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An economist with considerable academic and market-oriented experience in the analysis of developing countries. Currently he is Senior Research Fellow at the Barcelona Institute of International Studies (IBEI). He was Senior Economist for Oxford Economics from 2001 to 2009, having under his responsibility the assessment and forecast of the leading Latin American economies and the management of various consultancy projects. Prior to that he was a Research Officer at the Latin American Centre, Oxford. His research has focused on the study of economic development in Latin America over the long run, including income inequality, economic growth and productivity. The outcome of this research has been published in Journal of Development Economics and The Economic History Review among others. Regarding qualifications, Pablo holds a D.Phil. in Economics and a M.Sc. in Development Economics from the University of Oxford. He also has an MBA from IESA, Venezuela.

### Professional Experience

- 2016-2022 Barcelona Institute for International Studies (IBEI), Barcelona  
**Coordinator of the Master in International Development**
- 2009- Barcelona Institute for International Studies (IBEI), Barcelona  
**Senior Research Fellow**
- 2001-2009 OXFORD ECONOMICS, Oxford  
**Senior Economist**
- Analysis and forecast of Latin American economies.
  - Contribution to consultancy projects and conferences.
- 1998-2000 UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD (St Anne's College)  
**Lecturer in Economics**
- Macroeconomics and microeconomics teaching for undergraduates.
- 1996-1998 LATIN AMERICAN CENTRE (St Antony's College, Oxford)  
**Research Officer**
- Quantitative analysis of economic development in Latin America.
  - Research on the link between political variables and economic outcome in the region.
- 1987-1990 IESA (Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración), Venezuela  
**Researcher**
- Developed economic models to forecast the demand for steel products in Venezuela.
  - Scenario analyses on the impact of policy proposals for the automobile sector.

## Education

1990-1996 UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

**D. Phil. Economics**, St Catherine's College

- Dissertation: *Macroeconomic Policy in a Two-Party System: The Case of Venezuela*.

**M.Sc. Development Economics**, St Catherine's College

- Dissertation: *The Dutch-disease Model and the Venezuelan Experience during the Oil Booms of the 1970s*.

1985 - 1987 IESA (Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración), Venezuela

**MBA**

1978 - 1984 UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES, Venezuela

**B.Sc. Systems Engineering** (major Operational Research)

## Research & Publications

- 2024. Revealing the diversity and complexity of income inequality in Latin America: 1920-2011. *Journal of Economic History*, 84(4) forthcoming. A pre-production version is available at: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Pablo-Astorga-2/research>
- 2024. Income Shares south of the Rio Bravo, 1920-2011. *Revista de Historia Económica de América Latina* 1(1), 9-41.
- 2023. A Revised Dataset of Real Wages in Latin America, 1920-2011. *Revista de Historia Económica - Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History*, 41(3), 553-564.
- 2021. Latin America: Stalled Catching Up (together with Alfonso Herranz). In S. Broadberry and K. Fukao (Eds.), *The Cambridge Economic History of the Modern World* (The Cambridge Economic History of the Modern World, pp. 251-275). Cambridge University Press.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781316671603.010>
- 2017. Latin American earnings inequality in the long run. *Cliometrica*, 11(3), pp.349-374 (together with Leticia Arroyo Abad).
- 2017. Real wages and skill premiums in Latin America during economic development. *Discussion Papers in Economic and Social History*, Universidad of Oxford, 153, March.
- 2017. Functional inequality in Latin America: news from the twentieth century. In Bértola L, Williamson JG (eds.) *Has Latin American Inequality Changed Direction? Looking over the Long Run*, Springer Publishing. (There is also a Spanish version published by the Fondo de Cultura Económica in 2016).
- 2016. The haves and the have-nots in Latin America in the 20th century. *Revista de Economía Mundial*, 43, 47-67.
- 2012. Mean reversion in long-horizon real exchange rates: evidence from Latin America. *Journal of International Money and Finance*, 31 (6), 1529-1550.
- 2012. Alternation and cooperation in a two-party system. Implications for resource-based developing economies. *IBEI working papers*, 2012-35.

- 2011. Productivity growth in Latin America during the twentieth century. *Review of Income and Wealth*, 57 (2), 203-223 (together with Ame Bergés and Valpy FitzGerald).
- 2010. A century of economic growth in Latin America. *Journal of Development Economics*, 92, 232-243
- 2007. Real exchange rates in Latin America: what does the 20th century reveal? DHEI; *Working Papers in Economic History* 2007-03; Universidad Carlos III.
- 2005. The standard of living in Latin America during the twentieth century. *The Economic History Review*, 58 (4), 765-796 (together with Ame Bergés and Valpy FitzGerald).
- 2005. Endogenous growth, exogenous shocks in Latin America during the twentieth century. *Discussion Papers in Economic and Social History*, Universidad of Oxford, 57, March. (together with Ame Bergés and Valpy FitzGerald). There is a Spanish version published by Fundació CIDOB in 2005 (Doc. 6).
- 2003. La economía venezolana en el contexto latinoamericano durante el siglo veinte. *Revista de Historia Económica*. Fundación Sepi, Madrid. Otoño-invierno, 3.
- 2002. The Oxford Latin American Economic History Database. The Latin American Centre at Oxford University (together with Ame Bergés and Valpy FitzGerald) (<http://oxlad.qeh.ox.ac.uk/>)
- 2000. The industrialisation in Venezuela: the problem of abundance. In: Cárdenas, E., Ocampo, JA., and R. Thorp (eds.), *Industrialisation and the State in Latin America: The Black Legend and the Post War Years*. Macmillan. (There is a Spanish version published by Fondo de Cultura Editorial).
- 2000. Venezuela y sus vecinos. In: A. Baptista (ed.), *Venezuela Siglo XX: Visiones y Testimonios*. Fundación Polar, Caracas.
- 1996. Macroeconomic Policy in a Two-Party System: The Case of Venezuela. D.Phil. thesis, University of Oxford.

#### Other achievements

- Responsible for the report “Attaining Accountability in the Development Sector”, commissioned by KPMG in 2010.
- Responsible for the report “The Value of the Olympic and Paralympic Games to UK Tourism”, commissioned by VisitBritain and Visit London in 2007.
- Responsible for the report “The Contribution of Air Transport to Sustainable Development in Africa” commissioned by the Air Transport Action Group (ATAG) in 2003.
- Building the Oxford Latin American Economic History Database (OxLAD). This is a comprehensive data set with statistical series for a wide range of economic and social indicators covering twenty countries in the region for the period 1900-2000 (with Ame Begés and Valpy FitzGerald).
- Development of Tourism Satellite Accounts (TSAs) and forecast model for the Spanish regions of the Canary Islands, Galicia and Valencia, as well as the Lisbon region in Portugal. At the country level, responsible for developing TSAs projects for Botswana, Namibia and Greece to provide a comprehensive assessment of the size of the tourism industry in a country or region and support the design of effective policies to promote the sector.