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Interests

Financial economics, Post-Keynesian economics, quantitative risk management.

Education

- Nov 2020–Present **Doctoral student** (Promotionskolleg) Berlin
Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht Berlin
- Ongoing dissertation: “*Essays on Stock Markets and the Macroeconomy*”. Supervised by Prof. Dr. Eckhard Hein.
- Oct 2018–Mar 2020 **M.A. International Economics** (overall grade 1.6) Berlin
Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht Berlin
- Dissertation: “*Output responses to public investment in Eurozone countries: Evidence from a TVP-VAR model*”. Supervised by Prof. Dr. Eckhard Hein & Dr. Sebastian Gechert.
 - Coursework on macroeconomics, international economics and econometrics, in addition to an extracurricular course on quantitative methods and R programming.
- Apr 2011–Apr 2016 **B.A. Economics** (magna cum laude honors) Venezuela
Universidad del Zulia
- Concentration in econometrics and statistics.

Professional Experience

- Nov 2020–Present **Associate - Financial Markets** Berlin
Arbour GmbH
- Focus on alternative investments, private debt, and financial risk.
- Mar 2019–Nov 2020 **Faculty Research Assistant & Lab Manager** Berlin
European School of Management and Technology (ESMT)
- Assistance to professors on econometric and statistical analyses, R programming, arrangement of large datasets (1+ million observations), and literature reviews.
 - Management of a research lab with statistical software tools and a Bloomberg terminal.
- Nov 2014–Aug 2018 **Economist** Venezuela
Shell Venezuela, S.A.
- Member of a multidisciplinary team responsible for quantitative risk management (enterprise, operational, and financial risk) in the Exploration & Production business.
 - Extensive use of R programming language and MS Excel.

Research

1. *Macroeconomic Effects of Oil Price Fluctuations in Colombia* (2016). *Ecos de Economía: A Latin American Journal of Applied Economics*. Vol. 20, No. 43, pp. 23-38. [[Link to PDF](#)] [[Journal link](#)].

Special training

Aug 2019	FMM Macroeconomics Summer School Institut für Makroökonomie und Konjunkturforschung	Berlin
Oct 2016–Dec 2016	Econometric methods and applications Erasmus University Rotterdam	Online

November, 2020.