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I currently work as a postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Economic History in Lund University. I am a research associate of Instituto Figuerola, part of Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, where I defended my PhD thesis in June 2016.

My PhD dissertation studies the patterns and determinants of service employment concentration during the 20th century in the United States. However, in my current position, I have also taken an interest for Early Modern history after working in the long-run patterns of urbanization in Sweden and the emergence of towns. I am currently investigating the effect of early church investments on population and regional inequality and the role of the railways on diversification of towns and state capacity at different points of Swedish history. In addition, I also study the consequences of agglomeration effects in living standards during the last century in Lisbon.

My broader research interests are related to the effects of place-based policies in the evolution of regional inequality over time and space, combining long-term data and modern techniques such as Geographic Information Systems and spatial econometrics.

Professional Experience

- **Lund University** **Lund**
Post Doctoral Researcher *September 2016–Currently*
Researcher at the Department of Economic History.
- **Universidad Carlos III de Madrid** **Getafe**
Researcher in training *September 2012–September 2016*
Economic History Researcher at the Social Sciences department.
Teaching Assistant of Economic History.

Career Breaks.....

- *Parental leave* *October 2018–August 2019*

Academic Qualifications

- **Economic History PhD – Universidad Carlos III de Madrid** **Madrid**
Cum Laude distinction awarded *2012–2016*
'Examining the Evolution of the Tertiary Sector: Economic Geography of Knowledge'
3 month research visit at London School of Economics from September 2015 financed with UC3M Mobility grant.
- **MSc European and International Development – University of Glasgow** **Scotland**
Graduated with Merit *2010–2011*
'Europe and the effects of integration: Solow vs. Core-periphery model'
- **Economics Degree (Licenciatura) – Universidad Carlos III de Madrid** **Madrid**
Majored in Economics of European Integration. Average grade 7.2/10.0 *2005–2010*
Bilingual degree

Research Grants.....

2020–2023: Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Foundation program grant.

- *Principal Investigator. 1,8 million SEK = 170,000 euros, grant number P20-0037.*

"Building up faith: the relationship between church building and pre-industrial population. Sweden 1200-1810"

Publications

Refereed International Journal Articles.....

- "Can Kings Create Towns that Thrive?: The long-term implications of new town foundations" (2019) - with Kerstin Enflo. *Journal of Urban Economics*
Available at <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0094119019300488?dgcid=coauthor>
- "Do universities generate spatial spillovers? Evidence from US counties from 1930 to 2010" (2018) - *Journal of Economic Geography*.
Available at <https://doi.org/10.1093/jeg/lby055>
- "The driving forces of service localization during the twentieth century: evidence from the United States" (2018) - *European Review of Economic History*.
Available at <https://academic.oup.com/ereh/advance-article/doi/10.1093/ereh/hey011/4992969>

Working papers.....

- "All roads lead to market integration. Spatial integration of grain markets in 18th century Spain." (2018) - with Carlos Santiago-Caballero.
- STANCE Series Working Paper: "Railways and Reform: How Trains Strengthened the Nation State" (2018) - with Kerstin Enflo and Johannes Lindvall. *R&R British Journal of Political Science*
Available at http://portal.research.lu.se/portal/files/53250946/2018_7_Cermeno_Enflo_and_Lindvall.pdf

Other publications.....

- Urban planning and town foundations - with Kerstin Enflo (VOXEU column)
Available at <https://voxeu.org/article/urban-planning-and-town-foundations>
- How market size drove the localisation of knowledge hubs (VOXEU column)
Available at <https://voxeu.org/article/how-market-size-drove-localisation-knowledge-hubs-us>
- Service labour market: The engine of growth and inequality (VOXEU column)
Available at <http://www.voxeu.org/article/service-labour-market-engine-growth-and-inequality>

Participation in Conferences and Seminars

- **October 2019, Universitat de Barcelona Research Seminar**, Barcelona, Spain. "*Building up faith: the relationship between church building and pre-industrial population*"
- **October 2019, Universitat de València Research Seminar** Valencia, Spain. "*How and where did American dreamers succeed during the 20th century. Highly intensive knowledge shocks and spillovers*"
- **October 2019, 14th North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association** Federal Reserve of Philadelphia, USA. "*Can kings create towns that thrive? The long-run implications of a town foundation policy*"
- **September 2019, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture European Conference** Lund University, Sweden. "*Building up faith: the relationship between church building and pre-industrial population*"
- **August 2019, European Historical Economics Society** Paris, France. "*Building up faith: the relationship between church building and pre-industrial population*"
- **June 2019, 4th Sound for Seniors** NTNU, Trondheim, Norway. "*Building up faith: the relationship between church building and pre-industrial population*"
- **May 2019, IX Iberometrics conference** Alcalá de Henares University, Spain. "*Trading Health for Jobs. Biological consequences of rural-urban migration*"

- **April 2019, Economic History Society Annual Conference** Queens University, Belfast, Ireland. *'Building up faith: the relationship between church building and pre-industrial population'*
- **September 2018, Economic History Seminar** Lund University, Sweden. *'Building up faith: Lessons from catholic church building in Sweden 1000-1570'*
- **September 2018, 13th Sound Economic History Workshop** Gothenburg, Sweden. *'Railways and Reform: How Trains Strengthened the Nation State'*
- **August 2018, World Economic History Congress** Boston, USA *'Building up faith: Lessons from catholic church building in Sweden 1000-1570'*
- **October 2017, 12th Swedish economic-historic meeting** University of Stockholm, Sweden. *'Can Kings Create Towns that Thrive?'*
- **September 2017, 12th Sound Economic History Workshop** University of Jyväskylä, Finland. *'Can Kings Create Towns that Thrive?'*
- **August 2017, Economic History European Society** University of Tübingen, Germany. *'Can Kings Create Towns that Thrive?'*
- **July 2017, CAGE Summer School**, University of Warwick University, UK. *'A dynamic Von Thünen model. Sweden 1570-1810'*
- **April 2017, Economic History Society Annual Conference** Royal Holloway, United Kingdom *'Universities, spillovers and the resilience of inequality in the human-capital century'*
- **November 2016, 2nd Annual Meeting of Danish Historical Economics Society** Copenhagen University, Denmark. *'Fail of Towns? Agricultural surplus and urbanisation. 1570-1810 in Sweden'*
- **November 2015, 10th SOUND Economic History Workshop** Lund University, Sweden. *'Knowledge shocks and the resilience of regional inequality'*
- **September 2015, Seminar at Ingenio Institute.** Valencia, CSIC and Universitat Politècnica de València. *'The ITC Revolution: long-term determinants of localisation'*
- **September 2015, European Historical Economics Society Annual Conference.** University of Pisa, Italy. *'The ITC Revolution: long-term determinants of service sector employees localisation'*
- **March 2015: Economic History Society, Annual Conference.** Birmingham, Telford Campus, UK. *'The ITC Revolution: long-term determinants of service sector employees localisation'*
- **November 2014: Second Evolution of Networks, Industries and Clusters Workshop.** Halle, Germany. Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung Halle *'A long-run analysis on the geographical concentration of service production. United States 1890-2010'*
- **July 2013: VIII European Historical Economics Society Summer School.** Historical Economics Society and Instituto Figuerola. Getafe, Madrid. *'A snapshot on service localisation patterns: the service sector in the United States of America in 1980'*

Other Courses and Qualifications

- **PhD Assistant lecturer positive evaluation from ANECA**
'National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation of Spain'. Registration Number 2019-8161
- **Lund University**
'Teaching for higher education'. 2018-2019
- **Universidad Autónoma de Madrid** Advanced Courses in Economics
'Microeconomics: Discrete Choice and Panel Data Models'. May 2015
- **LSE and Fundación Ramón Areces** Second Program of LSE Masterclasses:
'Cities and Citizens in the 21st Century'. November 2014
- **LSE and Fundación Ramón Areces** First Program of LSE Masterclasses:
'Mobility, innovation and Competitiveness'. May 2013
'Wellbeing and a New Health Policy Agenda'. June 2013

Technical and Personal skills.....

- **Programming Languages:** Proficient in: STATA, \LaTeX . Advanced in: R.
- **Software Skills:** Proficient in: MS Office Package, Advanced in: ArcGIS.
- **Languages:** Spanish (Mother tongue), Catalan (bilingual), English (Fluent. TOEFL: 104).

Interests

- Economic History, Economic Geography, Spatial Inequality, Industrial Economics and Regional Development
- Spatial Econometrics, Panel data econometrics
- Map designing, GIS

Teaching experience

- Economic History (UC3M) - Undergraduate Students (Spanish and English). From 2012 to 2016.
- Current trends in development theory (Lund University) - Undergraduate (English) Spring 2018
- Master thesis supervision (Lund University). 2017 (3), 2018 (5), 2021 (3)

Other activities

- Organization of 14th Sound Economic History Workshop and 4th Sound for Seniors – Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim
- Organization of 13th Sound Economic History Workshop – University of Gothenburg
- Referee for European Review of Economic History: 2017, 2018 (2), 2019
- Referee for Scandinavian Review of Economic History: 2019
- Referee for Habitat International: 2019, 2020