

# Monica Martinez-Bravo

## Curriculum Vitae

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### PERSONAL:

Date of birth: July, 1982  
Nationality: Spanish  
1 daughter born in Sept 2017

### CONTACT DETAILS:

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

CEMFI, Associate Professor (with tenure)	Oct 2018 - present
MIT, Visiting Associate Professor	Nov 2018- April 2019
CEMFI, Associate Professor	Sep 2014 - Oct 2018
CEMFI, Assistant Professor	Jan 2013 - Sep 2014
Johns Hopkins University, SAIS, Assistant Professor	July 2010 - Dec 2012

### AFFILIATIONS AND OTHER POSITIONS:

Council Member of the <i>European Economic Association</i>	2022 -
Board of Directors of the <i>Review of Economic Studies</i>	2022 -
Senior Fellow, Esade Center for Economic Policy (EsadeEcPol)	2022 -
Council of the Spanish Economic Association (AEE)	2020 -
Associate Editor Journal of the Spanish Economic Association (SERIEs)	2020 -
Editorial Board of the <i>Review of Economic Studies</i>	2017 -
CEPR, Development Economics, Research Affiliate	2017 -
BREAD, Research Affiliate	2017 -
IGC, Research Affiliate	2016 -

### EDUCATION:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D. in Economics Ph.D. Committee: Daron Acemoglu, Abhijit Banerjee, Benjamin Olken	2005 - 2010
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (1 <sup>st</sup> year Ph.D.)	2004 - 2005
Universitat Pompeu Fabra (B.A. in Economics)	2000 - 2004

### GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

ERC Consolidator Grant	2022 - 2027
Award to the Best Spanish Economist under the Age of 40, Fundación Banco Sabadell	2021
Ministry of Science and Innovation Grant (Co-PI with Diego Puga)	2021-2023
Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (STEG) Consortium Funded by DfID, co-Leader of the Political Economy Theme with Leonard Wantchekon	2020 - 2025
Europa Excelencia Grant (\$75,000)	2018 - 2019
José Castillejos Fellowship for International Academic Visits	2018 - 2019

J-PAL Pilot grant (\$51,000)	2016 - 2017
Fundación Ramon Areces Grant (36,000 €)	2015 - 2017
Ramon y Cajal Grant, Spanish Ministry of Economics (208,600 €)	2015 - 2020
Schultz Fund, MIT	2010
Fundación Ramón Areces Scholarship	2008 - 2010
MIT Economics Department Fellowship	2007 - 2008
Fundación Rafael del Pino Scholarship	2005 - 2007

**RESEARCH FIELDS:** Political Economy, Economic Development

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“The Role of Local Officials in New Democracies: Evidence from Indonesia,” *American Economic Review*, April 2014, 104(4), 1244-1287.

“The Local Political Economy Effects of School Construction in Indonesia,” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, April 2017, 9(2), 256-289.

“Are Labor Supply Decisions Consistent with Neoclassical Preferences? Evidence from Indian Boat Owners” (with Xavier Giné and Marian Vidal-Fernández), *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, October 2017, 142, 331-347.

“The Non-Democratic Roots of Elite Capture: Evidence from Soeharto Mayors in Indonesia” (with Priya Mukherjee and Andreas Stegmann), *Econometrica*, November 2017, 85 (6), 1991-2010.

“Inequality and psychological well-being in times of COVID-19: evidence from Spain” (with Carlos Sanz), November 2021, *SERIEs, Journal of the Spanish Economic Association* 12, 489-548.

“In Vaccines we Trust? The Effects of Anti-vaccine Propaganda on Immunization: Evidence from Pakistan” (with Andreas Stegmann), February 2021, *Forthcoming at the Journal of the European Economic Association*

“The Rise and Fall of Local Elections in China: Theory and Empirical Evidence on the Autocrat’s Trade-off” (with Gerard Padró-i-Miquel, Nancy Qian and Yang Yao), June 2022, *Accepted at the American Economic Review*

“Social Fragmentation, Public Goods and Elections: Evidence from China” (with Gerard Padró-i-Miquel, Nancy Qian and Yang Yao), 2022.

*Status: Forthcoming at book “Decentralised Governance Crafting Effective Democracies Around the World” LSE Press (edited by Jean-Paul Faguet and Sarmistha Pal)*

## **WORKING PAPERS:**

“The Management of the Pandemic and its Effects on Trust and Accountability” (with Carlos Sanz), June 2022.

Status: *Under review*

“Political Power, Elite Control and Long-Run Development: Evidence from Brazil” (with Claudio Ferraz and Frederico Finan), April 2022.

Status: *Submitted for Publication*

“Political Economy and Structural Transformation: Democracy, Regulation and Public Investment” (with Leonard Wantchekon), February 2021, Inception Paper of the Political Economy Theme of STEG.

Status: *Submitted for Publication*

“Making Democracy Work: Formal Institutions and Culture in Rural China” (with Gerard Padró-i-Miquel, Nancy Qian, Yiqing Xu, and Yang Yao), June 2017.

Status: *Revision Requested at the **Journal of the European Economic Association***

## **INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES:**

**2022 (including scheduled):** The Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship Conference, University of Münster (keynote speaker); Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Bocconi, World Bank, Nova Lisboa, Science Po-PSE.

**2021:** Princeton University, University of Chicago (Harris School), Universidad Carlos III, CREST, LSE, University of Pittsburgh, University of Geneva.

**2020:** University Pompeu Fabra, STEG Political Economy Inception Conference, POLECONUK Webinar, Queen Mary, Stockholm University, IIES.

**2019:** Harvard (Brazilian Studies Seminar), MIT (Development Seminar), Columbia University, Harvard University (x2, Religion and History Seminars), Brown University, Boston University, NBER Organizational Economics, Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict IV -UPF (discussant), IEB, 2nd Catalan Economic Society Conference, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Dept. of Applied Economics), Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (presenter & discussant), Madrid Political Economy Workshop, NBER-Development Economics Fall Workshop.

**2018:** University of Zurich, Calvó-Armengol International Prize Workshop, Understanding the Demand for Democracy Workshop, Munich, CfPE-Vancouver, Harvard University (Department of Government).

**2017:** American Economic Association Meetings (Chicago), Oxford University, Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict IV -UPF (discussant), Political Economy of Development Workshop in Warwick.

**2016:** Warwick/Princeton Political Economy Conference, Toulouse School of Economics, Stanford Comparative Politics Seminar, Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict III -UPF (discussant), ECARES.

**2015:** Yale University, RIDGE/LACEA-PEG Workshop on Political Economy, PUC-Rio, UC-Berkeley-Haas, Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict III -UPF, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, World

Congress of the Econometric Society (Montreal), University of Vienna, Aalto University, Yale Conference on Political Economy and Development, Science Po.

**2014:** Bank of Spain, University Pompeu Fabra, IIES, Stanford University, UC-Berkeley, London School of Economics & UCL, Workshop on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict II -UPF (discussant), Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, CEPR-PODER, European Economic Association, Navarra Center for International Development, Università Bocconi, Stanford GSB (Political Economy Group), Oxford University.

**2013:** University of Edinburgh, Symposium on Economic Governance (Hong Kong Univ of Science and Technology), IEB Workshop on Fiscal Federalism, NBER-PEPF SI, JPAL-Jakarta, University of Mannheim, Universidad Carlos III, Universidad de Alicante, CEMFI, Universidad de Vigo, Paris School of Economics, Namur University.

**2012:** CEMFI, University of Pennsylvania, Cornell University, LACEA-PEG.

**2011:** World Bank (Applied Economic Seminar), SAEe.

**2010:** University of Virginia, Amherst College, University of Toronto, Maryland University, Berkeley Center of Political Economy, NEUDC, SAEe.

### **SERVICE TO JOURNALS, CONFERENCES & EVALUATION AGENCIES:**

Referee for: *Econometrica*, *American Economic Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *World Bank Economic Review*.

2018 - 2020 : Coordinator of the evaluation of funding proposals by the Spanish National Evaluation Agency. (*Colaboradora*, Agencia Estatal de Investigación).

Scientific Council of the European Economic Association Conference (Rotterdam 2020, 2021), Lead Committee Members for Development Economics

Scientific committee del LACEA-Political Economy Group (2018-2022)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

#### Graduate:

Development Economics, CEMFI	Spring terms 2013-2022
Empirical Methods for Public Policy, CEMFI Summer School	2020, 2021
Economic Development, SAIS	Fall 2010 - Fall 2012
Econometrics (Advanced Math), SAIS	Spring 2010 - Fall 2012

#### Undergraduate:

Microeconomics, MIT (Teaching Assistant)	Spring 2008
Microeconomics, MIT (Instructor)	Fall 2007

Other:

Empirical Methods for Public Policy Evaluation, CEMFI Summer School 2020, 2021

**SHORT-TERM VISITS:**

University Pompeu Fabra	May- July 2019
Harvard University, Institute for Quantitative Social Science	July 2015
Stanford GSB	April 2014
MIT J-PAL	August 2011
World Bank	Summer 2007
Fair Share, University of Western Cape, South Africa	Summer 2003

**LANGUAGES:** English, Spanish, Catalan

**STUDENTS:** *(Role, Year, Placement)*

Sophie Nottmeyer (PhD advisor, 2025 (expected))  
Yanina Domenella (PhD co-advisor with Samuel Bentolila, 2025 (expected))  
Christian Maruthiah (PhD advisor, 2024 (expected))  
Qianqian Shang (PhD advisor, 2024 (expected))  
Yang Xun (PhD advisor, 2024 (expected))  
Daniela Sola (PhD co-advisor with Paula Bustos, 2023 (expected))  
Andreas Stegmann (PhD advisor, 2019, Briq Postdoc & Warwick University AP)  
Gustavo Fajardo (PhD advisor, 2016, CAF-Development Bank of Latin America)  
Ines Berniell (PhD co-advisor, 2015, Universidad de la Plata)