A. Blecker

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### Gabriel Mathy

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[mathy@american.edu](mailto:mathy@american.edu)

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[elaberria@ifc.org](mailto:elaberria@ifc.org)

### Lenin H. Balza

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Development Bank  
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