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EDUCATION:

- **PhD. in Economics**, UB School of Economics – Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona - Spain, 2019-2023. Advisor: Judit Vall Castelló. Thesis Title: “Essays in Health Economics”. Defense date: May 2023 (Cum Laude).
- **M.Sc. in Economics**, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Rotterdam – The Netherlands, 2016. Thesis supervisor: Pilar García-Gómez.
- **M.Sc. in Economics**, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Madrid-Spain, 2015.
- **B.Sc. in Economics**, Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral, Guayaquil - Ecuador, 2006.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Applied economics, applied micro/econometrics, health economics, economic development, public policy evaluation.

CURRENT POSITION:

- **Universidad de Especialidades Espíritu Santo**, Centro de Investigaciones (Samborondón - Ecuador). Associate researcher, February 2020 – to date.
 - Lecturer post-graduate courses: Public Sector Economics, Health Economics, Applied Statistics, Pharmacoeconomics, Academic Writing. From July 2021 to date.
- **Universitat de Barcelona**, Instituto de Economía de Barcelona (IEB) (Barcelona-España). Associate researcher, May 2023 – to date.
- **Ecuadorian Development Research Lab (LIDE)**. Researcher, 2024 – to date.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

- **Universidad ECOTEC, Faculty of Economics and Business Sciences (Guayaquil-Ecuador)**.
 - Undergraduate courses: Microeconomics I, Microeconomics II, Principles of Economy, Public Economics, Applied methods for economists. August 2017 – December 2018, August 2022 – to date.
- **Universidad Estatal de Milagro (UNEMI) – Facultad de Posgrados (Milagro – Ecuador)**.
 - Post-graduate courses: Microeconomic Analysis in the Master’s in Economics program. September 2024.
- **Escuela Politécnica Nacional – Facultad de Economía (Quito – Ecuador)**.
 - Post-graduate courses: Microeconometrics in the Master’s in Economics program. June – July 2024.
- **Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales, Escuela de Economía Pública y Sectores Estratégicos (Quito- Ecuador)**.
 - Post-graduate courses: Applied Statistics. From May 2023 – to October 2023.
- **Universidad del Río, Department of Economía (Guayaquil - Ecuador)**.
 - Undergraduate courses: Social Evaluation of Projects, Advanced Modelling. October 2022 – March 2023.

- **Universitat de Barcelona, Department of Economics (Barcelona-Spain).**
 - Undergraduate courses: Public Finance (Hacienda Pública) on-line and in-person formats. Spring semester 2020-2021; 2021-2022.
- **Universidad de Guayaquil, Faculty of Economics Sciences (Guayaquil-Ecuador).**
 - Undergraduate courses: Industrial Organization, Political Economy. May 2017 – September 2017.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

English:

- Armijos Bravo, G., & Vall Castelló, J. (2024), Job competition in civil service public exams and sick leave behaviour. *Fiscal Studies*, 1–33. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-5890.12392>
- Armijos-Bravo, G., & Camino-Mogro, S. (2023). Covid-19 Lockdown in Ecuador: Are there Gender Differences in Unemployment? *The Journal of Development Studies*, 59(6), 833–853. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2023.2192573>
- Camino-Mogro, S., & Armijos Bravo, G. (2022). Red Tape Reduction, More New Firms? Saving Time and Money: Evidence from an Ecuadorian Reform. *The Journal of Development Studies*, 59(5), 691–715. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2022.2154149>
- Armijos Bravo, G., & Vall Castello, J. (2021). Terrorist attacks, Islamophobia and newborns' health. Published in *Journal of Health Economics*, 79, 102510. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhealeco.2021.102510>
- Solano, J., Camino-Mogro, S. and Armijos-Bravo, G. (2020), "Intra-banking competition in Ecuador: new evidence using panel data approach", *Journal of Economics, Finance and Administrative Science*, Vol. 25 No. 50, pp. 295-319. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JEFAS-05-2019-0081>
- Armijos-Bravo, G. (2019). Socioeconomic inequity in long-term care use in Europe. Cuadernos de economía: *Spanish Journal of Economics and Finance*, 42(118), 12-32. <https://doi.org/10.32826/cude.v42i118.84>
- Camino-Mogro, S., Armijos-Bravo, G., & Cornejo-Marcos, G. (2019). Competition in the insurance industry in Ecuador: An econometric analysis in life and non-life markets. *The Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, 71, 291-302. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.qref.2018.10.001>
- Camino-Mogro, S., Armijos-Bravo, G. (2018). Assessing competition in the private banking sector in Ecuador: an econometric approach with the Panzar-Rosse model. Cuadernos de economía: *Spanish Journal of Economics and Finance*, (117), 225-240.

Spanish:

- Camino-Mogro, S., Armijos-Bravo, G., & Marcos, G. C. (2018). Productividad Total de los Factores en el sector manufacturero ecuatoriano: evidencia a nivel de empresas. *Cuadernos de Economía*, 41(117), 241-261. <https://doi.org/10.32826/cude.v41i117.91>
- Armijos-Bravo, G. (2018). Acceso a la sanidad pública ecuatoriana: la influencia del aseguramiento. *X-pedientes Económicos*, 2(3), 73-83.
- Armijos-Bravo, G., & Camino-Mogro, S. (2017). Inequidades socioeconómicas en el uso de servicios sanitarios de atención primaria en Ecuador. *Estudios Gerenciales*, 33(144), 292-301.

WORKING PAPERS:

- Drug tenancy thresholds, consumption, and newborn's health. *Under Review Journal of Development Economics*.

CONSULTANCIES:

- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). (May – September 2023). Consultant for the Social Development Division. Document (in Spanish): "*Tendencias en la cobertura de servicios de salud materno-infantil, seguridad alimentaria y nutrición en la era del COVID-19*". Link: <https://repositorio.cepal.org/server/api/core/bitstreams/32ce3c60-7f48-4145-8572-47108beb3cb5/content>

BOOK CHAPTERS:

- Camino-Mogro, S., Armijos-Bravo, G., & Brito-Gaona, L. F. (2020). Productividad empresarial en el sector manufacturero y crecimiento económico en Ecuador para el período 2007-2017. Machala: Editorial UTMACH.

RESEARCH PROJECTS:

- Proposals to Improve the Business Competitiveness of MSMEs in El Oro Province (Ecuador). UMET- 2016. Coordinated by Universidad Metropolitana Sede Machala. Funding: \$25.000. Period: 2016 – 2017. Associated Researcher.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- PhD Scholarship (FI). Pre-doctoral researcher scholarship. Agencia de Gestión de Ayudas Universitarias y de Investigación (AGAUR). Generalitat de Cataluña, Spain. June 2019 – October 2022.
- Top World Universities Scholarship, Postgraduates studies (2014), Government of the Republic of Ecuador. Programa de Becas de Excelencia “SENESCYT” – Ecuador.
- “Alive and KICKing – Innovative solutions to aging-related challenges” Scholarship (2016), University of Copenhagen.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- **2024:** XLIII Jornadas de Economía de la Salud. Spanish Health Economics Association, Tenerife-Spain.
- **2023:** Annual Congress of the Network of Economic Researchers 2023. Banco de la República de Colombia; XXX Public Economics Meeting, Spain; XVII RIDGE FORUM LACEA’s HEALTH ECONOMICS NETWORK 6th Annual Workshop, Montevideo-Uruguay; 2nd Junior Economists Meeting, Milan-Italy.
- **2022:** LACEA-LAMES 2022. Annual Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) and the Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society, Lima-Peru; XL+1 Jornadas de Economía de la Salud. Spanish Health Economics Association, Zaragoza - Spain.
- **2021:** LACEA-LAMES 2021. Annual Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) and the Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society, Bogota; EALE 2021 Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists, Barcelona; 8th EuHEA PhD Student-Supervisor and Early Career Researcher Conference of the European Health Economics Association, Rotterdam; 2021 International Health Economics Association (iHEA) Congress, on-line version U.S.; 34th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), Spain; XL Jornadas de Economía de la Salud. Spanish Health Economics Association, Spain; XXVIII Public Economics Meeting, A Coruña – Spain.
- **2020:** Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía -Spanish Economic Association, Salamanca – Spain; PhD Workshop of the PhD program in Economics of the University of Barcelona, Spain; 8th PhD-Student Workshop on Industrial and Public Economics (WIPE), Reus – Spain; XXVII Public Economics Meeting, Barcelona - Spain.
- **2019:** 44th Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía-Spanish Economic Association, Alicante – Spain; 24th Annual LACEA LAMES Meeting 2019, Puebla– Mexico; II Workshop of the Health Economics Network LACEA 2019. Universidad del Pacífico, Lima – Peru. VII Congreso Internacional de Economía. Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja, Loja – Ecuador. XXXIX Jornadas de Economía de la Salud. Spanish Health Economics Association, Albacete – Spain.

WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND COMPLEMENTARY STUDIES:

- **(2022)** XI Workshop EvaluAES: Research on the Evaluation of Health Policies and Services. Asociación Española de Economía de la Salud. Barcelona – Spain.
- **(2021)** Modern Difference in Differences Designs School. University of Milan. On-line version.

- **(2021)** IV Annual Workshop of the Health Economics Network LACEA – RIDGE. On-line version.
- **(2020)** III Annual Workshop of the Health Economics Network LACEA 2020 – RIDGE. Universidad del Pacífico. On-line version.
- **(2020)** IX Workshop EvaluAES Research on the Evaluation of Health Policies and Services. Asociación Española de Economía de la Salud. On-line version – Spain.
- **(2019)** I Spanish Economic Association PhD School: Advances in the Econometrics of Program Evaluation and Inequality. Alicante – Spain.
- **(2019)** RIDGE Summer School. Puebla – Mexico.
- **(2019)** 7th Barcelona Summer Forum: Policy Evaluation in Health. Barcelona Graduate School of Economics (GSE), Barcelona – Spain.
- **(2019)** Immigration & Health Workshop, Instituto de Economía de Barcelona (IEB), Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona – Spain.
- **(2017)** Summer School on Microeconometrics: Impact evaluation Methods, Paris School of Economics (PSE), Paris - France.
- **(2016)** Summer School on Innovative solutions to aging-related challenges, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen - Denmark.
- **(2016)** Economics of Health Inequality. Econometric application, Tinbergen Institute, Rotterdam - The Netherlands.
- **(2015)** Econometrics: Methods and Applications, Erasmus School of Economics- Erasmus Rotterdam University, Rotterdam - The Netherlands.

COURSES ON TEACHING SKILLS:

- **(2024)** Syllabus Development. Universidad de Especialidades Espíritu Santo. 3 hours. April 2024.
- **(2023)** Towards Quality Higher Education in Ecuador. Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales. 23 hours. August 2023.
- **(2023)** Data for the Effectiveness of Public Policies. Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). 40 hours. April 2023.
- **(2023)** Foundations of Instructional Design. Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja. 60 hours. April 2023.
- **(2022)** Active Methodologies for Educational Innovation. Grupo Consultor Milenio. 40 hours. September 2022.

RESEARCH STAYS:

- **Nova School of Business & Economics.** March – April 2023. Carcavelos – Portugal. Under the supervision of Dr. Pedro Pita Barros.
- **Universidad Técnica de Machala (UTMACH).** September - October 2022. Machala – Ecuador. Under the supervision of Dr. Luis Brito Gaona.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- **Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral.** (December 2017 – December 2018). General Coordinator of Postgraduate Programs. Guayaquil – Ecuador.
Coordinate and lead all the postgraduate programs of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.
- **Ernst & Young Ecuador.** (February 2017 - April 2017). Performance Improvement Senior Advisor. Guayaquil – Ecuador.
Coordinate and monitor of performance indicators of consultancy projects focused on performance improvement in the Health Care Sector.
- **Servicio de Rentas Internas Ecuador.** (August 2005 - August 2014). Specialist in Tax Services; Tax Culture and Public Finance Instructor; Regional Head of Vehicle Tax. Guayaquil – Ecuador.
Responsible for monitoring performance indicators.
Coordination of tax culture programs including the training of different groups of students on issues of tax culture and public finances.
Design and evaluation of educational programs focused on youth, and children.

Planning and Coordination Process concerning the National Vehicle Tax

OTHER PROFESSIONAL RESPONSABILITIES:

- Appointed Member of the EvaluAES group of the (Spanish) Health Economics Association (AES) since 2022. Website: <https://www.aes.es/evaluaes/presentacion/>
- Member of the Editorial Board of “Cumbres” Journal of the Universidad Técnica de Machala (UTMACH).

LANGUAGE AND COMPUTER SKILLS:

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| • Spanish: Native | • Proficient: Stata, Latex |
| • English: Professional proficiency | • Beginner: R. |
| • French: Beginner | • Catalan: Beginner |

REFERENCES:

- **PhD Advisor:** Judit Vall Castelló, PhD. Associate Professor at Universitat de Barcelona. Member of Institut d’Economia de Barcelona, CRES-Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Barcelona – Spain. Contact details: judit.vall@ub.edu
- Paul Carrillo Maldonado, PhD. Associate Professor at Universidad de Las Américas (UDLA). Quito – Ecuador. Contact details: paul.carrillo.maldonado@udla.edu.ec