2017
Report of the IEB’s activities
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1. Presentation
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The Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB) is a research centre whose goals are to promote and disseminate work in applied economics, and to contribute to the debate and decision-making process in economic policy.

As this Report of Activities highlights, 2017 was another highly productive year for the IEB. Our researchers have published 40 articles in journals included in the Journal Citation Reports, while a further 11 papers have been accepted and will appear in forthcoming issues. An additional 26 articles have been published in other academic journals, 23 appearing this year; the rest to appear in the near future.

These outputs, together with the quantity and quality of the seminars and workshops organised, the number of visiting researchers welcomed, and the number of working papers published as part of the IEB series, give credence to our excellence as a research center and to our international vision and vocation, built on an enviable track record spanning almost two decades.

Given our particular interest in disseminating our research, our goal to stimulate broader public debates on relevant and compelling issues, and our impetus to provide guidance in the area of economic policy formulation, the Institute has been highly active in forging partnerships with the academe, the public sector and business community.

As part of this mission, the Institute publishes the IEB Reports (comprising the Report on Fiscal Federalism and Public Finances), the Info IEB, a widely circulated newsletter and from 2016 the Autonomous Community Financing Map. The wide range of events we organise (i.e., symposia, conferences, workshops) serves to promote our research, and ensure that we reach a broad audience and make a rigorous contribution to debates on critical and relevant social questions.

The IEB was founded in 2001 and received a major boost with the creation of the IEB Foundation in 2008. The invaluable support of our trustees (Abertis, Applus, Gas Natural Fenosa, La Caixa, the Barcelona City Hall, and the University of Barcelona) to the Institute have gone a long way to ensuring the continued success of our various endeavors. In 2017 we also benefited from the support of Barcelona Provincial Council, Instituto de Estudios Fiscales and Agbar.

The Institute hosts the Chair of Energy Sustainability at the UB (funded by the Foundation for Energy and Environmental Sustainability, FUNSEAM) and the Chair of Smart Cities at the UB (funded by the University of Barcelona).

To conclude, we would like to express our gratitude to all IEB researchers, PhD students and administrative staff for their daily contributions to our Institute. This annual report is a testament to their productive and dedicated labours.

Further information: www.ieb.ub.edu
2. People
2.1. Management committee

The management committee has the following members:

- Núria Bosch
- José M. Durán (Secretary-Manager: Leave from July 2017) (Director: From July 2017)
- Alejandro Esteller
- Anna Matas
- Daniel Montolio
- Martí Parellada (Director: Leave from July 2017)
- Esteve Sanromà
- Pilar Somiba
- Elisabet Viladecans

2.2. Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of the IEB Foundation

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2.3. Research

The IEB’s research is mainly organised in Research Programmes and Chairs:

• The **Research Programme in Fiscal Federalism** has as its primary goal the study of the public finances and the political economy of multi-level governments (i.e., supra-national, national, regional and local). Its research covers topics such as: the effects of decentralization on the quality of public services, the effects of taxes on the mobility of individuals and firms, the effects of intergovernmental transfers on subnational decisions and its impact on the local economy, the political economy of the territorial allocation of public spending and transfers, the determinants of government quality at the local level and its effects on development, the coordination of fiscal policies across levels of government, and the relation between the design of multi-level government and country stability. This programme is directed by Dr. Albert Solé-Ollé and includes the UB’s Chair in Fiscal Federalism, which is currently held by Dr. Núria Bosch.

• The **Research Programme in Cities** promotes the study of the role of cities as engines of prosperity. The different lines of research currently being developed address such critical questions as the determinants of city growth and the social relations established in them, agglomeration economies as a key element for explaining the productivity of cities and their expectations of growth, the functioning of local labour markets and the design of public policies to give appropriate responses to the current problems cities face. The programme is led by Dr. Elisabet Viladecans-Marsal and includes the UB Chair in Smart Cities.

• The **Research Programme in Infrastructure and Transport** promotes research in this area from an economic viewpoint, in order to generate knowledge that is useful to society and is able to guide public policy. It focuses on the effects of infrastructure investments and transport policies on economic growth and the environment, examines the impact of policies of regional distribution. This programme is led by Dr. Anna Matas.

• The **Research Program in Tax Systems Analysis** aims at promoting high quality research in the field of taxation, taking into account not only the traditional approach to optimal taxation, but also administrative issues and the decentralization or globalization context. The ultimate objective of the program is to generate socially useful knowledge in this field. Special emphasis is put on empirical research, and on the analysis of the Spanish Tax System. It is run by Dr. Alejandro Esteller-Moré.

• The **Research Programme in Human Capital** promotes the analysis of various topics related to the education and training of individuals. Specifically, it fosters the analysis of education systems and education and training policies from an economic perspective. The group is led by researchers Dr. Jorge Calero and Dr. J. Oriol Escardíbul.

In addition, the IEB holds the **Chair of Energy Sustainability at the UB**, which promotes research on the production, supply, and use of energy needed to maintain social welfare and development, placing special emphasis on economic, environmental, and social aspects. The research programme of the Chair has three main areas of interest: energy sustainability, competition and consumers, and energy firms. The Chair is held by Dr. Maria Teresa Costa Campi.

Finally, there is also a **Research Group in Innovation**, which promotes research on the effects of R&D and innovation on economic growth and welfare. The group’s work focuses on the study of the determinants and outcomes of business and industry R&D+i and of university-industry relations and on the evaluation of innovation policies. The group is directed by Dr. José García-Quevedo.

2.4. The XREAP

The IEB belongs to the Reference Network for Research in Applied Economics (Catalan acronym XREAP), a research network of the most important research groups in applied economics at Catalan universities. The XREAP was set up in 2006 as part of a contract program with the Department Economy and Knowledge of the Catalan government.
2.5. Members

Researchers:
- Asensio, Javier
- Bosch Roca, Núria
- Brutti, Zelda
- Calero Martínez, Jorge
- Castells Oliveres, Antoni
- Costa Campí, Maria Teresa
- Costa Cuberta, Mercè
- Cubel Sánchez, Marí
- Chapelle, Guillaume (From September 2017)
- Choi de Mendizábal, Álvaro
- Daniele, Gianmarco (Leave from October 2017)
- Durán Cabré, José María
- Escardíbul Ferra, J.Oriol
- Espasa Queralt, Marta
- Esteller Moré, Alejandro
- Foremny, Dirk
- García Brosa, Gemma
- García López, Miquel Angel
- García Quevedo, José
- Garrido Torres, Antoni
- Gispert Bosa, Cristina de
- Jofre Monseny, Jordi
- Matas Prat, Anna
- Montolio Estivill, Daniel
- Parellada Sabata, Martí
- Pelegrín Solé, Àngels
- Piotatto, Amedeo
- Raymond Bara, Josep Lluís
- Sanromà Meléndez, Esteve
- Solé Ollé, Albert
- Sorribas Navarro, Pilar
- Trujillo Baute, Elisa
- Vázquez Grenno, Javier
- Viladecans Marsal, Elisabet
- Vilalta Ferrer, Maite

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- Tubianosa Joson, Charisse (From November 2017)

Administrative services:
- Cobos Gil, Susana
- Gómez Hidalgo, M. Àngels (Coordinator)

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- Solvas Cerezo, Víctor

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- Arauzo Carod, Josep M.
- Arqué-Castells, Pere
- Backus, Peter G.
- Boffa, Federico
- Curto-Grau, Marta
- Dahlberg, Matz
- Daniele, Gianmarco (From October 2017)
- Del Rio, Pablo (From March 2017)
- Duch, Néstor
- Galleta, Sergio
- Galmarini, Umberto
- González-Val, Rafael
- Hémet, Camille
- Huisman, Ronald
- Lago Peñas, Santiago
- Mánovani, Andrea (Leave from June 2017)
- Mas-Verdú, Francisco
- Mediavilla Bordalejo, Mauro (From January 2017)
- Mir Artigues, Pere
- Mora, Toni
- Mörk, Eva
- Pasidis, Ilias (From October 2017)
- Rizzo, Leonzio
- Salvadori, Luca
- Sánchez-Vidal, Manu
- Simón Pérez, Hipólito
- Torregrosa, Sara
- Trillas i Jané, Francesc

PhD students:
- Cavalcanti, Francisco
- Domínguez Pérez, Magdalena (From September 2017)
- González-Pampillón, Nicolás
- Magontier, Pierre
- Mas Montserrat, Mariona
- Pasidis, Ilias (Defended date: 21/06/2017)
- Planellès Cortes, Jordi (From September 2017)
- Puigmulé Solà, Marc
- Romani, Alessio (From September 2017)
- Torrecillas Jodar, Juan (From April 2017)
- Tchorzewska, Kinga
3. Publications
3.1. By IEB members

In 2017, IEB members published the following research studies:

**JCR Articles (Journal Citation Reports)**

- Afcha, S.; Escardíbul, J.O.
  “Determinants of the job satisfaction of PhD holders: an analysis by gender, employment sector and type of satisfaction in Spain”
  *Higher Education*, 74, 855-875, 2017

- Albert, C.; Escardíbul, J.O.
  “Education and the empowerment of women in household decision-making in Spain”
  *International Journal of Consumer Studies*, 41(2), 158-166, 2017

- Backus, P.G.; Esteller-Moré, A.
  “Risk aversion and inequity aversion in demand for unemployment benefits”

- Belso-Martínez, J.A.; Expósito-Langa, M.; Mas-Verdú, F.; Molina-Morales, F.X.
  “Dynamics of brokerage positions in clusters: evidence from the Spanish foodstuffs industry”
  *Sustainability*, 9(2), 1-18, 2017

- Brauer, J.; Montolio, D.; Trujillo-Baute, E.
  *Journal of Economic Geography*, 17(4), 753-790, 2017

- Calá, D.; Manjón, M.; Arauzo, J.M.
  “Regional determinants of exit across firms’ size: evidence from Argentina”

- Calero, J.; Choi, Á.
  “The distribution of skills among the European adult population and unemployment: a comparative approach”
  *European Journal Of Education*, 52(3), 348-364, 2017

- Choi, A.; Gil, M.; Mediavilla, M.; Valbuena, J.
  “The evolution of educational inequalities in Spain: dynamic evidence from repeated cross-sections”
  *Social Indicators Research*, forthcoming

- Choi, A.; Gil, M.; Mediavilla, M.; Valbuena, J.
  “Predictors and effects of grade repetition”
  *Revista de Economía Mundial*, forthcoming

- Coll-Martínez, E.; Arauzo, J.M.
  “Creative milieu and firm location: an empirical appraisal”
  *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*, 49 (7), 1613-1641, 2017

- Costa-Campi, M.T.; García-Quevedo, J.; Martínez-Ros, E.
  “What are the determinants of investment in environmental R&D?”
  *Energy Policy*, 104, 455-465, 2017
• Costa-Campi, M.T.; del Río, P.; Trujillo-Baute, E.
“Trade-offs in energy and environmental policy”
Energy Policy, 104, 415-418, 2017

• Cubel, M.; Sanchez-Pages, S.
“Gender differences and stereotypes in strategic reasoning”
The Economic Journal, 127, 728-756, 2017

• Cuberes, D.; González-Val, R.
“The effect of the Spanish Reconquest on Iberian cities”

• Curto-Grau, M.
“Voters’ responsiveness to public employment policies”
Public Choice, 170(1), 143–169, 2017

• Curto-Grau, M., Solé-Ollé, A., Sorribas-Navarro, P.
“Does electoral competition curb party favoritism?”

• Daniele, G.
“Strike one to educate one hundred: organized crime, political selection and politicians’ ability”
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, forthcoming

• Daniele, G.; Dipoppa, G.
“Mafia, elections and violence against politicians”
Journal of Public Economics, 154, 10-33, 2017

• Daví-Arderius, D.; Sanin, M.E.; Trujillo-Baute, E.
“CO2 content of electricity losses”

• Di Paolo, A.; Matas, A.; Raymond, J.L.
“Job accessibility and job-education mismatch in the metropolitan area of Barcelona”
Papers in Regional Science, 96:S91–S112, 2017

• Escardibul, J. O.
“Incentivos salariales para el profesorado vinculados con el rendimiento de los estudiantes: análisis y propuestas, considerando el modelo catalán”
Revista de Educación, 377, 9-29, 2017

• Escardibul, J. O.; Pérez, C.; de la Torre, E.; Morales, S.
“Tuition fees in Spanish public universities: a regional convergence analysis”
ESE. Estudios Sobre Educación, 32, 197-221, 2017

• Espasa, M.; Esteller-Moré, A.; Mora, T.
Kyklos, 70(2), 189-219, 2017

• Esteller-Moré, A.; Galmarini, U.; Rizzo, L.
“Fiscal equalization and lobbying”
International Tax and Public Finance, 24(2), 221-247, 2017

• Ferraresi, M.; Galmarini, U.; Rizzo, L.
“Infrastructures spillovers and strategic interaction: does the size matter?”
International Tax and Public Finance, forthcoming
• Foremny, D.; Jofre-Monseny, J.; Solé-Ollé, A.
  "'Ghost citizens': using notches to identify manipulation of population-based grants"

• Foremny, D.; Sacchi, A.; Salotti, S.
  "Decentralization and the duration of fiscal consolidation: shifting the burden across layers of government"
  *Public Choice*, 71(3-4), 359-387, 2017

• Galletta, S.
  "Law enforcement, municipal budgets and spillover effects: evidence from a quasi-experiment in Italy"
  *Journal of Urban Economics*, 101(C), 90-105, 2017

• Galletta, S.; Agustin, R.
  "Corporate flat tax reforms and businesses’ investment decisions: evidence from Switzerland"
  *International Tax and Public Finance*, 24(6), 962-996, 2017

• García, C.; Prieto, M.; Simón, H.
  "A new multidimensional approach to measuring precarious employment"
  *Social Indicators Research*, 134(2), 437-454, 2017

• García Álvarez, J.M.; Mas-Verdú, F.; Roig-Tierno, N.
  "Technological innovation versus non-technological innovation: different conditions in different regional contexts?"

• García-Lopez, M.A.; Hémet, C.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
  "How does transportation shape intrametropolitan growth? An answer from the regional express rail"
  *Journal of Regional Science*, 57, 758-780, 2017

• García-Lopez, M.A.; Hémet, C.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
  "Next train to the polycentric city: the effect of railroads on subcenter formation"

• García-Quevedo, J.; Pellegrino, G.; Savona, M.
  "Revisiting demand-pull perspectives: the effect of demand uncertainty and stagnancy on R&D strategy"

• González-Val, R.
  "Historical urban growth in Europe (1300–1800)"
  *Papers in Regional Science*, forthcoming

• González-Val, R.; Marcén, M.
  "Divorce and the business cycle: a cross-country analysis"

• González-Val, R.; Marcén, M.
  "Club classification of US divorce rates"
  *The Manchester School*, forthcoming

• González-Val, R.; Pueyo, F.
  "Trade liberalisation and forest transition"
• González-Val, R; Tirado, D.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“Market potential and city growth: Spain 1860-1960”
*Clometrica*, 11, 31-61, 2017

• Jofre-Monseny, J.; Sánchez-Vidal, M.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“Big plant closures and local employment”
*Journal of Economic Geography*, forthcoming

• Mancebón, M.J.; Ximénez-de-Embún, D; Mediavilla, M.; Gómez-Sancho, J.M.
“Does educational management model matter? New evidence for Spain by a quasiexperimental approach”,
*Empirical Economics*, forthcoming

• Matas, A.; Raymond, J.L.; Domínguez, A.
“Changes in fuel economy: an analysis of the Spanish car market”
*Transportation Research- Part D: Transport and Environment*, 55, 175-201, 2017

• Montolio, D.; Piacenza, M.; Turati, G.
“Funding and school accountability: the importance of private and decentralised public funding for pupil attainment”
*Fiscal Studies*, 38(4), 615-639, 2017

• Murillo, I.; Simón, H.
“Immigrant relative wages at the Great Recession: evidence with matched employer-employee data for Spain”

• Murillo, I.; Ramos, R.; Simón, H.
“Regional differences in the gender wage gap in Spain”
*Social Indicators Research*, 134(3), 981-1008, 2017

• Piolatto, A.; Rablen, M.D.
“Prospect theory and tax evasion: a reconsideration of the Yitzhaki puzzle”
*Theory and Decision*, 82(4), 543-565, 2017

• Ramos-Sandoval, R.; García-Álvarez-Coque, J.M.; Mas-Verdú, F.
“Innovation behaviour and the use of research and extension services in small-scale agricultural holdings”
*Spanish Journal of Agricultural Research*, 14 (4), 0106, 2017

• Ramos, R.; Sanroma, E.; Simón, H.
“Full- and part-time wage differences in Spain: an analysis along the wage distribution”

• Solé-Ollé, A.; Sorribas-Navarro, P.
“Trust no more! On the lasting effects of corruption scandals”
*European Journal of Political Economy*, forthcoming

• Scandurra, R.; Calero, J.
“Modelling adult skills in OECD countries”

• Vázquez Grenno, J.
“Job search activities in times of crisis: evidence for natives and immigrants in Spain”
*The Manchester School*, forthcoming
Other Articles

• Asensio, J.; Matas, A.
“La financiación del transporte urbano en España: alternativas para reducir el déficit”
Papeles de Economía Española, 153, 81-95, 2017

• Arnéstica-Rivas, L.; Llinàs-Audet, X.; Escardíbul, J.O.
“Costos de la renovación curricular: Una propuesta metodológica para la valorización económica de carreras universitarias”
Formación Universitaria, 10(1), 89-100, 2017

• Batalla, J.; Costa Campi, M.T.; Massa, X.
“La regulación de los mercados eléctricos y gasista: situación y retos de futuro”
REVISTA 3CONOMI4, 12, 42-51, 2017

• Bosch, N.; Espasa, M.
“Catalan grievances: do fiscal flows matter?”

• Calero, J.; Escardíbul, J.O.
“¿Influye la calidad del en la adquisición de competencias?”
Trabajadores de la enseñanza, 360, 32-33

• Castells, A.
“Cambó i la CHADE: empresa i política a la primera meitat del segle XX”

• Castells, A.
“Some comments on territorial conflicts and economic issues: the Catalonia-Spain case”

• Castells, A.
“El retorn del keynesianisme i la vigència de la política fiscal”
Revista Econòmica de Catalunya, 75, 76-93, 2017

• Choi, A.; Escardíbul, J.O.
“Potencialitats de l’economia catalana: capital humà”
Nota d’Economia numero 104, 2017

• Choi, A.; Gil, M.; Mediavilla, M.; Valbuena, J.
“Grandes desde pequeños: la evolución de las desigualdades educativas en España”,
Revista de Occidente, 432, 123-126, 2017

• Durán-Cabrè, J.M.; Salvadori, L.
“Análisis económico de la administración tributaria”
Papeles de Economía Española, 154, 112-130, 2017

• Escardíbul, J.O.
“El sistema de financiación de la formación continua en España: análisis de los cambios recientes”
Revista de Economía, 13, 66-74, 2017

• Esteller-Moré, A.; Mas-Montserrat, M.
“Costes de eficiencia de la imposición personal: métodos de estimación y evidencia empírica”
Papeles de Economía Española, 154, 28-38, 2017
• Fuenmayor, A.; Granell, R.; Mediavilla, M.
“La inmigración y el género como factores clave de la movilidad educativa en España”
*Papers. Revista de Sociología*, forthcoming

• Garrido, A.
“Perspectivas del sistema bancario español: evolución o revolución?”
*Mediterráneo Económico*, 29, 37-50, 2017

• López i Vidal, Ll.; Pelegrín, À.
“Hedging against China: Japanese strategy towards a rising power”
*Asian Security*, 1-19, 2017

• Mediavilla, M.; Zancajo, A.
“Is there real freedom of school choice? An analysis from a study in Chile”
*International Journal of Educational Reform*, forthcoming

• Montolio, D.; Turati, G.
“Constitutions as incomplete social contracts”

• Parellada, M.; Álvarez, M.
“Reputació i rànquings”
*Debats*, 131, 2, 15-26, 2017

• Parellada, M.; Álvarez, M.
“La inserción laboral de los graduados universitarios en España”
*REVISTA 3CONOMI4*, 13, 75-83, 2017

• Parellada, M.; Álvarez, M.
“La inserción laboral de los titulados de Economía y ADE en España”
*Revista ECONOMISTAS*, 28, 12-15, 2017

• Simón, H.
“La reforma del mercado de trabajo español: retos pendientes”
*REVISTA 3ECONOMI4*, 12, 19-31, 2017

• Simón, H.; Casado, J.M.; Castejón, J.L.
“¿Estudias o trabajas? Actividad laboral y rendimiento académico de los estudiantes universitarios españoles?”
*Electronic Journal of Research in Educational Psychology*, forthcoming

• Vilalta, M.
“Las transferencias de las comunidades autónomas a los gobiernos locales en España desde una perspectiva de federalismo fiscal”
*Presupuesto y Gasto Público*, 89(4), 159-177, 2017

• Vilalta, M.
“La reforma del modelo de financiación autonómica”
*REVISTA 3CONOMI4*, 12, 32-41, 2017
Books

• Calero, J.; Escardíbul, J.O.
  La calidad del profesorado en la adquisición de competencias de los alumnos. Un análisis basado en PIRLS-2011
  Fundación Areces. Madrid. 2017

• Kruger, K.; Parellada, M.; Samoilovich, D.; Sursock, A. (Editors)
  “Governance reforms in European university Systems. The case of Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, the Netherlands and Portugal”. Springer. Forthcoming

Book chapters

• Calero, J.; Escardíbul, J.O.
  “¿Influye la calidad del profesorado en la adquisición de competencias?”
  Revista TE CCOO enseñanza. Vol. Marzo-abril (pp. 32-33)
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3.2. IEB Working Papers

The IEB publishes a series of electronic working papers presenting various research carried out by internal and external researchers.

These documents are available at the IEB website. In 2017, the following working papers were published:

2017/01: Can urban renewal policies reverse neighborhood ethnic dynamics? 
Nicolas González Pampillón, Jordi Jofre-Monseny, Elisabet Viladecans-Marsal

2017/02: Integration of DERs on power systems: challenges and opportunities 
Tomás Gómez San Román

2017/03: Innovation persistence and employment dynamics 
Stefano Bianchini, Gabriele Pellegrino

2017/04: Does electoral competition curb party favoritism? 
Marta Curto-Grau, Albert Solé-Ollé, Pilar Sorribas-Navarro

2017/05: Housing booms and busts and local fiscal policy 
Albert Solé-Ollé, Elisabet Viladecans-Marsal

2017/06: Taxing high-income earners: tax avoidance and mobility 
Alejandro Esteller-Moré, Amedeo Piolatto, Matthew D. Rablen

2017/07: The production function for housing: evidence from France 
Pierre-Philippe Combes, Gilles Duranton, Laurent Gobillon

2017/08: Small systems, big targets: power sector reforms and renewable energy development in small electricity systems 
Rabindra Nepal, Lawrence Cram, Tooraj Jamasb, Anupama Sen

2017/09: Distributive politics inside the city? The political economy of Spain’s plan E 
Felipe Carozzi, Luca Repetto

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2017/19: What firms don’t know can hurt them: overcoming a lack of information on technology
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María Teresa Costa-Campi, Jose García-Quevedo

2017/21: Electricity regulation and economic growth
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3.3. Reports on Fiscal Federalism and Public Finance

IEB Report
The IEB Report seeks to disseminate the opinions of researchers and academics on issues that affect all citizens, in articles that place an emphasis on being as informative as possible. Each study examines a current affairs issue by offering the opinions of leading national and international experts, and in addition includes the opinion of an IEB researcher. The report can be consulted, in English, Spanish and Catalan, on an open access basis at the Institute’s website, and its frequency of publication will be linked to unfolding events in the world economy.

The editorial board is composed of IEB members Núria Bosch (editor), Alejandro Esteller-Moré and Pilar Sombras-Navarro, who are also lecturers of the University of Barcelona. The 2017 issues, available on the website, are:

- IEB REPORT 1/2017: “The Long-Awaited Reform of the Regional Financing System / La esperada reforma de la financiación autonómica / L’esperada reforma del finançament autonòmic”
- IEB REPORT 2/2017: “Effects of Teacher Quality on Student Achievement / Impacto de la calidad del profesorado en el rendimiento académico de los estudiantes / Impacte de la qualitat del professorat en el rendiment acadèmic dels estudiants”
- IEB REPORT 4/2017: “Do We Need a Wealth Tax? / ¿Debe existir un impuesto sobre el patrimonio? / Hi ha d’haver un impost sobre el patrimoni?”

IEB’S Report On Fiscal Federalism And Public Finance
The IEB’s Report on Fiscal Federalism and Public Finance brings together the various ‘IEB Reports’ published during the year. In the case of 2017, these have examined the debate on the regional financing system, the role of teacher quality on student achievement, the challenges faced by analysing the economics of crime, and the discussion on the workings (and weaknesses) of the controversial wealth tax.
3.4. The Autonomous Community Financing Map

The Barcelona Institute of Economics published in 2016 the first edition of the Autonomous Community Financing Map. For 2017, this infographic map shows how the current autonomous financing system has affected each autonomous community from its introduction in 2009 to 2015, the year for which latest published data are available. By monitoring the three steps taken by the system – taxes ceded prior to equalisation, application of the equalisation mechanism (guarantee fund for essential public services) and the application of three adjustment funds (global sufficiency, competitiveness and cooperation) - the map illustrates the changes in the resources per capita available to each community as different funds have been incorporated into the system. The Autonomous Community Financing Map is updated each year as data become available.

The new edition of the IEB’s Autonomous Community Financing Map represents the consolidation of a tool that offers a system for the continuing evaluation and analysis of the current regional financing model, in operation since 2009. Via the different sections of the website, the user can consult the amount of tax revenues ceded by the central government to each autonomous community, the resources resulting from their participation in the equalisation mechanism (i.e. the guarantee fund for essential public services) and the proceeds from the model’s adjustment funds.

The tool is coordinated by IEB researchers, Núria Bosch and Maite Vilalta.
3.5. Information services

Our publications Info IEB and the IEB newsletter keep our members and the research community up to date with the Institute’s work and activities.

**Info IEB**

Info IEB is a communication tool that publicizes the studies carried out by IEB members for public and private entities, and to analyse subjects of general interest in which the IEB members are specialists. Each Info IEB is a summary of a project carried out by a researcher; as a result, it does not have a fixed publishing schedule, but is published whenever the Institute's research production requires it. Info IEB appears on the IEB website.

The topics of the 2017 Info IEB were:

- What Are the Determinants of Investment in Environmental R&D?, Maria Teresa Costa-Campi, José García-Quevedo, Esther Martínez-Ros
- Urban Transport Externalities, Ilias Pasidis
Newsletter
The Newsletter, edited in English, is the IEB’s information bulletin which provides regular updates on the institute’s activities in research and in other areas. It contains news and a summary of recent activities, and advertises upcoming events, economic projects and scheduled visits by foreign researchers. Like the Info IEB, the Newsletter appears on the IEB website. In 2017, three issues of Newsletter were published.

Social networks
Adopting web 2.0 communication channels, the Barcelona Economics Institute (IEB) has its own official profile on Twitter. With the profile @FundacioIEB, which is regularly updated, this channel supports the website and the IEB’s publications by offering information on the institute’s activities, upcoming events and news regarding the institution and its members.

Website
www.ieb.ub.edu
4. Events
During 2017, the IEB has organized the following events:

**4.1. Seminars**

The seminar series provide a platform for IEB or external researchers to present ongoing research projects or selected research lines and exchange ideas with peers.

**11/01/2017**
“Optimal fiscal decentralization with asymmetric regions”
Speaker: Martin Besfamille (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile)

**19/01/2017**
“Integrating uncertainty into public energy R&D decisions”
Speaker: Valentina Bosetti (Bocconi University)

**31/01/2017**
“The political cost of being soft on crime: evidence from a natural experiment”
Speaker: Francesco Drago (University of Messina - CSEF Fellow, Naples)

**09/02/2017**
“Staggered contracts, market power, and welfare”
Speaker: Luis Cabral (New York University)

**14/02/2017**
“How do politicians react to a big scandal? Popularity shocks and government stability”
Speaker: Gianmarco Daniele (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)

**21/02/2017**
“Unemployment and intimate-partner violence: a gender-identity approach”
Speaker: Ana Tur (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

**28/02/2017**
“The elasticity of taxable wealth: evidence from Switzerland”
Speaker: Matthias Krapf (Université de Lausanne)

**07/03/2017**
“The education of politicians: effects on performance and fiscal policy”
Speaker: Marta Curto-Grau (Universitat de Barcelona)

**09/03/2017**
“The fundamental law of highway congestion and air pollution in Europe’s cities”
Speaker: Ilias Pasidis (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)

**16/03/2017**
“How inventors’ knowledge and social interdependencies affect their entrepreneurial behavior”
Speaker: Stefano Breschi (Bocconi University)

**21/03/2017**
“The heterogeneous effects of transportation investments: evidence from sub-Saharan Africa 1960-2010”
Speaker: Remi Jedwab (George Washington University)

**04/04/2017**
“Congestion and public transport”
Speaker: Jos van Omeren (Free University of Amsterdam)
18/04/2017
“Housing booms and busts and local fiscal policy”
Speaker: Albert Solé-Ollé (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)

20/04/2017
“Behavioural responses to the (re) introduction of wealth taxes. Evidence from Spain”
Speaker: Mariona Mas-Montserrat (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)

25/04/2017
“The production function for housing: evidence from France”
Speaker: Laurent Gobillon (Paris School of Economics)

02/05/2017
“Not(ch) your average tax rate: corporate taxation under weak enforcement”
Speaker: Pierre Bachas (University of California, Berkeley)

04/05/2017
“Performance effects of complementarity between environmental management systems and environmental technologies”
Speaker: Effie Kesidou (Leeds University Business School)

09/05/2017
“Do Memorials lead to reconciliation? Evidence from a field experiment in Santiago de Chile”
Speaker: Laia Balcells (Duke University)

16/05/2017
“Political competition and state capacity: evidence from a land allocation program in Mexico”
Speaker: Horacio Larreguy (Harvard University)

18/05/2017
“Reforming electricity reforms: evidence from non-OECD Asian economies”
Speaker: Tooraj Jamasb (Durham University)

23/05/2017
“Do security investments displace crime? Theory and evidence from Italian banks”
Speaker: Giovanni Mastrobuoni (Collegio Carlo Alberto)

30/05/2017
“Information, fiscal capacity and tax compliance: an experimental evaluation in Uganda”
Speaker: Miguel Almunia (University of Warwick)

01/06/2017
“Optimal feed-in-tariffs for Household Photovoltaic Panels in France”
Speaker: Maria-Eugenia Sanin (Ecole Polytechnique and University of Evry Val d’Essonne)

20/09/2017
“Carbon pricing to enforce a transition to sustainable energy”
Speaker: Jeroen van den Bergh (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

04/10/2017
“Heuristic perceptions of the income tax: evidence and implications for debiasing”
Speaker: Alex Rees-Jones (University of Pennsylvania)

10/10/2017
“Does segregation matter for Latinos?”
Speaker: Jorge de la Roca (University of Southern California)
17/10/2017  
“Institutions for infrastructure in developing countries: what we know … and the lot we still need to know”  
Speaker: Antonio Estache (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

19/10/2017  
“The cost of adapting to climate change: evidence from the US residential sector”  
Speaker: Matthieu Glachant (MINES ParisTech)

04/10/2017 *  
“Heuristic perceptions of the income tax: evidence and implications for debiasing”  
Speaker: Alex Rees-Jones (University of Pennsylvania)

24/10/2017  
“An urban equilibrium model with rent controls applied to Paris Urban Area”  
Speaker: Etienne Wasmer (Sciences Po Paris)

31/10/2017  
“The spatial impacts of a massive rail disinvestment program: the beeching axe”  
Speaker: Steve Gibbons (London School of Economics)

07/11/2017  
“Understanding the effects of legalizing undocumented immigrants”  
Speaker: Javier Vázquez-Grenno (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)

14/11/2017  
“Shift-share instruments and the impact of immigration”  
Speaker: Jan Stuhler (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

21/11/2017  
“Women’s political voice and maternal mortality”  
Speaker: Joseph Flavian Gomes (Universidad de Navarra)

23/11/2017  
“Transition towards a green economy in Europe: innovation and knowledge integration in the renewable energy sector”  
Speaker: Elena Verdolini (Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM))

28/11/2017  
“Spillover effects from a place-based housing subsidy”  
Speaker: Nicolas Gonzalez-Pampillon (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)

05/12/2017 *  
“The medieval frontier origins of a country’s economic geography: the case of Spain”  
Speaker: Daniel Oto Peralias (University of St. Andrews)

12/12/2017 *  
“Housing bubbles, offshore assets and wealth inequality in Spain, 1984-2014”  
Speaker: Clara Martinez-Toledano (Paris School of Economics)

4.2. Workshops, symposiums and other events

The IEB organized the following events in 2017:

- V INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM: Challenges for the Energy Sector
  (07/02/2017)

The Chair of Sustainable Energy at the University of Barcelona brought together prominent names from the international academic community to discuss the challenges facing the future of the energy sector.

Leading researchers from the field of energy economics at universities in Spain, elsewhere in Europe and the US contributed their views on various issues that will shape the agenda of the energy sector, with a particular focus on economic concerns and policy design. The analysis centred on an examination of recent technological developments, new market reconfigurations and goals of sustainability.

Tooraj Jaasb, from Durham University Business School, and Luis Cabral, from New York University, were the keynote speakers at the meeting. The Director of the Chair and Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB) researcher, María Teresa Costa-Campi, opened the Symposium in an introductory address, while Professor Cabral closed the meeting by presenting his analysis of recent academic developments in the field of industrial organization and their application to the energy sector.

The first session, entitled ‘Technological Challenges for the Energy Sector’, explored key issues related to economic aspects of technological development in the energy sector. The second session, entitled ‘Energy Markets’, discussed the new design and possible modifications of markets resulting from the expected introduction of energy systems based on lower fossil fuel shares. Finally, the last session, entitled ‘Energy and Environmental Policy’, placed the emphasis on the regulatory challenges presented by the arrival of a sustainable energy model.

The 5th Symposium of the Chair of Energy Sustainability was attended by more than 100 participants. The meeting was inaugurated by the rector of the University of Barcelona, Joan Elías, together with the director of the IEB, Martí Parellada, and the director of the Chair of Sustainable Energy, María Teresa Costa-Campi.
• WORKSHOP DEFINING SMART GRIDS: Conditions for Successful Implementation (09/02/2017)

This workshop was organized as one of the activities of the TR@NSENER project, a European Project co-financed by the INTERREG SUDOE program through the European Regional Development Fund. The project aimed to raise awareness between researchers and companies on the deployment of Smart Grids in the SUDOE region within the framework of the transnational approach to research and training as factors of innovation.

The workshop was organized by FUNSEAM, a member of the consortium, within the framework of the faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Barcelona with the collaboration of the Chair of energy sustainability. The program was divided into 5 sessions.

• VII WORKSHOP ON TRANSPORT ECONOMICS (24/02/2017)

More than 70 participants attended the VII Workshop on Transport Economics, held on 24 February last and organised by the Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB) and Fedea. The workshop brought together experts on mobility to discuss competencies, regulations and investment in Spain’s infrastructure and transport policy.

The director of Fedea, Ángel de la Fuente, the director of the IEB, Martí Perallada, UAB and IEB researcher, Anna Matas, and Universidad de Las Palmas (ULPGC) professor, Ginés de Rus, gave the opening addresses at the workshop. Later, Ginés de Rus, together with ULPGC professor Pilar Socorro, participated in the round table debate entitled ‘Investment and transport infrastructure rates’, chaired by UB researcher, Germà Bel.

Another area of analysis in the workshop was rail freight transport, a subject debated by Miquel Llevat, general director at COMSA, and Gerard Llobet, from the Centre for Monetary and Financial Studies (CEMFI).

Finally, the Secretary of State for Infrastructure, Julio Gómez-Pomar, closed the workshop with a paper entitled ‘Spain’s infrastructure policy’, in which he analysed the state’s transport infrastructure map and provided a breakdown of the strategy underpinning the government’s investment policy.
• FORO FISCAL 3.0: The harmonisation of the corporate tax in the EU (25/02/2017)

The fiscal forum was conceptualized with the aim to offer a space for discussion on fiscal issues in which the academic vision, the public administration and the professionals of the world of taxation are accommodated. The Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB) and the Societat Barcelonesa Amics del País (SEBAP) organized the third edition of the Fiscal Forum in the Palau Macaya in Barcelona to discuss the harmonization of corporate tax in the European Union. During the forum, the speakers coincided in identifying the harmonization of the tax as an element that can define the future of the EU project. The keynote speaker for the third instalment of the forum was Clemens Fuest (Institute of Economic Research / University of Munich). The director general of the Tributos de la Generalitat, Marta Espasa, and the president of SEBAP, Miquel Roca, also participated in the event.

• “SMART GRIDS AND SMART CITIES” International Summer School (06-08/06/2017)

The Summer School was held over three days with the aim of advancing the analysis of the role of Smart Cities in the achievement of the objectives of sustainability and the improvement in the living conditions of their citizens, emphasizing the future prospects of Smart Grids. Technological, economic and policy challenges were discussed when defining effective policies for urban energy transition. The first session, about Smart Grids, gave attendees the possibility of knowing the challenges associated with the deployment of these networks. The second session was dedicated to Smart Cities to allow attendees to focus on the diversity of aspects presented under this concept of city in sustainable urban development. Finally, the third session was an open High-Level Conference aimed at addressing the effective policies for urban energy transition. It analysed the role of public actors in guiding this urban transition towards sustainable development and in the specific Smart Cities projects in the SUDOE region. The keynote speakers were Jaume Collboni (Ajuntament de Barcelona) and Maria Teresa Costacampi (Universitat de Barcelona).

• WORKSHOP ON ECONOMICS OF TAXATION: “Inequality in a globalized world: a challenge for taxation” (13-14/06/2017)

The IEB hosted the ‘Workshop on Economics of Taxation’ for 28 participants with the aim of bringing together scholars currently working on relevant topics either from an analytical or from an empirical perspective. Speakers were Michael Devereux (University of Oxford) and Camille Landais (London School of Economics). The workshop was organized by IEB researchers Alejandro Esteller-Moré, Dirk Formny, and Amedeo Piolatto.
• WORKSHOP ON POLITICAL ECONOMY & FISCAL FEDERALISM: “Economic shocks, government quality and political disintegration” (15-16/06/2017)

The IEB also hosted the latest edition of the ‘Workshop on Political Economy & Fiscal Federalism’. Forty-two PhD students and researchers attended the workshop. The workshop focused on the interplay between economic shocks, government quality and the vertical structure of government. Keynote speakers were Massimo Morelli (Bocconi University) and Ernesto Dal Bó (University of California, Berkeley). The workshop was organized by IEB researchers Gianmarco Daniele, Amedeo Piolatto, Albert Solé-Ollé, and Pilar Sorribas-Navarro.

• ITEA 2017 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND SCHOOL ON TRANSPORTATION ECONOMICS (19-23/06/2017)

The Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB) organized the Annual Conference of the International Transportation Economics Association (ITEA), in parallel with the conference’s PhD school. Both activities were held at the Faculty of Economics and Business at the University of Barcelona, and were attended by 170 academics from around the world.

This was the first time that ITEA held its annual conference in Barcelona, following previous conferences in Santiago (Chile), Oslo, Toulouse and Chicago. With the aim of promoting high-level research in the field of transport economics, the conference comprised 74 sessions during which 149 papers, selected by the scientific committee, were presented. Professor Jacques-François Thisse (Université Catholique de Louvain) was invited to deliver the keynote lecture. Two further plenary sessions were scheduled in cooperation with the International Transport Forum (ITF) in which papers were presented by Anming Zhang (University of British Columbia), Guillaume Burghouwt (SEO Aviation Economics), Tony Venables (University of Oxford) and Daniel Graham (Imperial College London).
VIII Workshop on Economics of Education
Barcelona, September 7-8, 2017

The aim of this workshop was two-fold: on the one hand, to establish and share the theoretical and methodological knowledge frontier of economics of education; on the other hand, to have access to a diversity of applied studies in which different methodologies have been used. Conference speakers were Sandra McNally (University of Surrey, CEP, CVER, LSE) whose presentation was on “Evaluating teaching practices: experimental and non-experimental estimates” and Torberg Falch (Norwegian University of Science & Technology) who spoke on “Decentralized school ownership, mergers, and school quality.”
Workshop on Economics of Platforms - 2017
(28-29/09/2017)

The “Workshop on Economics of Platforms” brought together about 30 people. For this two-day event, we were able to attract amongst the most distinguished experts in theoretical platforms and digital economy, including Hagiu (MIT), Halaburda (NYU), Jullien (Toulouse TSE), Ottavian (Bocconi), Pavan (Northwestern), Peitz (ZEW), Ronayne (Oxford), Wright (NU Singapore). Each speaker had 1 hour, of which 15 minutes were left for discussion. This allowed to exchange ideas and have a very constructive debate on each paper. The event, that took place at the Finca Pedro i Pons, was fully funded by a 2016 BBVA Foundation Grant for Researchers and Cultural Creators. J-L. Moraga (VU Amsterdam), A. Piolatto (IEB) and S. Shelegia (UPF) have organised the event.

Workshop on Challenges of Innovation Policy
(24/11/2017)

The number of contributions which cope with the innovation issues has increased significantly during the last years. The availability to the access of International databases and their detailed information have facilitated this larger interest. However, the socioeconomic dynamics imply that this phenomenon must widen its focus in order to facilitate the decision of key agents (in particular firms, policy-makers, universities and public agencies).

Jornada sobre Diferents Models de Finançament Local
(24/11/2017)

Simplify the map of municipalities, define the framework of competences and extend the financial resources of local governments. These are some of the issues dealt with during the first “Conference on the different models of local financing”, organized by the IEB and the Diputació de Barcelona. Several experts analyzed the existing models both in Catalonia and Europe. The General coordinator of the Diputación de Barcelona, Xavier Forcadell, gave the opening remarks with the analysis of the legislative and territorial context that condition the local financing in Catalonia.
5. Research projects
5.1. Competitive research projects involving IEB members

In 2017, IEB members participated in the following competitive research projects:

- “Infraestructuras: Eficiencia económica y regulación” (ECO2014-52999)
  Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad 2015-2017
  Director: Anna Matas
  Period: 01/01/2015-31/12/2017

- “Análisis de sistemas impositivos: evaluación y diseño, descentralización y administración” (ECO2015-63591-R)
  Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad
  Director: Alejandro Esteller-Moré
  Period: 01/01/2016 – 31/12/2018

- “Desigualdad, conflicto e identidad: teoría y evidencia experimental” (ECO2015-66281-P)
  Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad
  Directors: Maria Cubel / Santiago Sanchez-Pages
  Period: 01/01/2016 – 31/12/2018

- “La economía política de los gobiernos locales: calidad de gobierno, instituciones, y finanzas públicas” (ECO2015-68311-R)
  Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad
  Director: Albert Solé-Ollé
  Period: 01/01/2016 – 31/12/2018

- “I+D e Innovación en Energía” (ECO2015-69107-R)
  Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad
  Director: José Garcia-Quevedo
  Period: 01/01/2016 – 31/12/2018

- Programa Estatal. Juan de la Cierva Formación 2015 (FJCI-2015-24263)
  Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad
  Director: Gianmarco Daniele
  Period: 01/01/2017-31/09/2017

- “Redes y crimen: una triple aproximación para detectar y prevenir situaciones de riesgo” (ECO2016-75912-R)
  Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad
  Director: Daniel Montolio
  Period: 30/12/2016 AL 29/12/2019

- “Retos de las ciudades: empleo, movilidad, segregación y desigualdad” (ECO2016-75941-R)
  Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad
  Director: Elisabet Viladecans-Marsal
  Period: 30/12/2016-29/12/2019

- Evaluación de intervenciones educativas para la mejora de la calidad (EDU2016-76414-R)
  Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad
  Director: Jorge Calero Martinez
  Period: 2016-2020
• “Grup de Recerca Consolidat Grup Interdisciplinar de Polítiques Educatives” (2017SGR366)
  Departament d’Economia i Coneixement (Generalitat de Catalunya)
  Director: Jorge Calero Martínez
  Period: 2017-2019

• Grup de Recerca Consolidat en Sostenibilitat Energètica (2017SGR739)
  Agència de Gestió d’Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca (AGAUR)
  Director: Maria Teresa Costa Campi
  Period: 2017 – 2019

• Grup de Recerca Consolidat en Economia Aplicada” (2017SGR301)
  Departament d’Economia i Coneixement (Generalitat de Catalunya)
  Director: Anna Matas
  Period: 2017-2019

• “What Works for Urban Development: Evaluating the impact of place-based policies”
  Convocatòria RecerCaixa. Obra Social “la Caixa” – ACUP
  Director: Albert Solé-Ollé
  Period: 28/02/2015-28/02/2018

  Convocatòria RecerCaixa. Obra Social “la Caixa” – ACUP
  Director: Daniel Montolio
  Period: 28/02/2016-28/02/2019

• “El reto del cambio climático: políticas para la transición energética” (2016ACUP00081)
  Convocatòria RecerCaixa 2016. Obra Social “la Caixa” – ACUP
  Director: José García Quevedo
  Period: 28/02/2017-28/02/2019

• “Limits to political corruption: Media, party systems, civil society and citizens” (2016ACUP00177)
  Convocatòria RecerCaixa 2016. Obra Social “la Caixa” – ACUP
  Director: Pilar Sorníbas-Navarro
  Period: 28/02/2017-28/02/2019

• “La política de cumplimiento fiscal a lo largo del ciclo económico: ¿Pro o contra-cíclica?” (2017FIEB_5)
  Ministerio de Hacienda y Función Pública. Instituto de Estudios Fiscales
  Director: Alejandro Esteller-Moré
  Period: 17/07/2017 - 15/09/2018

• “El impuesto sobre el patrimonio y el comportamiento de los contribuyentes: un análisis empírico”
  Ministerio de Hacienda y Función Pública. Instituto de Estudios Fiscales
  Director: José María Durán-Cabré
  Period: 2017-2018
• “Study and Reports on the VAT Gap in the EU-28 Member States” (TAXUD/2017/DE/329)
  Unión Europea
  Director: Alejandro Esteller-Moré
  Period: 2017 - 2019

• “Migration and Revenue Implications of Regional Differences in the Personal Income Tax”
  Institut d’Estudis de l’Autogovern
  Director: Dirk Foremny
  Period: 2017 – 2019

• “Les relacions Catalunya/Espanya en el context europeu. Conseqüències econòmiques i financeres dels diferents escenaris polític-constitucionals”
  Institut d’Estudis Autonòmics
  Director: Antoni Castells
  Period: 2016-2018

• “Reconeixement de la Xarxa de Referència d’R+D+I: Xarxa de Referència en Economia Aplicada”
  Departament d'Innovació, Universitats i Empresa (Generalitat de Catalunya)
  Director: Martí Parellada
  Period: 01/01/2017-31/12/2017

• “Movilidad y redistribución: desafíos para los sistemas tributarios”
  XVI Concurso para la adjudicación de ayudas a la investigación en Economía
  Fundación Ramón Areces
  Director: Dirk Foremny
  Period: 27/10/2017-26/10/2019

• “Evolution of educational inequalities across Europe”
  European Commission, Joint Research Center (JRC-Unit B4)
  Director: Álvaro Choi
  Period: 2017-2018

• Innovation Systems in Financial Crisis: Technological Dynamics, Industrial Structure and Business Cycles (cRISys)
  European Union, HORIZON 2020: PILLAR 1-EXCELLENT SCIENCE: MCA: Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions
  Director/s: Jose Garcia-Quevedo / Georgios Chorafakis
  Period: 01/07/2015-30/06/2017

• Tender “Provision of economic analysis in the area of taxation”
  European Comission Directorate-General Taxation and Custom Union
  Director: Alejandro Esteller-Moré
  Period: 30/08/2014-30/08/2018

• Ayudas individuales a investigadores y creadores culturales (Convocatoria 2016)
  Fundación Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA)
  Director: Amedeo Piolatto
  Period: 30/09/2016-31/03/2018
“Divided we live. Understanding intra-urban inequality in OECD”
Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development.
Director: Miquel-Ángel García-Lopez
Period: 2017

“Urban spatial structure in six Brazilian cities”
Corporación Andina de Fomento.
Director: Miquel-Ángel García-Lopez
Period: 2017

Knowledge tools for higher education. U-Multirank (2017-2019)
EAC/S36/2016
Initiatives for policy innovation
IP Frank Ziegele Center for Higher Education. Germany
Investigators. Frans Van Vught (CHEPS), Jon File (CHEPS), Robert Tijssen (CWTS), Martí Parellada (Universitat de Barcelona y Fundación CYD) y Gero Federkel (CHE)
Period: 2017-2019

5.2. Economic studies

“Elaboració del càlcul de la bretxa fiscal (tax gap) de Catalunya” (2017FIEB_1)
Agència Tributària de Catalunya
Director: Alejandro Esteller-Moré
Period: 22/03/2017 – 10/12/2017

“Contribució del turisme en el finançament de l'Ajuntament Barcelona: anàlisi de la situació actual i propostes de millora”
Barcelona Activa, S.A.
Director: José María Durán-Cabré
Period: 01/03/2017-01/10/2017

"L’analyse de l’hétérogénéité des effets de polarisation spatiale de la croissance en termes de secteurs d’emplois et de types d’activités au profit du Grand Paris Express"
Société du Grand Paris
Directors: Elisabet Viladecans-Marsal / Miquel-Ángel García-Lopez
Period: 21/11/2016 - 21/09/2017

"Estudi econòmic de la gestió del Centre Gerontològic Municipal de Can Serra (St. Esteve Sesrovires)"
Serveis Municipals de Sant Esteve Sesrovires, SLU
Director: Nuria Bosch Roca / Cristina de Gispert Brosa
Period: 2017 - 2017

"Disability in the EU Social Justice Index: new indicators and creation of a specific index"
European Foundation Centre Research Forum
Director: Jorge Calero Martinez
Period: 2017-2018

"La calidad del profesorado y las competencias de los alumnos. Un análisis basado en PIRLS-2011"
Fundación Europea Sociedad y Educación
Directors: Jorge Calero Martinez / J.Oriol Escardibul
Period: 2017-2017
5.3. Research calls for applications

The institute has made the following calls for applications in 2017:

**Post-Doctorals Researchers Call for Applications**
A position offered by the IEB (Barcelona Institute of Economics) jointly with the Department of Public Economics at University of Barcelona: 1 Post-Doctoral researcher.

The selected Post-Doctoral Researcher is Guillaume Chapelle.

**PhD Scholarships**
**PhD Scholarships for student enrolling on the PhD program in Economics (University of Barcelona)**
The 2017 PhD student awarded are Magdalena Domínguez and Alessio Romarri.
6. Congresses, seminars and conferences
6.1. Congresses

- Asensio, J.; Matas, A.
  “Competition in intercity bus tendering in Spain”
  XXXII Jornadas de Economía Industrial
  Pamplona (Spain)

- Agrawal, D.; Foremny, D.
  “Relocation of the rich: migration in response to top tax rate changes from Spanish reforms”
  22nd Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association
  Buenos Aires (Argentina)

- Agrawal, D.; Foremny, D.
  “Relocation of the rich: migration in response to top tax rate changes from Spanish reforms”
  73rd Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance
  Tokyo (Japan)

- Agrawal, D.; Foremny, D.
  “Relocation of the rich: migration in response to top tax rate changes from Spanish reforms”
  CESifo Area Conference on Public Sector Economics
  Munich (Germany)

- Agrawal, D.; Foremny, D.
  “Relocation of the rich: migration in response to top tax rate changes from Spanish reforms”
  RIDGE Forum Public Economics
  Montevideo (Uruguay)

- Agrawal, D.; Foremny, D.
  “Relocation of the rich: migration in response to top tax rate changes from Spanish reforms”
  CESifo Venice Summer Forum - Fiscal Competition and Mobility
  Venice (Italy)

- Boetti, L.; Galmarini, U.; Piacenza, M.; Turati, G.
  “Party’s discipline and political dynasties. Revisiting the role of term limits in electoral systems”
  18th meeting of the Association for Public Economic Theory
  Paris (France)

- Calero, J.
  “Social partners’ project results: Financing training and education. The Spanish experience”
  Joint European high-level conference What Strategy and Investment for Education & Training by 2030?
  Brussels (Belgium)

- Calero, J.; Escardíbul, J.O.
  “Calidad de los profesores y competencias de lecturas de los alumnos de educación primaria”
  XXXVI Jornadas de la Asociación de Economía de la Educación
  Murcia (Spain)

- Casado, J.M.; Lillo, A.; Simón, H.
  “Exploring the effects of commuting on worker’s satisfaction. Evidence for Southern Europe”
  Congreso: XX Encuentro de Economía Aplicada
  Valencia (Spain)
• Casado, J.M.; Lillo, A.; Simón, H.
“Examining the determinants of job satisfaction among tourism workers”
6th Conference of the International Association for Tourism Economics (IATE)
Rimini (Italy)

• Casado, J.M.; Castejón, J.L.; Driha, O.; Simón, H.
“Análisis del efecto del tipo de centro de educación primaria y secundaria sobre el rendimiento académico del alumnado universitario”
XV Jornadas de Redes de Investigación en Docencia Universitaria/I Workshop Internacional de Innovación en Enseñanza Superior y TIC
Alicante (Spain)

• Cavalcanti, F.; Galletta, S.; Daniele, G.
“Popularity shocks and political selection: the effects of anti-corruption audits on candidates’ quality”
SSES Annual Congress
Lausanne (Switzerland)

• Cavalcanti, F.; Galletta, S.; Daniele, G.
“Popularity shocks and political selection: the effects of anti-corruption audits on candidates’ quality”
Petralia Workshop
Siracusa (Italy)

• Colombo, L; Galmarini, U.
“The design of tobacco control policies: taxation, antismoking campaigns, and smoking bans”
XXIX Conferenza SIEP (Società Italiana di Economia Pubblica)
Catania, Sicily (Italy)

• Costa-Campi, M.T.; Garcia-Quevedo, J.
“Why do manufacturing industries invest in energy R&D?”
XX Encuentro de Economía Aplicada
Valencia (Spain)

• Costa-Campi, M.T.; Garcia-Quevedo, J.
“Why do manufacturing industries invest in energy R&D?”
2017 Spring Workshop
Ciudad Real (Spain)

• Costa-Campi, M.T.; Garcia-Quevedo, J.
“Why do manufacturing industries invest in energy R&D?”
12th Conference of the Spanish Association for Energy Economics (AEEE)
Salamanca (Spain)

• Costa-Campi, M.T.; Garcia-Quevedo, J.
“Why do manufacturing industries invest in energy R&D?”
40th Annual International Conference, International Association of Energy Economics (IAEE)
Singapore (Singapore)

• Chapelle, G.
“The extensive and intensive margin housing supply elasticity”
64th Annual Conference of the North American Regional Science Council
Vancouver (Canada)
• Chapelle, G.
“Between segregated Vienna and integrated Chicago: A third way for Paris?”
64th Annual Conference of the North American Regional Science Council
Vancouver (Canada)

• Chapelle, G.
“Can big data increase our knowledge of local rental markets?”
Urban Economics and City Growth
Bordeaux (France)

• Choi, Á.; Gil, M.; Mediavilla, M.; Valbuena, J.
“The evolution of educational inequalities in Spain: dynamic evidence from repeated cross-sections”
LEER Workshop on Education Economics
Leuven (Belgium)

• Choi, Á.; Gil, M.; Mediavilla, M.; Valbuena, J.
“The evolution of educational inequalities in Spain: dynamic evidence from repeated cross-sections”
Fourth Lisbon Research Workshop on Economics, Statistics and Econometrics of Education
Lisbon (Portugal)

• Choi, Á.; Gil, M.; Mediavilla, M.; Valbuena, J.
“The evolution of educational inequalities in Spain: dynamic evidence from repeated cross-sections”
XXVI Jornadas de la Asociación de Economía de la Educación
Murcia (Spain)

• Choi, Á.; Gil, M.; Mediavilla, M.; Valbuena, J.
“Predictors and effects of grade repetition in Spain”
XIX Reunión de Economía Mundial
Huelva (Spain)

• Choi, Á.; Gil, M.; Mediavilla, M.; Valbuena, J.
“Predictors and effects of grade retention in Spain”
2017 International Conference on Education and Learning
Tokyo (Japan)

• Curto-Grau, M.; Solé-Ollé, A.; Sombas-Navarro, P.
“Does electoral competition curb party favoritism?”
1st Catalan Economic Society Conference (CESC)
Barcelona (Spain)

• Curto-Grau, M.; Zudenkova, G.
“Party discipline and government spending: theory and evidence”
1st Catalan Economic Society Conference (CESC)
Barcelona (Spain)

• Daniele, G.; Dipoppa, G.
“Mafia, elections and political violence: evidence from Italy”
2017 Allied Social Science Associations Annual Conference
Chicago, Illinois (United States)

• Daniele, G.; Dipoppa, G.
“Mafia, elections and political violence: evidence from Italy”
1st Catalan Economic Society Conference (CESC)
Barcelona (Spain)
• Daniele, G.; Galletta, S.; Geys, B.
“Abandon ship? Party brands and politicians’ responses to a political scandal”
Petralia Workshop 2017
Siracusa (Italy)

• Daniele, G.; Galletta, S.; Geys, B.
“Abandon ship? Party brands and politicians’ responses to a political scandal”
2nd Workshop on Culture and Institutions
Galatina (Italy)

• Daniele, G.; Galletta, S.; Geys, B.
“Abandon ship? Party brands and politicians’ responses to a political scandal”
Corruption, Tax Evasion and Institutions
Riga (Latvia)

• Daniele, G; Vertier, P.
“Dynasties and policymaking”
16th “Brucchi Luchino” Labor Economics Workshop
Milan (Italy)

• Durán-Cabréd, J.M.; Esteller-Moré, A.; Mas-Montserrat, M.
“Behavioural responses to the (Re)introduction of wealth taxes. Evidence from Spain”
XXIV Encuentro de Economía Pública
Toledo (Spain)

• Durán-Cabréd, J.M.; Esteller-Moré, A.; Mas-Montserrat, M.
“Behavioural responses to the (Re)introduction of wealth taxes. Evidence from Spain”
ZEW Public Finance Conference
Mannheim (Germany)

• Durán-Cabréd, J.M.; Esteller-Moré, A.; Mas-Montserrat, M.
“Behavioural responses to the (Re)introduction of wealth taxes. Evidence from Spain”
73rd Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance
Tokyo (Japan)

• Durán-Cabréd, J.M.; Esteller-Moré, A.; Salvadori, L.
“The determinants of tax enforcement along time: the role of central and regional tax authorities”
5th TARC Workshop on Tax Administration
Exeter (United Kingdom)

• Escardíbul, J.O; Leme, A.
XXVI Jornadas de la Asociación de Economía de la Educación
Murcia (Spain)

• Escardíbul, J.O; Mora, T.
“Computer and students’ achievement. An analysis of the One Laptop per Child program in Catalonia”
XXVI Jornadas de la Asociación de Economía de la Educación
Murcia (Spain)
• Ferrer-Esteban, G.; Mediavilla, M.
“The more educated, the more engaged? An analysis of social capital and education”
XXVI Jornadas de la Asociación de Economía de la Educación
Murcia (Spain)

• Foremny, D.
“Relocation of the rich: migration in response to top tax rate changes from Spanish reforms”
6th Lindau Meeting in Economic Sciences/ Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings
Lindau (Germany)

• Foremny, D.; Solé-Ollé, A.
“Who’s coming to the rescue? Revenue-sharing slumps and implicit bailouts during the Great Recession”
73th Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance
Tokyo (Japan)

• Foremny, D.; Jofre-Monseny, J.; Solé-Ollé, A.
“Ghost citizens: using notches to identify manipulation of population-based grants”
7th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association
Copenhagen (Denmark)

• Galletta S.; Daniele, G.; Geys, B.
“Abandon ship? Party brands and politicians’ responses to a political scandal”
SEA Annual Congress
Lugano (Switzerland)

• Galletta S.; Daniele, G.; Geys, B.
“Abandon ship? Party brands and politicians’ responses to a political scandal”
Seminar at JRC Ispra
Ispra (Italy)

• García Álvarez-Coque, J.M.; Ramos Sandoval, R.; Mas-Verdú, F.
“Implication of research and extension services on the perceived performance of small-scale farm holders”
XV EAAE Congress “Towards sustainable Agri-Food Systems”
Parma (Italy)

• Garcia-Lopez, M.A.; Pasidis, I.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“Urban congestion and air pollution in Europe”
7th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association
Copenhagen (Denmark)

• Garcia-Lopez, M.A.; Moreno-Monroy, A.I.
“Income segregation in monocentric and polycentric cities: does urban form really matter?”
64th Annual Conference of the North American Regional Science Council
Vancouver (Canada)

• García-Lopez, M.A.; Moreno-Monroy, A.I.
“Income segregation in monocentric and polycentric cities: does urban form really matter?”
42nd Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía (SAEe)
Barcelona (Spain)

• García-Lopez, M.A.; Moreno-Monroy, A.I.
“Income segregation in monocentric and polycentric cities: does urban form really matter?”
I Workshop on Urban and Regional Economics, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana.
Bogotá (Colombia)
• Gibbons, S.; Sanchez-Vidal, M.; Silva, O.  
“The bedroom tax”  
CEP Labour Workshop  
London (United Kingdom)

• Gibbons, S.; Sanchez-Vidal, M.; Silva, O.  
“The bedroom tax”  
Workshop on Public Policies, Cities and Regions  
Lyon (France)

• Giulietti, M.; Trujillo-Baute, E.; Waterson, M.  
“Interruption and the social benefits of storage”  
6th Mannheim Energy Conference  
Mannheim (Germany)

• Giulietti, M.; Trujillo-Baute, E.; Waterson, M.,  
“Interruption and the social benefits of storage”  
XX Applied Economic Meeting  
Valencia (Spain)

• García-López, M.; Pasidis, I.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.  
“Urban congestion and air pollution in Europe”  
5th PhD-Student Workshop in Industrial and Public Economics (WIPE)  
Reus (Spain)

• Gómez-Pampillón, N.  
“Does a subsidy to housing supply attract residential property investments?”  
7th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association  
Copenhagen (Denmark)

• González-Pampillón, N.; Jofre-Monseny, J.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.  
“Can urban renewal policies reverse neighborhood ethnic dynamics?”  
CESifo Summer Forum  
Venice (Italy)

• González-Val, R.  
“When Zipf meets space”  
XX Encuentro de Economía Aplicada  
Valencia (Spain)

• González-Val, R.  
“City size distribution and space”  
42nd Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía-Spanish Economic Association (SAEe)  
Barcelona (Spain)

• González-Val, R.; Marcén, M.  
“Regional house prices and divorce in Spain”  
57th Congress of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA)  
Groningen (The Netherlands)

• Jofre-Monseny, J.; Silva-Becerra, J.I.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.  
“Local labor market effects of public employment”  
CESifo Venice Summer Institute Workshop on Place-Based Policies  
Venice, Italy
• Jofre-Monseny, J.; Silva-Becerra, J.I.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.
“Local labor market effects of public employment”
Workshop on ‘Public Policies, Cities and Regions’
Lyon (France)

• Jofre-Monseny, J.; Silva-Becerra, J.I.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.
“Local labor market effects of public employment”
Universität Bern, Department of Economics
Bern (Switzerland)

• Magontier, P.
“Can cooperating among local governments mitigate coastal destruction?”
Summer School in Urban Economics 2017
Rennes (France)

• Magontier, P.; Solé-Ollé, A.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“Can cooperation among local governments mitigate coastal destructions?”
57th Congress of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA)
Groningen (The Netherlands)

• Mas-Montserrat, M.
“Behavioral Responses to the (Re)Introduction of Wealth Taxes: Evidence from Spain”
Workshop on Economics of Taxation: Inequality in a Globalized World: A Challenge for Taxation
Barcelona (Spain)

• Montolio, D.; Brutti, Z.
“The impact of a nationwide preschool reform on local crime rates”
VIII Workshop on Economics of Education
Barcelona (Spain)

• Montolio, D.; Tibau, X.
“The impact on urban crime of regulating cannabis social clubs: evidence from a natural experiment”
57th Congress of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA)
Groningen (The Netherlands)

• Montolio, D.; Tibau, X.
“The impact on urban crime of regulating cannabis social clubs: evidence from a natural experiment”
64th Annual Conference of the North American Regional Science Council
Vancouver (Canada)

• Monras, J.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.; Elias, F.
“Understanding the effects of legalizing undocumented immigrants”
Junior Economist Workshop on Migration Research
Munich (Germany)

• Monras, J.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.; Elias, F.
“Understanding the effects of legalizing undocumented immigrants”
Second Dondena Workshop on Public Policy
Milan (Italy)

• Monras, J.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.; Elias, F.
“Understanding the effects of legalizing undocumented immigrants”
Migration Workshop Barcelona GSE Summer Forum
Barcelona (Spain)
• Monras, J.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.; Elias, F.  
   “Understanding the effects of legalizing undocumented immigrants”  
   10th International Conference on Migration and Development  
   Clermont-Ferrand (France)

• Monras, J.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.; Elias, F.  
   “Understanding the effects of legalizing undocumented immigrants”  
   CEMIR Workshop Migration, CESifo  
   Munich (Germany)

• Murillo, I.; Simón, H.; Ramos, R.  
   “Interregion wage differentials revisited: evidence from Spain”  
   XLII Reunión de Estudios Regionales  
   Sevilla (Spain)

Naval, J.; Silva, J.I.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.  
Employment effects of on-the-job human capital acquisition  
XI Workshop on Public Policy Design: Structural Changes, Labor Markets and Policy  
Girona (Spain)

• Pasidis, I.  
   “Shopping externalities and retail concentration: evidence from Dutch shopping streets”  
   RES PhD Meetings  
   London (United Kingdom)

• Piolatto, A.  
   “Competition and welfare consequences of information websites”  
   International Industrial Organization Conference  
   Boston (United States)

• Piolatto, A.  
   “Competition and welfare consequences of information websites”  
   Searle Conference on Internet Commerce  
   Chicago (United States)

• Puigmulé-Solà, M, Solé-Ollé, A., Sorribas-Navarro, P.  
   “Government fragmentation and political corruption”  
   5th PhD Student Workshop in Industrial and Public Economics (WIPE)  
   Reus (Spain)

• Puigmulé-Solà, M, Solé-Ollé, A., Sorribas-Navarro, P.  
   “Government fragmentation and political corruption”  
   XIII Summer School in Public Economics  
   Atlanta, Georgia (United States)

• Puigmulé-Solà, M, Solé-Ollé, A., Sorribas-Navarro, P.  
   “Government Fragmentation and Political Corruption”  
   Conference on “Corruption, Tax Evasion and Institutions”  
   Riga (Latvia)

• Sanchez-Vidal, M.  
   “Retail shocks and city structure”  
   Royal Economic Society Annual Conference  
   Bristol (United Kingdom)
• Sanchez-Vidal, M.
“Retail shocks and city structure”
7th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association
Copenhagen (Denmark)

• Sanromá, E.; Simón, H.; Ramos, R.
“Diferencias salariales según régimen de negociación. Efecto de la crisis y de la reforma laboral. Un análisis con datos emparejados empresa-trabajador”
XII Jornadas de Economía Laboral
Valladolid (Spain)

• Solé-Ollé, A.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“Housing booms and busts and local fiscal policy”
CESifo Area Conference on Public Sector Economics
Munich (Germany)

• Solé-Ollé, A.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“Housing booms and busts and local fiscal policy”
64th Annual Conference of the North American Regional Science Council
Vancouver (Canada)

• Sorribas-Navarro, P.
“Government fragmentation and political corruption”
Corruption, Tax Evasion and Institutions
Riga (Latvia)

• Sorribas-Navarro, P.
“Government fragmentation and political corruption”
1st Catalan Economic Society Conference (CESC)
Barcelona (Spain)

• Vázquez-Grenno, J.
“Are immigrants a threat or a boon for local labor markets?”
1st Catalan Economic Society Conference (CESC)
Barcelona (Spain)

6.2. Seminars and Conferences

• Bosch, N.
“Desde la economía pública”
El (des)encaje de Cataluña
Madrid (Spain)

• Bosch, N.
“La hisenda autonómica”
II Workshop Economia Valenciana, Universitat Jaume I
Valencia (Spain)

• Bosch, N.
El model territorial de Catalunya
Quin model territorial volem per a Catalunya?
Associació Catalana de Municipis
Barcelona (Spain)
• Castells, A.
‘The Conflict Catalonia/Spain: some reflections in a critical moment’
Workshop on ‘The Future of Catalonia’, Tel Aviv University
Tel Aviv (Israel)

• Castells, A.
Sesión plenaria sobre ‘Quo Vadis Europa?’ (Con Carles Casajuana)
27è Fòrum de l’Auditor Professional
Sitges (Spain)

• Choi, Á.
“Evaluación del sector público a Espanya”
Seminario de Derecho Financiero y Tributario
Girona (Spain)

• Choi, Á.
“Evolució del sector públic a Espanya”
Seminario de Derecho Financiero y Tributario
Girona (Spain)

• Daniele, G; Vertier, P.
“Dynasties and policymaking”
European Commission’s DG Joint Research Centre
Ispra (Italy)

• Daniele, G; Galletta, S; Geys, B.
“Abandon ship? Party brands and politicians’ responses to a political scandal”
University of Warwick
Coventry (United Kingdom)

• Daniele, G; Galletta, S; Geys, B.
“Abandon ship? Party brands and politicians’ responses to a political scandal”
London School of Economics
London (United Kingdom)

• Daniele, G; Galletta, S; Geys, B.
“Abandon ship? Party brands and politicians’ responses to a political scandal”
Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Barcelona (Spain)

• Durán-Cabrè, J.M.; Esteller-Moré, A.
“¿Qué hacer para aflorar la economía sumergida y el fraude fiscal en España? Diseño institucional y gestión”
Seminario FUNCAS-GEN: Economía sumergida y fraude fiscal
Madrid (Spain)

• Durán-Cabrè, J.M.; Esteller-Moré, A.; Mas-Montserrat, M.
“Behavioural responses to the (Re)introduction of wealth taxes. Evidence from Spain”
Research Seminar in Public Economics, ZEW, University of Mannheim
Mannheim (Germany)

• Durán-Cabrè, J.M.; Esteller-Moré, A.; Mas-Montserrat, M.
“Behavioural responses to the (Re)introduction of wealth taxes. Evidence from Spain”
Universitat de València
Valencia (Spain)
• Durán-Cabréd, J.M.; Esteller-Moré, A.; Mas-Montserrat, M.
“Behavioural responses to the (Re)introduction of wealth taxes. Evidence from Spain”
University of Basel
Basel (Switzerland)

• García Quevedo, J.
“As OTRI e a transferência de conhecimento U-E em Spanha”
Workshop Gestão de Transferência de Conhecimento Universidade-Empresa, ISEG
Lisbon (Portugal)

• Mediavilla, M.
“La evaluación de las políticas públicas mediante un diseño cuasi-experimental: El Propensity Score Matching”
Programa de Pós-graduação em economia, Universidade Federal Fluminense
Rio de Janeiro (Brasil)

• Mediavilla, M.
“La problemática de las bases de datos incompletas: La imputación múltiple como una posible solución”
Programa de Pós-graduação em economia, Universidade Federal Fluminense
Rio de Janeiro (Brasil)

• Monras, J.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.; Elias, F.
“Understanding the effects of legalizing undocumented immigrants”
Departament d’Economia, Universitat de Girona
Girona (Spain)

• Parellada, M.
“Estudio sobre Reformas Estructurales en los Sistemas Universitarios Europeos”
Jornada de consejos sociales de las universidades españolas
Huelva (Spain)

• Parellada, M.
“La relación de la universidad española y la empresa en una perspectiva internacional: retos y desafíos”
Asociación universitaria iberoamericana de postgrado, universidad internacional de Andalucía
Baeza (Spain)

• Parellada, M.
“Ranking CYD”
Facultat d’ Economia i empresa, Universitat Rovira i Virgili
Reus (Spain)

• Parellada, M.
“Jornades de debat per a iniciar un reflexió estratègica en el marc de la recerca i la innovació per a la sostenibilitat a les Illes Balears”
Palma de Mallorca (Spain)

• Piolatto, A.
“Competition and welfare consequences of information websites”
University of Stirling
Scotland (United Kingdom)

• Piolatto, A.
“Competition and welfare consequences of information websites”
University of Bologna
Bologna (Italy)
• Piolatto, A.
  “Competition and welfare consequences of information websites”
  Universitat Rovira i Virgili
  Reus (Spain)

• Simón, H.
  “La negociación colectiva de los trabajadores a tiempo parcial durante los años de crisis”
  Jornada sobre Seguretat laboral i estabilitat entre els majors de 50 anys
  Barcelona (Spain)

• González-Pampillón, N.; Jofre-Monseny, J.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
  “Can urban renewal policies reverse neighborhood ethnic dynamics?”
  GATE Université Lyon 2
  Lyon (France)

• Viladecans-Marsal, E.
  Smart Cities: myths and realities
  International Summer School: Smart Grids and Smart Cities
  Barcelona (Spain)

• Viladecans-Marsal, E.
  “Sustainable Development Goals: Actors and Implementation”
  GUNi. Universitat Politècnica de Barcelona
  Barcelona (Spain)

• González-Pampillón, N.; Jofre-Monseny, J.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
  “Can urban renewal policies reverse neighborhood ethnic dynamics?”
  Universität Basel
  Basel (Switzerland)

• Viladecans-Marsal, E.
  “Ciència i construcció de la ciutat”
  Interacció 17 CERC. Diputació de Barcelona
  Barcelona (Spain)
7. Visits
7.1. By IEB members

During 2017, the IEB members have made some visiting abroad:

- Mas-Montserrat, M.
  Visiting at the Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW) (Mannheim)
  Visiting period: February 2017 – May 2017

- González-Pampillón, N.
  Visiting at Paris School of Economics (France)
  Visiting period: March 2017 – June 2017

- Pelegrín, A.
  Visiting at Senshu University, Tokyo (Japan)
  Visiting period: May 2017 – August 2017

- Piolatto, A.
  Visiting at the NYU - Stern Business School (USA)
  Visiting period: May 2017 – June 2017

- Piolatto, A.
  Visiting at the Stirling University (United Kingdom)
  Visiting period: November 2017

- Piolatto, A.
  Visiting at the Collegio Carlo Alberto (Italy)
  Visiting period: December 2017

- Solé-Ollé, Albert
  Visiting at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) (USA)
  Visiting period: June 2017 - September 2017

- Viladecans-Marsal, Elisabet
  Visiting at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) (USA)
  Visiting period: June 2017 – September 2017

7.2. By professors to the IEB

In 2017, the following researchers have visited IEB:

- Martin Besfamille (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile)
  Dates of visit: January 11 - January 30, 2017

- Luis Cabral (New York University)
  Dates of visit: February 6 – February 10, 2017

- Remi Jedwab (George Washington University)
  Dates of visit: March 16 – March 22, 2017

- Laurent Gobillon (Paris School of Economics)
  Dates of visit: April 24 – April 28, 2017

- Horacio Larreguy (Harvard University)
  Dates of visit: May 15 – May 17, 2017

- Tooraj Jamasb (Durham University)
  Dates of visit: May 17 – May 20, 2017

- Giovanni Mastrobuoni (Collegio Carlo Alberto)
  Dates of visit: May 23 – May 25, 2017

- Miguel Almunia (University of Warwick)
  Dates of visit: May 29 – June 02, 2017

- Alex Rees (University of Pennsylvania)
  Dates of visit: October 02 - October 06, 2017

- Jorge de la Roca (University of Southern California)
  Dates of visit: October 9 – October 13, 2017

- Matthieu Glachant (MINES ParisTech)
  Dates of visit: October 18 – October 20, 2017

- Etienne Wasmer (Sciences Po Paris)
  Dates of visit: October 23 – October 27, 2017
8. PhD theses
In 2017, IEB members have supervised or read the following PhD theses:

**Defended PhD**

- PhD Student: Guio, Juan Manuel  
  Directors: Choi, Alvaro / Escardíbul, Josep-Oriol  
  Title: Analysis of the process of acquisition of skills and competences in Spain  
  Defence date: 22-09-2017  
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

- PhD Student: Pasidis, Ilias-Nikiforos  
  Directors: Garcia-López, Miquel-Àngel / Viladecans-Marsal, Elisabet  
  Title: Essays on transportation and cities  
  Defence date: 21-06-2017  
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

- PhD Student: Torres Gutiérrez, Tania Paola  
  Director: González-Val, Rafael / Viladecans-Marsal, Elisabet  
  Title: Crecimiento urbano, segregación y políticas públicas  
  Defence date: 24-11-2017  
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

**Upcoming defenses**

- PhD Student: Améstica Rivas, Luis Rodolfo  
  Directors: Escardíbul, J. Oriol / Llinàs, Xavier  
  Title: Retorno, deserción y financiamiento universitario, factores clave de la educación superior: Lecciones para la política pública. El caso de Chile  
  University: Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya

- PhD Student: Cancino Cancino, Víctor  
  Directors: Escardíbul, J. Oriol / Llinàs Audet, Francisco Javier  
  Title: Análisis de los resultados de acreditación universitaria en Chile y su consistencia con la evolución de indicadores relevantes de gestión institucional durante el periodo 2010-2016  
  University: Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya

- PhD Student: Cavalcanti, Francisco  
  Directors: Solé-Ollé, Albert / Piolatto, Amedeo  
  Title: Natural disasters, political competition, and electoral outcomes: Evidence from Brazilian droughts  
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

- PhD Student: Choi, Hoon  
  Directors: Ramos, Raul / Choi, Álvaro  
  Title: Essays on dual labor markets in Korea  
  University: Universitat de Barcelona
• PhD Student: Davi-Arderiu, Daniel
  Directors: Costa-Campi, M.Teresa / García-Quevedo, Jose
  Title: Economics of networks in electricity systems
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

• PhD Student: Domínguez Pérez, Magdalena
  Director: Montolio, Daniel
  Title: Essays on networks and crime
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

• PhD Student: Galán González, José Raymundo
  Director: Matas Prat, Anna
  Title: Tenencia y uso de coches en México: un análisis estático y dinámico a nivel regional, 1992-2008
  University: Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

• PhD Student: Gómez Fernández, Nerea
  Directors: Mediavilla, Mauro
  Title: Impact evaluation of three Spanish educational policies
  University: Universitat Politècnica de València

• PhD Student: González Pampillón, Nicolás
  Directors: Jofre-Monseny, Jordi / Viladecans-Marsal, Elisabet
  Title: Essays on urban economics
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

• PhD Student: Magontier, Pierre
  Directors: Solé-Ollé, Albert / Viladecans-Marsal, Elisabet
  Title: Climate change, cities and political economy
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

• PhD Student: Martínez Mazza, Rodrigo
  Director: Jofre-Monseny, Jordi
  Title: Tourism, gentrification, and housing market
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

• PhD Student: Mas-Montserrat, Mariona
  Directors: Durán-Cabrè, Jose M. / Esteller-Moré, Alejandro
  Title: Essays on the economics of taxation
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

• PhD Student: Mussons Olivella, Joan Mª
  Director: Bosch Roca, Núria & Raymond Bara, Josep Lluís
  Title: Les finances subcentrals i els cicles econòmics
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

• PhD Student: Planelles, Jordi
  Directors: García-Quevedo, Jose / Sanin, Maria Eugenia
  Title: Environmental policy in the context of an increasingly integrated global production network
  University: Universitat de Barcelona / Université Paris-Saclay
• PhD Student: Puigmulé-Solà, Marc  
  Directors: Solé-Ollé, Albert / Sorníbas-Navarro, Pilar  
  Title: Essays on the political economy of government performance  
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

• PhD Student: Reyes Martínez, Orlando  
  Director: Matas Prat, Anna  
  Title: La implementación de la medida de eficiencia energética en el sector transporte y sus impactos en el medio ambiente en España  
  University: Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

• PhD Student: Rico Delgado, Inmaculada  
  Director: Raymond Bara, Josep Ll. / Gutiérrez, Roxana  
  Title: Disparidades regionales de desempleo entre regiones del norte y del sur: una visión empírica para el caso de España  
  University: Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

• PhD Student: Romarri, Alessio  
  Directors: Vázquez-Grenno, Javier  
  Title: Media, Information and Social Outcomes. How media and information might impact on decisions and social outcomes  
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

PhD Student: Torrecillas, Juan  
Directors: Farré, Lídia / Jofre-Monseny, Jordi  
Title: Essays in applied economics  
University: Universitat de Barcelona

• PhD Student: Urdanegui Sibina, Rosella  
  Directors: Escardíbul Ferrà, Josep-Oriol / Llinàs, Xavier  
  Title: Factores determinantes de la planificación de la formación que impactan en el logro de los objetivos organizacionales en las grandes empresas peruanas  
  University: Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya