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Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M)–Department of Social Sciences

## EDUCATION

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2022-2026 (expected) PhD in Social Sciences at UC3M  
Supervisor: Pedro Riera  
Spring 2024 Visiting researcher in the SPS department at the EUI  
Sponsor: Filip Kostelka

2020-2022 MSc Economics at Universitat de Barcelona (UB)  
2015-2019 BSc Economics at UC3M

## WORKING PAPERS

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***Is That the Way? How Tourism Reshapes Communities and Erodes Social Capital*** [Link not yet available](#)

Honorary mention ECPR 2023 POVB Best Paper Prize

Does economic revitalization foster collective action? This article examines how tourism reshapes community social capital, focusing on its impact on political and local participation. While tourism can revitalize communities, it often disrupts local embeddedness—the community’s social interrelations and civic engagement. Leveraging a quasi-experimental context, I analyze the effects of a massive tourism boom triggered by the international promotion of the Way of Saint James (Camino de Santiago) as a tourist route. Using a difference-in-differences strategy, I find that touristification adversely impacts local embeddedness. Specifically, local association density and electoral participation decline in municipalities exposed to tourism. These changes are driven by two mechanisms: (a) congestion, hostels tend to crowd urban centers, the main social hubs where social activity takes place, and (b) compositional changes, as younger, mobile, and temporary workers replace older native residents. This change has eroded local embeddedness, as shown by reduced community participation in social and political affairs.

**Branch Closures and Evictions in the US** with Joan Calzada and Xavier Fageda [Working paper](#)

More than two million evictions occur in the US each year, a phenomenon with profound and lasting consequences for the families and communities affected. This paper examines how the closure of brick-and-mortar bank branches in the US has affected the number of households threatened with evictions in the period 2000-2018. To overcome the potential endogeneity associated to branch closures we adopt an instrumental variable (IV) identification strategy that uses bank mergers as an instrument of the distance between the population and bank branches at the census tract level. Our results show that both interstate and intercounty mergers had a positive and significant effect in the distance to the closest bank branches. Moreover, we find that a 1% increase in the distance to the closest branch generated a 2.3% increase in the number of households threatened with an eviction. This result is primarily driven by the effects in urban tracts. We complement our analysis with several robustness checks, including a matching procedure to control for pre-existing observable differences between tracts exposed and unexposed to mergers. Moreover, we re-estimate our model focusing on mergers where the acquiring and the acquired banks had overlapping branches within the same tract, and we consider different measures of financial exclusion and of exposition to evictions.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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**What’s the Matter with Madrid?** with Pedro Riera and Fernando de la Cuesta

**From Fields to Fringe** with Rebeca G-Antuña and Silvia Clavería

**Revealed Preferences: The Role of Elections in Shaping Social Norms and Identity Polarization**

# How Context Shapes the Development of Partisan Identification

## WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

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2024 Political Behavior Colloquium at EUI, Rural-Urban Workshop at UPF, EPSA (Cologne), APSA (Philadelphia) –co-organizer of [PAPERSS](#) with Álvaro San Román

2023 EPSA (Glasgow), ECPR (Prague), RUDE Conference at Goethe University, SAEe (Salamanca)

## TEACHING

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Comparative Politics (TA) Fall 2023, Fall 2024

UC3M

Excellence in Teaching Award

Main Prof.: Pedro Riera

## REFERENCES

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## GRANTS

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2022-2026 Pre-Doctoral Research Training Scholarship: Formación de Personal Investigador (FPI)

Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación del Gobierno de España

2020-2022 Tuition Waiver (50%)

Universitat de Barcelona

## SKILLS

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Languages Spanish (native), English (fluent)

Software Stata (intermediate),  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , R Studio and qGis (beginner)