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MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Applied Statistics, Latin America

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF GOETTINGEN, Germany

Since Oct. 2006: Ph.D. student at the Faculty of Economic Sciences
Supervisors: [Prof. Stephan Klasen, Ph.D.](#) and [Prof. Dr. Walter Zucchini](#)
(Ph.D. expected Feb. 2010)

Student in the interdisciplinary Ph.D. Certificate Program in
"Applied Statistics and Empirical Methods", [Centre for Statistics](#)
(Certificate expected Feb. 2010)

Nov. 2006: Master of Arts in International Economics (with distinction)

UNIVERSIDAD ANDINA SIMÓN BOLÍVAR, Bolivia

Oct. 2004: Master in Social Policies and Human Development

UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA, Switzerland

Apr. 1998: Diplôme (Master) d'Etudes Supérieures en Economie et Finance

Oct. 1996: Licence ès Sciences Economiques,
Orientation Economie Monétaire et Financière

WORK EXPERIENCE

1998 – 2004, CENTRAL BANK OF BOLIVIA, International Operations Division, La Paz

Vice manager of External Operations (Apr. 2001 – Apr. 2004)

Leader of a team of 22 people, responsible for foreign currency operations, payment and renegotiation of the external public debt, analysis of regulations for foreign currency operations

Head of the Investment Control Department (Oct. 1999 – Mar. 2001)

Leader of a team of 3 people, responsible for the compliance of the guidelines of the Board for the management of the international reserves, evaluation of performance against benchmarks, risk analysis

Trader in the International Reserves Department (Dec. 1998 – Sep. 1999)

Analysis of foreign fixed income and foreign exchange markets

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native)
English (fluent),
German (fluent),
French (fluent);
Portuguese (working knowledge)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Statistical software: Stata, R, EViews
Other software: Microsoft Office, LaTeX

RECENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Ministry of Science and Culture of Lower-Saxony, Germany

[Georg-Christoph-Lichtenberg-Scholarship](#) for Ph.D. Studies in Göttingen (Oct. 2006 – Sep. 2009)

Stibet-Scholarship Program of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Research Assistantships for international Doctoral Candidates (Jan.–Apr. 2007 & Jul.–Sep. 2009)

Teaching Assistantships for international Doctoral Candidates (Apr.–Jul. 2007 & Aug.–Oct. 2008)

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

Impact of gender specific inequality on economic development at the cross-country level
(Consultancy for the OECD with S. Klasen and M. Ziegler)

Regional growth convergence in Colombia using income and social indicators

Matching household surveys to create time series of income: An application to poverty and inequality measurement in Bolivia

Missing dimensions of poverty and female labor participation in Chile

RECENT WORKING PAPERS AND MANUSCRIPTS

“Why We Should All Care about Social Institutions Related to Gender Inequality”. With S. Klasen and M. Ziegler. Courant Research Centre: Poverty, Equity and Growth - Discussion Papers 15, University of Goettingen, 2009.

URL http://www2.vwl.wiso.uni-goettingen.de/courant-papers/CRC-PEG_DP_15.pdf

“New Measures of Gender Inequality: The Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI) and its Subindices”. With S. Klasen and M. Ziegler. Courant Research Centre: Poverty, Equity and Growth - Discussion Papers 10, University of Goettingen, 2009.

URL http://www2.vwl.wiso.uni-goettingen.de/courant-papers/CRC-PEG_DP_10.pdf

“Regional Growth Convergence in Colombia Using Social Indicators”. With A. Cardozo. Ibero America Institute for Econ. Research (IAI) Discussion Papers 195, University of Goettingen, 2009.

URL <http://www2.vwl.wiso.uni-goettingen.de/ibero/papers/DB195.pdf>

“Revisiting the Regional Convergence Debate in Colombia Using Income Indicators”. With A. Cardozo. Ibero America Institute for Econ. Research (IAI) Discussion Papers 194, University of Goettingen, 2009. URL <http://www2.vwl.wiso.uni-goettingen.de/ibero/papers/DB194.pdf>

“Background Paper: The Construction of the Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI)”. With S. Klasen and M. Ziegler. 2009. URL <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/49/19/42295804.pdf>

“Wealth, Poverty, and Inequality in Bolivia Using Different Methods and Data Sets”. Master Thesis, University of Goettingen, Germany. 2006.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (University of Goettingen, Germany)

Seminar on “Heterogeneous firms and international trade”, with Prof. I. Martínez-Zarzoso, Ph.D. (Winter 2009)

Tutorial for “Panel data econometrics” including exercises with the statistical software Stata (Summer 2009)

Seminar for Ph.D. students “An introduction to the statistical software R” (Summer 2008)

Tutorial for the statistical software R in “Applied statistical modelling” (Summer 2008)

Seminar on economics of Latin America, with Dr. F. Nowak-Lehmann (Summer 2007 and 2008)

REFERENCES

Fernando CALDERÓN G.

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PAPERS PRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Oct. 2009, Universidad Privada Boliviana, La Paz – Bolivia
First Bolivian Conference on Development Economics

Oct. 2009, Universidad de la República, Montevideo – Uruguay
9th Arnoldshain Seminar organized by the International Society for Comparative Economic Studies (ISCES)

Aug. 2009, University of Tokyo, Tokyo – Japan
2009 Far East and South Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society (FESAMES)

Nov. 2008, Instituto Nacional de Matemática Pura e Aplicada, Rio de Janeiro – Brazil
2008 Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) / Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society (LAMES) Joint Conference

Oct. 2008, University of Goettingen, Goettingen – Germany
6th European Development Research Network (EUDN) PhD Seminar

Oct. 2008, National University of Ireland, Galway – Ireland
Irish Society of New Economists (ISNE) 5th Annual Conference

MEMBERSHIP

Econometric Society,
Institute for Advanced Development Studies,
Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association,
Society of Bolivian Economists,

SEMINARS, TRAININGS, INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

- July 2007, Civita Castellana (Viterbo) – Italy
“Summer School on Development” (Inequality, Growth and Human Development) organized by Unidea – UniCredit Foundation, the University of Florence and the European Development Research Network (EUDN)
- Nov. 2003, Geneva – Switzerland
Member of the Bolivian delegation at the “Fourth Inter-regional Debt Management Conference” organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Jul. 2003, Montevideo – Uruguay
Representative of the Central Bank of Bolivia in the XLIII meeting of the Advice Commission for Financial and Monetary Affairs of the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI)
- Apr. 2003, Brasilia – Brazil
Member of the Bolivian delegation sent to negotiate the bilateral agreement of debt relief to be granted by Brazil
- Apr. 2002, Montevideo – Uruguay
Representative of the Central Bank of Bolivia in the XLII meeting of the Advice Commission for Financial and Monetary Affairs of the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI)
- Sep. 2001, La Paz – Bolivia
“IV Meeting: International Reserves Management by Central Banks”, organized by the Central Bank of Bolivia and the Centre for Latin American Center for Monetary Studies (CEMLA)
- Nov. 2000, Cartagena de Indias – Colombia
“An Approach to Investment Trends for Central Banks”, seminar organized by Fondo Latinoamericano de Reservas (FLAR) and ROBECO Institutional Asset Manager
- Oct. 2000, La Paz – Bolivia
“Evaluation of Risk”, seminar organized by the Central Bank of Bolivia and the Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA)
- Mar. 2000, New York – USA
“Risk Management” seminar organized by J.P. Morgan
- Nov. 1999, Santiago – Chile
Two-week training at the International Division of the Central Bank of Chile
- Jun. 1999, La Paz – Bolivia
“International Reserves Management”, seminar organized by the Central Bank of Bolivia and the Centre for Latin American Center for Monetary Studies (CEMLA)