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Current positions and affiliations

- **King's College London**, Department of International Development
Deputy Head of Department (since January 2024)
Director of Education (since June 2023)
Lecturer in Development Economics (since November 2021)
- **The European Journal of Development Research**
Editor (since November 2025)
- **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**, Inclusive Growth
Senior Economic Research Advisor (since January 2021)
- **UK Higher Education Academy (Advance HE)**
Fellow (since August 2024)

Education

2016-2021	King's College London (United Kingdom) PhD Development Economics
2005-2007	Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico) MSc Economics and Public Policy
1998-2004	Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (Mexico) BSc Economics

Publications

3,639 academic citations as of 1 April, 2026 ([Google scholar](#))

Journal articles

1. [Is the Era of Declining Global Income Inequality Over?](#) (with R. Kanbur & A. Sumner), 2024. **Structural Change and Economic Dynamics**, 70: 45-55.
2. [“When Life Gives You Lemons”: Using Cross-Sectional Surveys to Identify Chronic Poverty in the Absence of Panel Data](#) (with K. Bolch & L.F. Lopez-Calva), 2023. **Review of Income and Wealth**, 69(2): 474-503.
3. [Measuring Global Poverty Before and During the Pandemic: A Political Economy of Overoptimism](#) (with A. Sumner & C. Hoy), 2022. **Third World Quarterly**, 43(1): 1-17.
4. [Temporary Basic Income in Times of Pandemic: Rationale, Cost, and Poverty-Mitigation Potential](#) (with G. Gray Molina & M. Montoya-Aguirre), 2022. **Basic Income Studies**, 17(2): 125-154.
5. [Within-Country Poverty Convergence: Evidence from Mexico](#) (with L.F. Lopez-Calva & C. Rodriguez-Castelan), 2022. **Empirical Economics**, 62: 2547-2586.

6. [Living on the Edge: Vulnerability to Poverty and Public Transfers in Mexico](#) (with A. de la Fuente & C. Rodriguez-Castelan), 2018. **Oxford Development Studies**, 46(1): 10-27.
7. [A Long-Term Perspective on Inequality and Human Development in Latin America](#) (with L.F. Lopez-Calva & N. Lustig), 2015. **Journal of Human Development and Capabilities**, 16(3): 319-323.
8. [A Vulnerability Approach to the Definition of the Middle Class](#) (with L.F. Lopez-Calva), 2014. **Journal of Economic Inequality**, 12(1): 23-47.
9. [Declining Inequality in Latin America in the 2000s: The Cases of Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico](#) (with N. Lustig & L.F. Lopez-Calva), 2013. **World Development**, 44: 129-141.
10. [A Household-Based Distribution-Sensitive Human Development Index: An Empirical Application to Mexico, Nicaragua and Peru](#) (with L.F. Lopez-Calva), 2012. **Social Indicators Research**, 109(3): 395-411.

Books and editor

11. [Inequality and Human Development in Latin America: A Long-Run Perspective](#) (guest editor with N. Lustig & L.F. Lopez-Calva), 2015. **Journal of Human Development and Capabilities**, 16(3).

Chapters in books

12. [Inequality](#) (with A. Sumner), 2023. In: Phillips, N. (ed.) **Global Political Economy**, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
13. [A Vulnerability Approach to the Definition of the Middle Class](#) (with L.F. Lopez-Calva), 2023. In: Goulart, P., Ramos, R. & Ferrittu, G. (eds.) **Global Labour in Distress, Volume I**, Palgrave Readers in Economics, Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.
14. [The Impact of Fiscal Policy on Inequality and Poverty in Chile](#) (with S. Martinez-Aguilar, A. Fuchs & G. del Carmen), 2018. In: Lustig, N. (ed.) **Commitment to Equity Handbook. A Guide to Estimating the Impact of Fiscal Policy on Inequality and Poverty**, Washington DC: Brookings Institution Press.
 ◦ Other versions available as: [WB Policy Research Working Paper 7939](#) and [CEQ Working Paper 46](#).
15. [Deconstructing the Decline in Inequality in Latin America](#) (with N. Lustig & L.F. Lopez-Calva), 2016. In: Basu, K. & Stiglitz, J. (eds.) **Inequality and Growth: Patterns and Policy. Volume II: Regions and Regularities**, International Economic Association Series, London: Palgrave Macmillan.
 ◦ Also available as [WB Policy Research Working Paper 6552](#).
16. [Inequality, Mobility and Middle Classes in Latin America](#) (with J.P. Azevedo, N. Lustig & L.F. Lopez-Calva), 2015. In: Dayton-Johnson, J. (ed.) **Latin America's Emerging Middle Classes**, London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Journal articles in Spanish

17. [Clases medias y vulnerabilidad a la pobreza. Reflexiones desde América Latina](#) (with G. Cruces, S. Lach & L.F. Lopez-Calva), 2014. **El Trimestre Económico**, 81(322): 281-307 (Fondo de Cultura Económica).
18. [Clases medias y vulnerabilidad a la pobreza en América Latina](#) (with L.F. Lopez-Calva), 2012. **Pensamiento Iberoamericano**, 10: 49-70.
19. [Medición multidimensional de la pobreza en México](#) (with L.F. Lopez-Calva), 2009. **Estudios Económicos**, Special issue: 3-33 (El Colegio de México).

Book chapters in Spanish

20. [Definición de clase media y estratificación social a partir de un enfoque de vulnerabilidad](#), 2014. In: Hardy, C. **Estratificación social en América Latina: Retos de cohesión social**, Santiago, Chile: LOM Ediciones.
21. [Los determinantes de la disminución de la desigualdad en América Latina](#) (with N. Lustig & L.F. Lopez-Calva), 2014. In: Devlin, R., Echevarria, O.A. & Machinea, J.L. (eds.) **América Latina en una era de globalización. Ensayos en honor de Enrique V. Iglesias**, Caracas, Venezuela: CAF.

22. [Capital social y confianza en las instituciones del Estado: Evidencia desde el México urbano](#) (with L. Rodríguez-Chamussy), 2012. In: Lopez, P. and Soloaga, I. (eds.) **Capital social y política pública en México**, Mexico: El Colegio de Mexico.
23. [Política social y equidad en México](#) (with L.F. Lopez-Calva), 2006. In: Lopez-Calva, L.F., Ortiz-Juarez, E. and Urzua, C.M. (eds.) **Política social para la equidad**, México: Porrúa.
24. [Política social para la equidad](#) (editor with L.F. Lopez-Calva & C.M. Urzua), 2006. México: Porrúa.

Institutional reports and policy briefs

25. [The Cost-of-Living Crisis in Mozambique: Poverty Impacts and Possible Policy Responses](#) (with S. Ecker, S. Terragni & A. Warren-Rodriguez), September 2024. Development Future Series, UNDP Global Policy Network - Discussion Papers. New York: UNDP.
26. [Multi-speed Growth is Back, With a Fiscal Blind Spot](#) (with G. Gray Molina), July 2024. Development Future Series, UNDP Global Policy Network - Discussion Papers. New York: UNDP.
27. [The Human Cost of Inaction: Poverty, Social Protection and Debt Servicing, 2020–2023](#) (with S. Ecker, G. Gray Molina & L. Jensen), July 2023. Development Future Series, UNDP Global Policy Network - Policy Brief. New York: UNDP.
28. [Cost-of-living Crisis Update: Diverging Food and Energy Prices, Diverging Policy Responses](#) (with S. Ecker & G. Gray Molina), December 2022. Development Future Series, UNDP Global Policy Network - Policy Brief. New York: UNDP.
29. [Addressing the Cost-of-living Crisis in Developing Countries: Poverty and Vulnerability Projections and Policy Responses](#) (with G. Gray Molina & M. Montoya-Aguirre), July 2022. UNDP Report for the 2022 United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).
30. [Alternative Uses of Pre-tax Fossil-fuel Subsidies Per Year](#), October 2021. UNDP Report for the Don't Choose Extinction Campaign. New York: UNDP.
31. [Mitigating Poverty: Global Estimates of the Impact of Income Support during the Pandemic](#) (with J. Fajardo-Gonzalez, G. Gray Molina & M. Montoya-Aguirre), July 2021. Development Future Series, UNDP Global Policy Network - Discussion Papers. New York: UNDP.
32. [Eradicating Poverty in a Post-pandemic World: How the G7 Can Act to End both the Pandemic and Global Poverty](#) (with A. Sumner), June 2021. Essay in: *Build Back Better Together: A Blueprint for a Better World*. London: King's College London.
33. [Protecting Women's Livelihoods in Times of Pandemic: Temporary Basic Income and the Road to Gender Equality](#) (with M. Montoya-Aguirre & A. Santiago), March 2021. Development Future Series, UNDP Global Policy Network - Policy Brief. New York: UNDP.
34. [A Temporary Basic Income \(TBI\) for Developing Countries](#) (with G. Gray Molina), July 2020. Transition Series, UNDP Global Policy Network - Policy Brief. New York: UNDP.
35. [Regional Human Development Report for Latin America and the Caribbean: Update Policy Note](#), October 2017. Special Policy Note. New York: UNDP.
36. [Multidimensional Progress: Well-being Beyond Income](#) (with G. Gray Molina, M.J. Abud, N. Gómez Arteaga, A. González, J. Sagredo & J. Vásquez), June 2016. *Human Development Report for Latin America and the Caribbean*. New York: UNDP.
37. [Living on the Edge in Mexico](#) (with A. de la Fuente & C. Rodríguez-Castelán), Summer 2015. *World Bank Research Digest*, 9(4).
38. [Igualdad de oportunidades, pobreza y política social en México: Una perspectiva de largo plazo](#) (with M.J. Pérez García), May 2013. Mexico: World Bank and CONEVAL.
39. [Why Did Inequality in Latin America Decline in the 2000s?](#) (with N. Lustig & L.F. López-Calva), Fall 2012. *World Bank Research Digest*, 7(1).

Permanent working papers

40. [Corruption in Infrastructure and Social Assistance Funds: Effects on Municipal Poverty](#) (with M. Montoya-Aguirre & L.G. Woo-Mora), 2021. Finanzas Públicas, Centre for Public Finance Studies (CEFP), Chamber of Deputies.
 - Winner of Mexico's National Prize of Public Finance 2020.
 41. [The Decline in Inequality in Latin America: How Much, Since When and Why](#) (with N. Lustig & L.F. López-Calva), 2011. ECINEQ Working Paper 211.
 - Coverage in [The Economist](#).
 42. [Bigger... But Stronger? The Middle Class in Chile and Mexico in the Last Decade](#) (with L.F. López-Calva), 2010. Research for Public Policy, ID-02-2010, UNDP.
 43. [Evidence and Policy Lessons on the Links between Disaster Risk and Poverty in Latin America](#) (with L.F. López-Calva), 2009. Background Paper of the 2009 Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction, UNISDR.
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Professional experience

Research and policy

	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Mar 2015-Mar 2016	Senior Economist , Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, New York <i>Project coordination and research on multidimensional social progress</i>
Mar 2013-Mar 2015	Economist , Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, New York <i>Project coordination and policy support on social development and fiscal policy</i>
Mar 2011-Mar 2013	Applied Economist , Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, New York <i>Applied research on poverty, vulnerability, and social policy</i>
Jul 2008-Dec 2010	Researcher , Latin America and the Caribbean Unit for Economic and Policy Analysis, Mexico <i>Data analysis on poverty, inequality, and human development</i>
Feb 2006-Jun 2007	Junior Researcher , Human Development Research Office, Mexico <i>Data analysis on labour markets and human development</i>
	Ministry of Social Development, Mexico
Aug 2007-Jun 2008	Deputy Director of Economic and Social Analysis , Vice-ministry of Planning and Evaluation

Academia

	King's College London
2023-2025	Advanced Topics in Development Economics , Department of International Development 3 rd year undergraduate level
2019-2026	Poverty, Inequality and Inclusive Development , Department of International Development Graduate level
2018-2025	Poverty, Inequality and Social Policy , Department of International Development 3 rd year undergraduate level
Sep 2023 - Sep 2025	Inequalities, Vulnerability, and Development Policy Research Group , Department of International Development Co-lead

Consultancy

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Jan-Apr 2025	Consultant , Knowledge Hub on Health, Socio-Economic Inequalities and Social Protection (HISP), Brussels

Research paper Inequality & the Private Sector: A Two-Way Street for Development

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Sep 2025-Sep 2026	Senior Economist/Consultant , Inclusive Growth, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (BPPS), New York <i>Construction of growth and poverty trajectories and prosperity framework</i>
Jul-Oct 2025	Poverty expert , Ukraine Country Office, Kyiv <i>Ukraine Economic Framework for Recovery and Reconstruction. Develop scenarios of recovery and reconstruction and their impact on human development and poverty reduction using a multidimensional poverty approach</i>
Aug-Dec 2024	Consultant , Inclusive Growth Team at the Regional Hub in Panama <i>Toolkits for Poverty Measurement under Data Constraints and Adaptive Social Protection; distributive justice; microsimulation of tax and benefits on poverty and inequality</i>
May-Sep 2024	Consultant , RBLAC, Chief Economist Office <i>Development of a research paper on Mapping the State of Household Assets in LAC for the Regional Human Development Report 2025</i>
Feb-Mar 2024	Economist , Cambodia Office, Policy and Innovation Unit <i>Graduation-based social protection</i>
Apr-Jun 2023	Economist , Cambodia Office, Policy and Innovation Unit <i>Cambodia's Poverty Risk Analysis</i>
Aug 2022-Feb 2023	Economist - Specialist , Cambodia Office, Policy and Innovation Unit <i>Microsimulation of the poverty effects of Ukraine-Russia war in Cambodia</i>
Nov 2021-Feb 2022	Economist - Poverty Expert , Cambodia Office, Policy and Innovation Unit <i>Poverty risk and poverty dynamics assessment</i>
Sep-Dec 2021	Consultant , RBLAC Regional Hub, Panama <i>Fiscal microsimulation in Guatemala</i>
Oct-Dec 2020	Senior Economic Research Consultant , RBLAC Headquarters, New York <i>Chronic poverty measurement</i>
Jun-Dec 2020	Consultant , Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (BPPS), New York <i>Unconditional basic income schemes</i>
Aug 2019-Aug 2020	Consultant , RBLAC Regional Hub, Panama <i>Social cohesion measurement</i>
Sep 2017-Jun 2019	Consultant , RBLAC Headquarters, New York <i>Political economy, poverty analysis, and policy support</i>

The World Bank Group

Mar-Jun 2023	Consultant , Poverty and Equity, Washington DC <i>Small-area estimation of poverty in Mexico</i>
Mar-Jun 2022	Consultant , Equitable Growth, Finance and Institutions (EFI), Washington DC <i>Chronic poverty and productive assets in West Africa</i>
Mar-Jun 2021	Consultant , EFI, Washington DC <i>Chronic poverty and productive assets in Senegal</i>
Mar-Jun 2020	Consultant , EFI, Washington DC <i>Distributional effects of financial inclusion in West Africa</i>
Feb-Jun 2020	Consultant , Poverty and Equity, Washington DC <i>Nowcasting local welfare effects of the COVID-19 pandemic</i> <i>Distributional effects of internet penetration in Mexico</i>
Mar-Jun 2018	Consultant , Poverty and Equity, Washington DC <i>Small-area estimation of poverty in Jamaica</i>
May 2017	Consultant , Poverty and Equity, Washington DC <i>Small-area estimation of poverty in Panama</i>
Jan-Jun 2016	Consultant , Poverty and Equity, Washington DC

Dec 2013-Jun 2014	<i>Small-area estimation of poverty and inequality in Jamaica, Mexico and Panama</i> Consultant , Poverty, Gender and Equity Group, Washington DC
Jan 2012-Jun 2013	<i>Small-area estimation of poverty and inequality in Bolivia, Mexico and Panama</i> Consultant , Poverty, Gender and Equity Group, Washington DC
Aug-Oct 2012	<i>Small-area estimation of poverty and inequality in Mexico</i> Consultant , Development Research Group: Poverty & Inequality, Washington DC
Mar-Oct 2011	<i>Small-area estimation of poverty in Nigeria</i> Consultant , Mexico Country Office <i>Perspective of welfare in Mexico</i>
May-Aug 2020	United Nations University (UNU) Consultant , World Institute for Development Economics Research (WIDER), Helsinki <i>Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on global poverty</i>
May 2020	Government of Curaçao Consultant , Central Bureau of Statistics, Willemstad <i>Distributional effects of the COVID-19 pandemic</i>
Feb-Sep 2016	Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Consultant , Social Protection and Health Division, Washington DC <i>Small-area estimation of poverty in Honduras</i>
Oct 2014-Nov 2016	Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB) Consultant , Office of the Chief of Staff, Madrid <i>Socio-economic analysis across Latin America</i>
Dec 2022-Jan 2023	Centro de Estudios Espinosa Yglesias (CEEY) Advisor <i>COVID-19 impact module of the 2023 social mobility survey (EMOVI)</i>
Nov 2011-Feb 12	Consultant <i>Biological standard of living in Mexico</i>

Professional memberships and affiliations

- **Fellow**, UK Higher Education Academy (Advance HE) (since August 2024)
- **Research Associate**, Commitment to Equity Institute (CEQ), Tulane University (since October 2016).
- **Member**, Development Studies Association (DSA)
- **Member**, European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI)
- **Member**, Human Development & Capability Association (HDCA)
- **Member**, Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ)
- **Member**, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA)
- **Research Affiliate**, Department of International Development, King's College London (Aug-Oct 2021).
- **Non-resident Associate Research Fellow**, Center for Inter-American Policy & Research (CIPR), Tulane University (Oct 2012-Oct 2016).

Additional information

Awards

2025	School of Global Affairs Spotlight Prize Award 2024/25 King's College London, category: Exceptional Performance
2023	Recognition Award 2023 King's College London, awarded for exceptional contribution and outstanding performance during the 2022/23 academic year
2023	Department of International Development Research Fund Award King's College London
2022	King's Outstanding Thesis Prize King's College London
2021	Department of International Development Research Fund Award King's College London
2020	Mexico's National Prize of Public Finance (winner) Awarded by the Centre for Public Finance Studies (CEFP), Chamber of Deputies The awarded research provides evidence of the effects of corruption in funds for social assistance and infrastructure on poverty at the municipal level (joint work with M. Montoya-Aguirre & L.G. Woo-Mora)
2016-20	Doctoral Scholarship Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT), Government of Mexico
2005-07	Scholarship for MSc studies School of Government, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico City

Refereeing

Journals	<i>International journals:</i> Annals of Economics and Statistics; BMC Palliative Care; BMC Public Health; Economics Letters; Economics and Business Letters; Empirical Economics; Journal of Human Development and Capabilities (3); International Review of Economics and Finance (2); Journal of Social Policy; Latin American Economic Review; Latin American Research Review; Oxford Development Studies; Review of Development Economics; SAGE Open (2); Scientific Reports; Social Indicators Research; Socio-Economic Review (2); Structural Change and Economic Dynamics; The Journal of Development Studies; The Journal of Economic Inequality (3); The Lancet Public Health; Third World Quarterly; World Development. <i>In Spanish:</i> Región y Sociedad (El Colegio de Sonora, Mexico); Revista Aportes (Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Mexico); Revista Cuadernos de Economía (Universidad Nacional de Colombia) (2); Sociología Histórica (Universidad de Murcia, Spain); Revista de Estudios Sociales (Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia).
Grants	Independent Social Research Foundation (ISRF); Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)
Books	Editorial CEEY (Mexico); Polity Books

Other relevant academic training

	London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
2019	Advanced Econometrics
2019	Applied Econometrics and Big Data
	OPHI, University of Oxford
2009	Multidimensional Poverty Analysis
	Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Colombia
2009	Econometrics with Cross-Section and Panel Data
	Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico
2006	Statistical Analysis and Impact Evaluation

Other skills

Languages	Spanish (native speaker); English (proficient)
Software	Stata, R, PovMap, L ^A T _E X