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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, 2018 was another highly productive year for the IEB. Our researchers have published 29 articles in journals included in the Journal Citation Reports, while a further 19 papers have been accepted and will appear in forthcoming issues. An additional 19 articles have been published in other academic journals, 14 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, La Caixa, Naturgy, the Barcelona City Hall, the University of Barcelona and the Autonomous University of Barcelona) to the Institute have gone a long way to ensuring the continued success of our various endeavors. In 2018 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), which from 2019 becomes the Chair on Urban Economics City of Barcelona at the UB (with the support of the Barcelona City Hall).

To conclude, I would like to express my 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.

Dr Martí Parellada
President of the Barcelona Institute of Economics Foundation

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2. People
2.1. Management committee

The management committee has the following members:

- Núria Bosch
- María Teresa Costa
- José M. Durán (Director)
- Alejandro Esteller
- José García Quevedo
- Anna Matas
- Daniel Montolio
- Esteve Sanromà
- Albert Solé
- Pilar Sorribas
- 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 IEB Research Programme 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 aim 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. **The programme is led by Dr Alejandro Esteller-Moré.**

- 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.**

- The Cities Research Programme has as its primary goal 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 receives also the support from the UB Chair in Smart Cities. **The programme is led by Dr Elisabet Viladecans-Marsal.**

- The IEB 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. **The programme is led by Dr Albert Solé-Ollé.**

- The aim of the IEB Research Programme in Infrastructure and Transport is to promote 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, and examines the impact of policies of regional distribution. **The programme is led by Dr Anna Matas.**

- At the end of 2018, IEB has broadened its thematic research areas with the creation of the IEB Research Programme in Public Policies, which integrates the previous Human Capital Program. Thus, in addition to promoting analyses related to education and human capital, this new area will also include research in innovation, the labour market, health economics and security policies, fundamentally from an economic perspective. **The programme is led by Drs Daniel Montolio and Jose García-Quevedo.**
2.4. Members

Researchers:
- Asensio, Javier
- Bosch Roca, Núria
- Brutti, Zelda
- Calero Martínez, Jorge (Leave from December 2018)
- Castells Oliveres, Antoni
- Costa Campí, Maria Teresa
- Chapelle, Guillaume (Leave from September 2018)
- Choi de Mendizábal, Álvaro (Leave from December 2018)
- Cubel Sánchez, María (Leave from September 2018)
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- Escardíbul Ferra, J. Oriol (On leave)
- Espasa Queralt, Marta (On leave)
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- García Brosa, Gemma
- García López, Miquel Angel
- García Quevedo, José
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- Gispert Brosa, Cristina de
- Jofre Monseny, Jordi
- Matas Prat, Anna
- Montolio Estivill, Daniel
- Parellada Sabata, Martí
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- Piolatto, Amedeo
- Raymond Bara, Josep Lluís
- Sanromà Meléndez, Esteve
- Solé Ollé, Albert
- Sorribas Navarro, Pilar
- Trujillo Baute, Elisa
- Vall Castelló, Judit (From February 2018)
- Vázquez Grenno, Javier
- Viladecans Marsal, Elisabet
- Vilalta Ferrer, Maité

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- Arauzo Carod, Josep M.
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- Backus, Peter G.
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- Boffa, Federico
- Chorafakis, George
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- Daniele, Gianmarco
- Del Rio, Pablo
- Duch, Néstor
- Galleta, Sergio
- Galmarini, Umberto
- González-Val, Rafael
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- Hémet, Camille
- Huisman, Ronald
- Lago Peñas, Santiago
- Mas-Verdú, Francisco
- Mediavilla Bordalejo, Mauro
- Mir Artigues, Pere
- Mora, Toni
- Mörk, Eva
- Pasidis, Ilias
- Rizzo, Leoncio
- Salvadori, Luca
- Sánchez-Vidal, Mania
- Sanin, María-Eugenia
- Simón Pérez, Hipólito
- Torregrosa, Sara
- Trillas i Jané, Francesc

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- Ducal Vidal, Juan (From September 2018)
- González-Pampillón, Nicolás (Leave from June 2018)
- Magontier, Pierre
- Martínez Mazza, Rodrigo (From September 2018)
- Mas Montserrat, Marion
- Planelles Cortes, Jordi
- Puigmaló Solà, Marc
- Romani, Alessio
- Torrecillas Jodar, Juan
- Tchorzevska, Kinga

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

Communication services:
- Solvas Cerezo, Victor
3. Publications
3.1. By IEB members

In 2018, IEB members published the following research studies:

**JCR Articles (Journal Citation Reports)**

- Ariza, J.; Raymond, J.L.  
  “Technical change and employment in Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico. Who are the most affected workers?”  
  *International Labour Review*, forthcoming

- Bertoli, P.; Grembi, V.; Vall-Castelló, J.  
  “Not all silver lining! The Great Recession and road traffic accidents”  
  *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 70, 274-288, 2018

- Calero, J.; Murillo, I.; Raymond, J.L.  
  “Education, age and skills: an analysis using PIAAC data”  
  *European Journal of Education*, forthcoming

- Cavalcanti, F.; Daniele, G.; Galletta, S.  
  “Popularity shocks and political selection”  
  *Journal of Public Economics*, 165, 201-216, 2018

- Chaton, C.; Creti, A.; Sanin, M.E.  
  “Assessing the implementation of the market stability reserve”  
  *Energy Policy*, 118, 642-654, 2018

- Choi, A.; Gil, M.; Mediovilla, M.; Valbuena, J.  
  “The evolution of educational inequalities in Spain: dynamic evidence from repeated cross-sections”  
  *Social Indicators Research*, 138, 3, 853-872, 2018

- Costa-Campi, M.T.; Daví-Arderius, D.; Trujillo-Baute, E.  
  “The economic impact of electricity losses”  
  *Energy Economics*, 75, 309-322, 2018

- Costa-Campi, M.T.; García-Quevedo, J.; Trujillo-Baute, E.  
  “Electricity regulation and economic growth”  
  *Energy Policy*, 113, 232-238, 2018

- Costa-Campi, M.T.; Paniagua, J.; Trujillo-Baute, E.  
  “Energy markets integrations a green light for FDI?”  
  *Energy Journal*, forthcoming

- Curto-Grau, M.; Zudenkova, G.  
  “Party discipline and government spending: theory and evidence”  
  *Journal of Public Economics*, 164, 139-152, 2018

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

- Del Rey, E.; Jimenez-Martín, S.; Vall-Castello, J.  
  “Improving educational and labor outcomes through child labor regulation”  
  *Economics of Education Review*, 66, 51-66, 2018
• Del Rio, P.; Mir, P.; Trujillo-Baute, E.
“Analysing the impact of renewable energy regulation on retail electricity price”
Energy Policy, 114, 153-164, 2018

• Ferraresi, M.; Galmarini, U.; Rizzo, L.
“Infrastructures spillovers and strategic interaction: does the size matter?”
International Tax and Public Finance, 25, 1, 240-272, 2018

• Ferraresi, M.; Galmarini, U.; Rizzo, L.; Zanardi, A.
“Switch toward tax centralization in Italy: a wake-up for the local political budget cycle”
International Tax and Public Finance, forthcoming

• Ferraresi, M.; Kotsogiannis, C.; Rizzo, L.
“Decentralization and fuel subsidies”
Energy Economics, 74, 275-286, 2018

• Ferraresi, M.; Migali, G.; Rizzo, L.
“Does local government cooperation promote efficiency gains? Evidence from Italian Municipal Unions”
Journal of Regional Science, 58 (5), 1017-1044, 2018

• Ferraresi, M.; Migali, G.; Rizzo, L.
“Local expenditure interactions among Italian municipalities: evidence from Italy 2001-2011”
Regional Studies, forthcoming

• Foremny, D.; Freier, R.; Moessinger, M.D.; Yeter, M.
“Overlapping political budget cycles”
Public Choice, 177, 1-2, 1-27, 2018

• Fuenmayor, A.; Granell, R.; Mediavilla, M.
“The effects of separate taxation on labour participation of married couples. An empirical analysis using propensity score”
Review of Economics of the Household, 16, 2, 541–561, 2018

• García-Quevedo, J.; Segarra-Blasco, A.; Teruel, M.
“Financial constraints and the failure of innovation projects”
Technological Forecasting and Social Change, 127, 127-140, 2018

• Garcia-López, M.A.; Moreno-Monroy, A.I.
“Income segregation in monocentric and polycentric cities: does urban form really matter?”
Regional Science and Urban Economics, 71, 62-79, 2018

• Gibbons, S.; Sanchez-Vidal, M.; Silva, O.
“The bedroom tax”
Regional Science and Urban Economics, forthcoming

• Giulietti, M.; Grossi, L.; Trujillo-Baute, E.; Waterson, M.
“Analysing the potential economic value of energy storage”
Energy Journal, forthcoming
• González-Val, R.  
"US city-size distribution and space"  
*Spatial Economic Analysis*, forthcoming

• González-Val, R.  
"The spatial distribution of US cities"  
*Cities*, forthcoming

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

• González-Val, R.; Marcén, M.  
"Club classification of US divorce rates"  
*The Manchester School*, 86, 4, 512-532, 2018

• González-Val, R.; Marcén, M.  
"Unemployment, marriage and divorce"  
*Applied Economics*, 50(13): 1495–1508, 2018

• Guio, J.M.; Choi, Á.; Escardíbul, J.O.  
"Labor markets, academic performance and school dropout risk: evidence for Spain"  
*International Journal of Manpower*, 39, 2, 301-308, 2018

• Huarng, K.H.; Cervera, A.; Mas-Verdu, F.  
"Innovation and service-dominant logic"  
*Service Business*, 12, 3, 453–456, 2018

• Jerrim, J.; Parker, P.; Choi, Á.; Chmielewski, A.K.; Sälzer, C.; Shure, N.  
"How robust are cross-country comparisons of PISA scores to the scaling model used?"  
*Educational Measurement-Issues And Practice*, forthcoming

• Jofre-Monseny, J.; Sánchez-Vidal, M.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.  
"Big plant closures and local employment"  
*Journal of Economic Geography*, 18,1, 163–186, 2018

• Jofre-Monseny, J.; Silva, J.I.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.  
"Local labor market effects of public employment"  
*Regional Science and Urban Economics*, forthcoming

• Kruger, K.; Parellada, M.; Samoilovich, D.; Sursock, A.  
"Implementing governance reforms: policy games in European university systems"  
*Revista de Educación*, 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

• Martin Bassols, N.; Vall-Castello, J.  
"Bar opening hours, alcohol consumption and workplace accidents"  
*Labour Economics*, 53, 172-181, 2018
• Matas, A.; Raymond, J.L.; Ruiz, A.
  “Infrastructures investment and efficiency”
  Regional Studies, 52, 1684-1694, 2018

• Montolio, D.
  “The effects of local infrastructure investment on crime”
  Labour Economics, 52, 210-230, 2018

• Montolio, D.; Planells-Struse, S.
  “Measuring the negative externalities of a private leisure activity: hooligans and pickpockets around the stadium”
  Journal of Economic Geography, forthcoming

• Mora, T; Escardibul, J.O.
  “Home environment and parental involvement in homework during adolescence in Catalonia (Spain)”
  Youth & Society, forthcoming

• Nieto Alemán, P.; Garcia Alvarez, J.M.; Roig-Tierno, N., Mas-Verdú, F.
  “Factors of regional poverty reduction in Colombia: do institutional conditions matter?”
  Social Policy & Administration, forthcoming

• Nieto Alemán, P.; Roig-Tierno, N.; Mas-Verdú, F.; Garcia Alvarez, J.M.
  “Multidimensional paths to regional poverty: a Fuzzy-set qualitative comparative analysis of Colombian departments”
  Journal of Human Development and Capabilities, forthcoming

• Salinas, P.; Solé-Ollé, A.
  “Partial fiscal decentralization reforms and educational outcomes: a difference-in-differences analysis for Spain”
  Journal of Urban Economics, 107, 1-136, 2018

• Solé-Ollé, A.; Sorribas-Navarro, P.
  “Trust no more? On the lasting effects of corruption scandals”
  European Journal of Political Economy, 55, 185-203, 2018

• Tomás-Miquel, J-V.; Expósito-Langa, M.; Belso-Martínez, J-A.; Mas-Verdú, F.
  “Multinational enterprise subsidiaries in local clusters: embeddedness or isolation?”
  European Journal of International Management, Q4, 12, 5/6, 624–641, 2018

• Vázquez-Grenno, J.
  “Job search activities in times of crisis: evidence for natives and immigrants in Spain”
  The Manchester School, 86, 2, 248-278, 2018

• Viladecans-Marsal, E.
  Papers in Regional Science, forthcoming

• Ximénez-de-Embún, D.P.; Mancebón, M.J.; Gómez-Sancho, J.M; Mediavilla, M.
  “Factors that influence the financial literacy of young Spanish consumers”
  International Journal of Consumer Studies, forthcoming
Other Articles

- Agrawal, D. R.; Foremny, D.
  “Fiscal decentralisation and mobility: evidence from Spain’s income tax system”
  *ifo DICE Report*, 16, 2, 38-44, 2018

- Alvarez, M.; Solé Parellada, F.; Parellada, M.
  “Universitat i ciutat. L’ecosistema de l’aglomeració metropolitana de Barcelona”
  *Revista Econòmica de Catalunya*, 78, 28-41, 2018

- Bosch, N.
  “Impact of the economic crisis on Catalan government finances”
  *Revista Catalana de Dret Públic*, 56, 1-18, 2018

- Castells, A.
  ‘El retorno del keynesianismo y la vigencia de la política fiscal’
  *Revista de Economia* - *Revista del Consejo General de Economistas*, 14, 63-79, 2018

- Choi, Á.
  “De padres a hijos: expectativas y rendimiento académico en España”
  *Presupuesto y Gasto Público*, 90, 13-31, 2018

- Choi, Á.; Escardíbul, J.-O.
  “Capital humà i sistema educatiu com a determinants del creixement i del progrés social”
  *Nota d’Economia*, 104, 106-115, 2018

- Choi, A.; Escardíbul, J.O.; Guio, J.M.
  “The challenge of mapping overeducation and overqualification across countries: a critical approach using PIAAC”
  *Compare-a Journal Of Comparative And International Education*, forthcoming

- Choi, A.; Gil, M.; Mediavilla, M.; Valbuena, J.
  “Predictors and effects of grade repetition”
  *Revista de Economia Mundial*, 48, 21-42

- 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

- Gallego, R.; Barbieri, N.; De Gispert, C; González, S; Vilalta, M.
  “Constraints on political autonomy in decentralized Spain? Analysing the impact of territorial financing and governments’ ideology on regional policy-making”
  *Revista de Estudios Políticos*, 180, 131-162, 2018

- Granell, R.; Fuenmayor, A.; Mediavilla, M.
  “La inmigración y el género como factores clave de la movilidad educativa en España”
  *Papers. Revista de Sociología*, forthcoming

- López i Vidal, Ll.; Pelegrín, À.
  “Hedging against China: Japanese strategy towards a rising power”
  *Asian Security*, 14, 2, 193-211, 2018
• Matas, A.; Raymond, J.L.
   “Infraestructures de transport i creixement econòmic”
   *Nota d’Economia*, 104, 212-224, 2018

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

• Murillo, I.; Raymond, J.L.
   “Diferencias salariales entre hombres y mujeres: un análisis por países con datos PIAAC”
   *Presupuesto y gasto público*, 90, 101-116, 2018

• Murillo, I.; Raymond, J.L.
   “Capital humano y mercado laboral: Introducción editorial”
   *Cuadernos Económicos del ICE*, 95, 5-12, 2018

• Ramos-Sandoval R.; García Álvarez-Coque J.M.; Mas-Verdú F.
   “Innovative capabilities of users of agricultural R&D services”
   *Regional Science Policy and Practice*, 1–11, 2018

• 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 Ferrer, M.
   “La hisenda local a Catalunya: Evolució recent, situació actual i principals reptes”
   *Revista Catalana de Dret Públic*, 57, 97-112, 2018
Books

- Durán, J. M.; Esteller, A. (Eds.)
  “Impuesto sobre sociedades, ¿quo vadis? Una perspectiva europea”
  Universitat de Barcelona. Barcelona. 2018

- Kruger, K.; Parellada, M.; Samoilovich, D.; Sursock, A. (Eds.)
  “Governance reforms in European university Systems. The case of Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, the Netherlands and Portugal”, 1-220
  Springer. Switzerland. 2018

- Parellada, M.; Álvarez, M.
  “Las universidades españolas. Una perspectiva autonómica. 2017”
  Fundación CYD. Spain. 2018

- Parellada, M.; Mediavilla A.; Arcarons, J.; Perez, A.; Jiménez, T.; Pastor, A.
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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 2018, the following working papers were published:

2018/01: The tenuous case for an annual wealth tax
Robin Boadway, Pierre Pestieau

2018/02: All roads lead to Rome ... and to sprawl? Evidence from European cities
Miquel-Àngel García-López

2018/03: Abandon ship? Party brands and politicians' responses to a political scandal
Gianmarco Daniele, Sergio Galletta, Benny Geys

2018/04: Popularity shocks and political selection
Francisco Cavalcanti, Gianmarco Daniele, Sergio Galletta

2018/05: Employment effects of on-the-job human capital acquisition
Joaquín Naval, José I. Silva, Javier Vázquez-Grenno

2018/06: Relocation of the rich: migration in response to top tax rate changes from Spanish reforms
David R. Agrawal, Dirk Foremny

2018/07: Inter-industry differences in organisational eco-innovation: a panel data study
Jose García-Quevedo, Effie Kesidou, Ester Martínez-Ros

2018/08: Asymmetric effects of monetary policy in regional housing markets
Knut Are Aastveit, André K. Anundsen

2018/09: Flight from urban blight: lead poisoning, crime and suburbanization
Federico Curci, Federico Masera

2018/10: The influence of renewables on electricity price forecasting: a robust approach
Luigi Grossi, Fany Non

2018/11: Energy performance certificates and investments in building energy efficiency: a theoretical analysis
Pierre Fleckinger, Matthieu Glachant, Paul-Hervé Tamokoué Kamga

2018/12: Parallel tracks towards a global treaty on carbon pricing
Jeroen C.J.M. van den Bergh, Anik Angelsen, Andrea Baranzini, W.J. Wouter Botzen, Stefano Carattini, Stefan Drexs, Tessa Dunlop, Eric Galbrait, Elisabeth Gsottbauer, Richard B. Howarth, Emilio Padilla, Jordi Roca, Robert Schmidt

2018/13: The unequal opportunity for skills acquisition during the great recession in Europe
Sara Ayllón, Natalia Nollenberger

2018/14: Class composition effects and school welfare: Evidence from Portugal using panel data
João Firmino
2018/15: La brecha fiscal: estudio y aplicación a los impuestos sobre la riqueza
José Mª Durán-Cabrera, Alejandro Esteller-Moré, Mariona Mas-Montserrat, Luca Salvadori

2018/16: Long-lasting social capital and its impact on economic development: the legacy of the commons
Daniel Montolio, Ana Tur-Prats

2018/17: Income segregation in monocentric and polycentric cities: Does urban form really matter?
Miquel-Ángel García-López, Ana I. Morena-Monroy

2018/18: From forward to spot prices: producers, retailers and loss averse consumers in electricity markets
Valeria Di Cosmo, Elisa Trujillo-Baute

2018/19: Is changing the minimum legal drinking age an effective policy tool?
Nicolai Brachowitz Quintanilla, Judit Vall-Castelló

2018/20: Do information and communication technologies (ICT) improve educational outcomes? Evidence for Spain in PISA 2015
Nerea Gómez-Fernández, Mauro Mediavilla

2018/21: Gender differences under test pressure and their impact on academic performance: a quasi-experimental design
Daniel Montolio, Pere A. Taberner

2018/22: Hit where it hurts – healthcare access and intimate partner violence
Caoimhe Rice, Judit Vall-Castelló

Raúl Ramos, Esteban Sanromá, Hipólito Simón
3.3. Reports on Fiscal Federalism and Public Finance

IEB Report
The IEB Report seeks to disseminate the views of researchers and academics on issues of social concern, in concise articles that emphasize being as informative as possible. Each study examines a current affairs issue by offering the opinions of leading national and international experts, as well as that 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 is linked to unfolding events in the world economy.

The editorial board is composed of IEB members Núria Bosch (editor), Alejandro Esteller-Moré and Pilar Sombies-Navarro, who are also professors of the University of Barcelona. The 2018 issues, available on the website, are:

- IEB REPORT 1/2018: “The Financing of Infrastructure/ La financiación de las infraestructuras/ El finançament de les infraestructures”

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. The document compiles the various IEB reports published during the year 2018 focused on the analysis of infrastructure financing, the use of fiscal policies in relation to the phenomenon of gentrification, the role of public budgets after the great fiscal crisis, and tax havens. The report has contributions from IEB researchers and leading international experts.
3.4. The Autonomous Community Financing Map

This infographic map shows how the current autonomous financing system has affected each autonomous community from its introduction in 2009 to 2016, 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 tool is coordinated by IEB researchers, Drs 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 2018 Info IEB were:

- Info IEB Number 29. Are Taxes on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Effective? The Catalan Case, Judit Vall-Castelló

Overweight and obesity are very important and widespread health problems in the world today, especially in developed countries; in the year 2015, 34% of the adult population in the OECD countries was overweight and about 15% was obese. In Spain, 44% (27%) of the adult (child) population was overweight in 2015. The consumption of sugar is also an important matter in the increase of overweight and obesity rates, and sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) in particular contain high quantities of sugar.

In this context, the World Health Organization (WHO) published a report in 2016 with a number of recommendations for governments in developed countries, such as the introduction of taxes on products considered harmful to health. WHO placed special emphasis on taxes on SSBs and prescribed that these taxes should increase the final price of these products by 20%.

Following the recommendation of WHO and the example of other countries, the Generalitat of Catalonia approved a tax on bottled SSBs sold in Catalonia. This tax was implemented on May 1, 2017 and levies taxes on all bottled beverages containing added caloric sweeteners such as sugar, honey, syrup, etc. The tax is 0.08 € per litre for beverages containing between 5 and 8 grams of sugar per 100ml, and 0.12 € per litre for beverages containing more than 8 grams of sugar per 100ml. Beverages with less than 5 grams of sugar per 100ml are exempt from the tax. A peculiarity of the Catalan tax is, for the first time, it requires that 100% of the tax to be transferred to the final price of the product.

In order to analyse whether the introduction of this tax has reduced the consumption of SSBs, in a recent article with Guillem López (“Impact of SSB taxes on consumption”, CRES-UPF working paper 201804-110), we use data from a large supermarket chain operating in Catalonia (Bonpreu) and which represents a 10% share of the Catalan market.

The tax on SSBs resulted in an increase of up to 20% in the price of beverages in two-litre containers.

Figure 1. Consumption trend of SSBs in 2016 and 2017

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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 2018, 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 @FundaciolIEB, 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 2018, 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.

06/02/2018
“An updatable index of neighborhood desirability”
Speaker: Daniel Arribas-Bel (University of Liverpool)

22/02/2018
“The influence of renewables on electricity price forecasting: a robust approach”
Speaker: Luigi Grossi (University of Verona)

06/03/2018
“Political selection and policy choices”
Speaker: Thushyanthan Baskaran (Siegen University)

08/03/2018
“Vertical fiscal shocks and horizontal strategic interactions in local taxes”
Speaker: Zohal Hessami (Konstanz University)

13/03/2018
“Risky moms, risky kids? Mother’s fertility decision and criminal propensity of children after the fall of the Berlin Wall”
Speaker: Olivier Marie (Erasmus School of Economics)

15/03/2018
“Relations between preferences over risk, time, and losses and household adoption of energy efficient technologies in Europe”
Speaker: Joachim Schleich (Fraunhofer ISI)

20/03/2018
“Planning ahead for better neighborhoods: long run evidence from Tanzania”
Speaker: Ferdinand Rauch (University of Oxford)

10/04/2018
“Intertemporal labor supply substitution? Evidence from the Swiss income tax holidays”
Speaker: Isabel Martinez (University of St. Gallen)

12/04/2018
“Widgets versus Wodgets: technology markets and R&D spillovers”
Speaker: Pere Arque-Castells (Northwestern University)

17/04/2018
“Taxation and supply chains: evidence from value-added taxes in West Bengal”
Speaker: Lucie Gadenne (University of Warwick)

18/04/2018
“Electoral selection and accountability: evidence from U.S. State legislatures”
Speaker: Andrew B. Hall (Stanford University)

24/04/2018
“City location and economic development”
Speaker: David Nagy (CREI Barcelona)
26/04/2018
“The impact of a nationwide preschool reform on local crime rates”
Speaker: Zelda Brutti (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)

08/05/2018
“Religion and abortion: the role of politician identity”
Speaker: Irma Clots-Figueras (Universidad Carlos III)

15/05/2018
“Tax-benefit linkage and incidence of social security contributions: evidence from France”
Speaker: Antoine Bozio (Institut des Politiques Publiques & Paris School of Economics)

17/05/2018
“Recovering social networks from panel data: identification, simulations and an application”
Speaker: Pedro Souza (PUC-Rio)

22/05/2018
“How many want to drive the bus? Analyzing the number of bids for public transport bus contracts”
Speaker: Andreas Vigren (Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute (VTI))

24/05/2018
“Does the delivery method matter? Results from a field experiment”
Speaker: Carlos Scartascini (Inter-American Development Bank)

29/05/2018
“The economic impacts of constraining second home investments”
Speaker: Christian Hilber (London School of Economics)

31/05/2018
“Deep reforms in electricity pricing: evidence from a natural experiment”
Speaker: Jordi Teixidó (Universitat de Barcelona)

05/06/2018
“The impact of border policies on migration flows: evidence from the EU Refugee Crisis”
Speaker: Francesco Fasani (Queen Mary University of London)

12/06/2018
“Salience and policy instruments: evidence from the auto market”
Speaker: Cristian Huse (Stockholm School of Economics)

14/06/2018
“Environmental taxation, tax incentives or public financing. How to incentivise firms’ green behaviour?”
Speaker: Kinga Tchorzewska (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)

28/06/2018
“Technology adoption, consumer inattention and heuristic decision-making: evidence from a UK district heating scheme”
Speaker: Monica Giuletti (Loughborough University)

25/09/2018
“How to pick a winner: betting, screening, or learning?”
Speaker: Andrea Mattozzi (European University Institute)

27/09/2018
“Class composition effects and school welfare. Evidence from Portugal using panel data”
Speaker: Joao Firmino (Nova School of Business and Economics)

02/10/2018
“Tax evasion and inequality”
Speaker: Niels Johannesen (University of Copenhagen)
03/10/2018
“Canadian Federalism: key features and issues in 2018”
Speaker: François Vaillancourt (Universidad de Montreal)

09/10/2018
“Do social insurance taxes affect entrepreneurial activity?”
Speaker: Jarkko Harju (VATT Institute for Economic Research)

16/10/2018
“Revenue shocks and fiscal capacity: evidence from Brazil”
Speaker: Dirk Foremny (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)

18/10/2018
“Electricity (De)regulation and innovation”
Speaker: Pierpaolo Parrotta (IÉSEG School of Business)

23/10/2018
“The deadly effects of losing health insurance”
Speaker: Judit Vall (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)

06/11/2018
“Spotting violence from space: detecting housing destruction in Syria”
Speaker: André Gröger (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

13/11/2018
“Making policies matter: voter responses to campaign promises”
Speaker: Julien Labonne (University of Oxford)

20/11/2018
“The effectiveness of regional aid: evaluating expansion support in Flanders”
Speaker: Sander Ramboer (KU LEUVEN)

26/11/2018
“Mitigating emissions leakage in incomplete carbon markets”
Speaker: Mar Reguant (Northwestern University)

27/11/2018
“Fiscal rules and the selection of politicians: evidence from Italian municipalities”
Speaker: Matteo Gamalerio (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)

04/12/2018
“Carbon taxation in a global production network: the transmission of sector idiosyncratic environmental shocks”
Speaker: Jordi Planelles (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)

17/12/2018
“Do voluntary environmental programs reduce emissions? EMAS in the German manufacturing sector”
Speaker: Andreas Löschel (University of Münster)

18/12/2018
“The gains from reshaping infrastructure: evidence from the Division of Germany”
Speaker: Marta Santamaria (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

20/12/2018
“The role of talent and socio-economic status in obtaining competitive scholarships”
Speaker: Francesc Ortega (Queens College CUNY)
4.2. IEB Internal Work in Progress (IWIP) Sessions

The IEB Internal Work in Progress (IWIP) Sessions aim at encouraging the circulation of research ideas among peers.

The IWIP Sessions are reserved for projects at an early stage: they are meant to update colleagues about new work being started or planned, and possibly provide initial, friendly, constructive feedback from the audience.

- Mariona Mas-Montserrat (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)  
  21/09/2018

- Zelda Brutti (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)  
  05/10/2018

- Judit Vall-Castelló (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)  
  19/10/2018

- Sander Ramboer (KU Leuven)  
  09/11/2018

- Dirk Foremny (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)  
  30/11/2018

- Magdalena Domínguez (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)  
  14/12/2018
4.3. Workshops and symposiums

**VI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM: Facing the Energy Transition: Markets and Networks (06/02/2018)**

The University of Barcelona (UB) hosted the VI International Academic Symposium of the Chair of Energy Sustainability of the UB, organized together with the IEB and FUNSEAM. The meeting was attended by a hundred people and 15 prominent names from the international academic community met to debate about how to deal with the energy transition toward low-emission technologies.

The Symposium was attended by Professors Frank A. Wolak, of Stanford University, and Mario Ragwitz, of the Fraunhofer Institute, and were the keynote speakers of the day. Wolak opened the Symposium with a presentation analysing the role of financial agents in the electricity markets.

In the first session, entitled ‘Flexibility for the Energy Transition’, experts presented the most relevant questions surrounding the need to provide flexibility to the energy sector. Among the points stressed was the role of the intelligent networks and its regulation, which should be the key in realizing the objectives of this transition. The debate also addressed the management of alternative fuel sources for transport by creating a more flexible energy sector.

The session that addressed Energy Efficiency focused on the discussion on the efficient design of policies to promote energy efficiency, such as energy label programs—crucial when selling technologies with lower energy consumption for households. The researchers also analysed the effects of policies to improve energy efficiency and emphasized the role of SMEs, which should have a more active role in the implementation of low-consumption strategies.

Finally, the session “Policy and Market Design” emphasised the regulatory challenges posed by the implementation of a sustainable energy model, challenges that involve both the authorities and society in the search for balance between energy expenditure and degree of sustainability.

In closing the event, Professor Ragwitz analysed the implications for the market with a greater proportion of intermittent renewable energies. The researcher advocated the need to create an intelligent market design and operational system, taking into account the characteristics of variable renewable energy.
• VIII WORKSHOP ON TRANSPORT ECONOMICS  
(24/05/2018)

More than 40 persons came together for the VIII Workshop on the Economics of Transport organized on 24 May by the IEB and Fedea. Experts on mobility participated in the workshop to debate on transport infrastructure financing and the most effective policies in the resolution of problems related to pollution and congestion in cities.

The director of Fedea, Ángel de la Fuente, IEB researcher; Anna Matas, and professor of the Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC), Ginés de Rus, were tasked with opening the Workshop, while the director of the IEB presented the latest IEB Report focused on the themes related with the Workshop.

The professor of the Universidad de Chile, Ronald Fischer, opened the presentations with his discourse on “Efficient Investment Policies and Pricing of Transport Infrastructure in Spain”. For their part, researchers Xavier Fageda (UB) and Ricardo Flores-Fillol (URV) addressed the issue on urban pollution with the presentation “Traffic Jams and Pollution in Large Cities: Analysis and Solutions”.

The workshop closed with a round table of conclusions in which Ronald Fischer (Universidad de Chile), Bruno de la Fuente (Seopan) and Enric Pérez (Abertis) participated.

• IEB/UEA Summer School in Urban Economics for Economics PhD Students  
(18-19-20/06/2018)

From 18 to 20 June, IEB and UEA held a new edition of the Summer School in Urban Economics, which brought together 48 doctoral students with interest in urban policies. For another year, the program allowed the participants to expand their knowledge and to be acquainted with relevant contributions from some of the most outstanding specialists in the academic field.

This latest edition of the Summer School in Urban Economics gathered together as guest speakers Pierre-Philippe Combres (Université de Lyon & Sciences Po), Miren Lafourcade (Université Paris Sud & Paris School of Economics), Esteban Rossi-Hansberg (Princeton University), Donald Davis (Columbia University), Diego Puga (CEMFI) and Helen Simpson (University of Bristol).

The economy of segregation, the cost-benefit balance of urban agglomeration and the analysis of programs to attract firms were some of the topics analysed and discussed by the participants.
• V WORKSHOP ON URBAN ECONOMICS (21-22/06/2018)

From 21-22 June, the IEB held the V Workshop on Urban Economics that brought together 55 participants in an edition highlighting the latest academic contributions in the analysis of agglomeration, transport, geography and residential policy in urban environments.

In addition to the 32 papers presented in the program, Esteban Rossi-Hansberg (Princeton University), Henry Overman (London School of Economics) and Donald Davis (University of Columbia) also attended the workshop as keynote speakers.

Rossi-Hansberg gave the opening address of the workshop with the presentation of his work “Location as an Asset”. Overman, for his part, closed the first day with his analysis on “The Lifecycle of Land: Evidence from the US, 2000-2010”. Finally, Davis closed the conference with his paper “Labor Market Polarization in a System of Cities: the Case of France”.

• XXVII MEETING OF THE ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (28/06/2018)

On June 28 and 29 last, the Barcelona Institute of Economics, the University of Barcelona and the Association of Education Economics (AEDE) organised the 27th AEDE Meeting, at which a number of leading researchers presented papers on education policy, efficiency and the relationship between school/college curricula and the labour market. The Meeting was attended by 122 participants.

In addition to discussions on a range of topics that included efficiency and productivity, education and gender, adult skills, education and the labour market and monetary returns to education, the Meeting was addressed by two eminent keynote speakers: Lorraine Dearden (UCL – Institute of Education & IFS) and Kristof de Witte (KU Leuven). Dearden analysed university funding models, with an emphasis on scholarship programs and university loan systems, while De Witte evaluated the policies aimed at improving the performance of students of low socioeconomic status.
• IX WORKSHOP ON ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION
(13-14/09/2018)

The IEB hosted, from September 13th to 14th, the IX Workshop on Economics of Education, coordinated by the researcher of the IEB, Álvaro Choi, and which brought together more than 30 participants.

During the two days a total of 10 papers were presented, which dealt with research around education in subjects such as equal opportunities, gender, selection and remuneration of professionals, and financing systems.

In addition to the papers presented, the Workshop featured the presentations of two keynotes. The professor of the London School of Economics, Stephen Machin, analyzed the effects that Brexit can have both on trade and wages in the United Kingdom and on the evolution of the education system.

The keynote of the last day was the researcher of the University of Sussex, Peter Dolton, who analyzed the effect that social networks are having on the education system.
4.4. Other events

• PRESENTATION ‘IEB’S REPORT ON FISCAL FEDERALISM AND PUBLIC FINANCE’
(21/02/2018)

On 21 February, the Cercle d’Economia hosted the presentation of the ‘IEB Report on Fiscal Federalism and Public Finance 2017’. Oriol Escardíbul, researcher at the Universitat de Barcelona and the Institute of Economics of Barcelona (IEB), presented the conclusions of his article ‘Quality of teachers and the academic performance of students’.
Dr. Óscar Marcenaro, of the University of Málaga, also attended the conference and presented the paper ‘Salary incentives for teachers, is it worthwhile?’.

• PRESENTATION IEB REPORT 1/2018.
‘THE FINANCING OF INFRASTRUCTURE’
(24/05/2018)

Developed countries allocate between 3 and 5% of their GDP to transport infrastructure, but an efficient financing model has yet to be created. It is this absence of an efficient system of financing that provides the point of departure for the latest Report from the Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB), entitled ‘The Financing of Infrastructure’ and which was presented at the VIII FEDEA Workshop on Transport Economics. IEB researcher and Report editor, Anna Matas, believes that an “efficient road financing system must be able to internalize the externalities attributable to transport, ensure the gap between the price paid and the marginal cost does not become too big and consider the role private investment should play to ensure that the rhythm of investment is not affected in times of crisis”.

• PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK
‘CORPORATE TAXES, QUO VADIS?’
(22/10/2018)

The headquarters of the Institute of Fiscal Studies (IEF) was the setting for the presentation of the book of IEB researchers, José María Durán and Away Esteller, Corporate Taxes, Quo Vadis? A European Perspective’, published by Publicacions UB.

The event, chaired by the director general of the IEF, Alain Cuenca, revolved around the thesis of the book, which illustrates the obstacles to the European market’s lack of harmonization of corporate taxes and allows practices such as firms and corporates offshoring their profits. The researchers analysed the proposals of the European Commission and the OECD and presented their views on how these should be applied and what consequences they would have for the Spanish economy.

The event included a roundtable in which several finance experts and representatives from the public sector reflected on their own corporate taxes, and later was concluded by the Secretary of State for Finance, Inés María Bardón.
• WORKSHOP ON EXPERIENCES OF COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES (23/11/2018)

About 50 persons participated in the Workshop on Experiences of Cooperation and Assistance between Municipalities that was organised by IEB and the Barcelona Provincial Council on 23 November. Several experts analysed different models of inter-municipal cooperation and assistance to help reduce spending of local administrations and provide more efficient service. The director of Public Governance and Territorial Development of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Luiz de Mello, joined the conference and provided an analysis on what models of collaboration between municipalities and shared services have been applied in other countries. For its part, the Barcelona Provincial Council presented the results of the plan Xarxa de Governs Locales 2016 – 2019, while the representative of Red Localis, Concepción Campos, analysed the models of cooperation between municipalities in Spain. The workshop closed with a round table in which Núria Bosch (IEB), Rosa Vestit (Generalitat de Catalunya) and Xavier Forcadell (Barcelona Provincial Council) spoke about the challenges faced by the Catalan local governments in this area.

• WORKSHOP ‘THE CHALLENGE OF ENERGY POVERTY: CAUSES AND PROPOSALS’ (23/11/2018)

The Institute of Economics of Barcelona (IEB-UB), in collaboration with the Naturgy Foundation, organized in Madrid the debate ‘The challenge of energy poverty: causes and proposals’ in which Spanish and international experts analyzed energy poverty in Spain and from a global perspective. During the seminar, the main measures to deal with a situation that affects 13 million people in our country were presented.

The inaugural session was led by the Secretary of State for Energy of the Ministry of Ecological Transition, José Domínguez Abascal; the professor of Economics at the University of Barcelona and the Chair of Energy Sustainability (IEB-UB), María Teresa Costa; and the general director of the Naturgy Foundation, Martí Solà. Eero Ailio, Councilor for Energy Transition and Local Governance of the European Commission, led the closing ceremony.

The speakers included Brenda Boardman, professor at the University of Oxford; Ute Dubois, of the ISG International Business School of Paris; Saska Petrova, from the University of Manchester; Efraim Centeno, director of the Chair of Energy and Poverty of the Comillas Pontifical University of Madrid; Margarita de Luján García de Diego, professor emeritus of the Polytechnic University of Madrid; Paloma Taltavull, from the University of Alicante; and Elisa Trujillo Baute, professor of the UB and researcher of the Chair of Energy Sustainability of the IEB-UB.
5. Research projects
5.1. Competitive research projects involving IEB members

In 2018, 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: 01/01/2015-31/12/2018

- "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 García-Quevedo
  Period: 01/01/2016 – 31/12/2018

- "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
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• 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 Federalisme fiscal i Economia Urbana (2017SGR796)
  Agència de Gestió d’Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca (AGAUR)
  Director: Albert Solé-Ollé
  Period: 2017 – 2019

• “Grup de Recerca Consolidat en Economia Aplicada” (2017SGR1301)
  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 Sorribas-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-Cabrera
  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

• “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

• “Evaluación de los efectos de la edad legal de consumo de alcohol sobre el consumo de drogas legales e ilegales y sobre la salud”
  XV Concurso Nacional para la Adjudicación de Ayudas a la Investigación en Ciencias Sociales
  Fundación Ramón Areces
  Director: Judit Vall-Castelló
  Period: 28/10/2016-27/10/2018

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

• “Role of European Mobility and its Impacts in Narratives, Debates and EU Reforms (REMINDER)”
  European Commission - Horizon 2020
  PILLAR3. SOCIETAL CHALLENGES. SC6-Europe in a changing world – Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies.
  Director: Judit Vall-Castelló
  Period: 01/04/2018-30/12/2019

• 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

• Knowledge tools for higher education. U-Multirank (2017-2019)
  EAC/S36/2016
  European Comission, Program Erasmus +. Action 3: Support for policy reforms. Initiatives for policy innovation
  IP Frank Ziegele Center for Higher Education. Germany
  Researchers: 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

• Airbnb i els seus efectes sobre els preus de l’habitatge
  Ajuntament de Barcelona
  Researches: Miquel-Àngel García-López, Jordi Jofre-Monseny, Rodrigo Martínez Maza and Mariona Segú
  Period: 2018
• Economic Interdependence between China and Japan in a new era of globalization: Prospects, risks and opportunities for the Japanese economy. An analysis from the Spanish perspective.
  Japan Fundation
  Director: Angeles Pelegrín Solé
  Period 01/04/2018 - 31/03/2019

• UB Smart City Chair. Universitat de Barcelona.
  Director: Elisabet Viladecans-Marsal
  Period: 1/06/2015-31/12/2018

5.2. Economic studies

• “Disability in the EU Social Justice Index: new indicators and creation of a specific index”
  European Foundation Centre Research Forum
  Director: Jorge Calero Martínez
  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 Martínez / J.Oriol Escardíbul
  Period: 2017-2018

• “Más allá del TPP ¿de la integración económica al bilateralismo?”
  Consulado General del Japón en Barcelona
  Director: Àngeles Pelegrín Solé
  Period: 2017-2017

• “La pobreza energética en España: Aproximación alternativa desde una perspectiva de ingresos”
  Fundación Gas Natural Fenosa
  Director: María Teresa Costa-Campi
  Period: 02/07/2018-15/04/2019

• “Redistribución de la riqueza e imposición”
  Fundación Bancaria la Caixa
  Directors: José Maria Durán-Cabrè / Jordi Jofre-Monseny
  Period: 13/12/2018-31/07/2019

• Ranking CYD 2018. El ranking de las universidades españolas a tu medida
  Fundación CYD
  Director: Martí Parellada Sabata
  Period: 2018
5.3. Research calls for applications

The institute has made the following calls for applications in 2018:

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 Matteo Gamalerio.

PhD Scholarships
PhD Scholarships for student enrolling on the PhD program in Economics (University of Barcelona)
The 2018 PhD students awarded are Juan Ducal Vidal and Rodrigo Martínez Mazza.
6. Congresses, seminars and conferences
6.1. Congresses

• Afcha, S.; García-Quevedo, J.; Mas-Verdú, F.
“Losing PhDs: effects on firms’ relationships with universities”
XXXIII Jornadas de Economía Industrial
Barcelona (Spain)

• Büchel, K.; Ehrlich Mv.; Puga, D.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“Calling from the outside: the role of networks in residential mobility”
NBER Summer Institute on Real State and Urban Economics
Boston (USA)

• Büchel, K.; Ehrlich Mv.; Puga, D.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“Calling from the outside: the role of networks in residential mobility”
13th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association
New York (USA)

• Büchel, K.; Ehrlich Mv.; Puga, D.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“Calling from the outside: the role of networks in residential mobility”
V Workshop on Urban Economics
Barcelona (Spain)

• Brutti, Z.; Montolio, D.
“The impact of a nationwide preschool reform on local crime rates”
XXV Encuentros de Economía Pública
Valencia (Spain)

• Brutti, Z.; Montolio, D.
“The impact of a nationwide preschool reform on local crime rates”
European Public Choice Society – EPCS Congress
Rome (Italy)

• Calero, J.; Escardíbul, J.O.
“Analyzing the relations between teacher quality and reading competences”
XXV Encuentro de Economía Pública
Valencia (Spain)

• Calero, J.; Munillo, I.; Raymond, J. L.
“Eficiencia en la transformación de la escolaridad en competencias. Un análisis por países con datos de PIAAC”
XXVII Jornadas de Economía de la Educación
Barcelona (Spain)

• Calero, J.; Escardíbul, J.O.
“Analyzing the relations between teacher quality and reading competences”
5th International Conference on Teaching, Education and Learning
Lisbon (Portugal)

• Choi, Á.
“Education, skills and labor market”
I.º Congresso Internacional de Ciências Empresariais
Oporto (Portugal)
• Choi, A.; Gil, M.; Mediavilla, M.; Valbuena, J.
  “Predictors and effects of grade retention in Spain”
  XXV Encuentro de Economía Pública
  Valencia (Spain)

• Choi, Á.; Borgonovi, F.; Paccagnella, M.
  “The evolution of gender gaps in literacy and numeracy over the lifecycle”
  XXVII Jornadas de Economía de la Educación
  Barcelona (Spain)

• Cubel, M.; Sánchez-Pages, S.
  “Inequality in conflicts”
  First Workshop for Women in Political Economics
  Falset (Spain)

• Cubel, M.; Sánchez-Pages, S.
  “Gazes and numbers: two experiments in strategic sophistication and gender biases”
  IMEDESS 2018
  Florence (Italy)

• Curto-Grau, M.; Gallego, A.
  “Policymaking when the educated govern: a study of close municipal elections”
  1st Workshop for Women in Political Economy
  Falset (Spain)

• Curto-Grau, M.; Gallego, A.
  “Policymaking when the educated govern: a study of close municipal elections”
  Regional Economics and Local Political Economy Workshop
  Siegen (Germany)

• Curto-Grau, M.; Zudenkova, G.
  “Party discipline and government spending: theory and evidence”
  Historical Political Economy and Gender Politics Workshop, Universitat de Barcelona
  Barcelona (Spain)

• Daniele, G.; Piolatto, A.; Sas, W.
  “Who sent you? Strategic voting, transfers and bailouts in a Federation”
  ASSET 2018
  Florence (Italy)

• Daniele, G.; Piolatto, A.; Sas, W.
  “Who sent you? Strategic voting, transfers and bailouts in a Federation”
  43rd Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía-Spanish Economic Association (SAEe)
  Madrid (Spain)

• Díez-Minguela, A.; González-Val, R.; Martinez-Galarraga, J.; Sanchis-Llopis, M.T.; Tirado-Fabregat, D.A.
  “The long-term relationship between economic development and regional inequality: South-West Europe, 1860-2010”
  43rd Simposio de Análisis Económico
  Getafe (Spain)
• Domínguez, M.; Montolio, D.
“Bolstering community capital and its effect on crime: evidence from a quasi-random experiment”
11th PhD Workshop in Economics, Collegio Carlo Alberto
Turín (Italy)

• Ferraresi, M.; Gucciardi, G.; Rizzo, L.
“Does purchase centralization reduce public expenditure? Evidence from the Italian healthcare system?”
Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance
Helsinki (Germany)

• Ferraresi, M.; Gucciardi, G.; Rizzo, L.
“Does purchase centralization reduce public expenditure? Evidence from the Italian healthcare system?”
Annual Congress of the Italian Society of Public Economics
Padova (Italy)

• Foremny, D.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.; Muinelo Gallo, L.
Income shifting and tax evasion: evidence from an Uruguayan tax reform
RIDGE Workshop Public Economics 2018
Montevideo (Uruguay)

• Foremny, D.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.; Muinelo Gallo, L.
“Income shifting and tax evasion: evidence from an Uruguayan tax reform”
3rd Zurich Conference on Public Finance in Developing Countries
Zürich (Switzerland)

• Foremny, D.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.; Muinelo Gallo, L.
“Income shifting and tax evasion: evidence from an Uruguayan tax reform”
Fifth Annual MaTax Conference
Mannheim (Germany)

• Foremny, D.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.; Muinelo Gallo, L.
“Income shifting and tax evasion: evidence from an Uruguayan tax reform”
Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance IIPF 2018
Tampere (Finland)

• Foremny, D.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.; Muinelo Gallo, L.
“Income shifting and tax evasion: evidence from an Uruguayan tax reform”
Meetings of the European Economic Association
Cologne (Germany)

• Foremny, D.; Ferraz, C.; Santini, J.F.
“Revenue shocks and fiscal capacity: evidence from Brazil”
13th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association
New York (USA)

• Foremny, D.; Ferraz, C.; Santini, J.F.
“Revenue shocks and fiscal capacity: evidence from Brazil”
ZEW Public Finance Conference
Mannheim (Germany)

• Foremny, D.; Ferraz, C.; Santini, J.F.
“Revenue shocks and fiscal capacity: evidence from Brazil”
Cesifo Public Sector Area Conference
Munich (Germany)
• García-Quevedo, J.; Martínez-Ros, E.; Tchorzewska, K.
“Taxation, tax incentives or public financing. How to successfully incentivize firms’ green behavior?”
XXI Encuentro de Economía Aplicada
Alcalá de Henares (Spain)

• García-Quevedo, J.; Martínez-Ros, E.; Tchorzewska, K.
“Taxation, tax incentives or public financing. How to successfully incentivize firms’ green behavior?”
45th Annual Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE)
Athens (Greece)

• García-Quevedo, J.; Martínez-Ros, E.; Tchorzewska, K.
“Taxation, tax incentives or public financing. How to successfully incentivize firms’ green behavior?”
Workshop on Energy Economics and Public Policies Evaluation
Sevilla (Spain)

• García-Quevedo, J.; Massa-Camps, X.
“Why firms invest (or not) in energy efficiency? A review of the econometric literature”
13th Conference of the Spanish Association for Energy Economics (AEEE)
Zaragoza (Spain)

• García-Quevedo, J.; Massa-Camps, X.
“Why firms invest (or not) in energy efficiency? A review of the econometric literature”
41st IAEE International Conference
Groningen (The Netherlands)

• Garcia-López, M.A.; Jofre-Monseny, J.; Martínez-Mazza, R.; Segú, M.
“Do short-term rental platforms affect housing markets? Evidence from Airbnb in Barcelona”
13th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association
New York (USA)

• Garcia-López, M.A.; Jofre-Monseny, J.; Martínez-Mazza, R.; Segú, M.
“Do short-term rental platforms affect housing markets? Evidence from Airbnb in Barcelona”
8th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association
Düsseldorf (Germany)

• Garcia-López, M.A.; Moreno-Monroy, A.I.; Veneri, P.
“Segregation and inclusive growth in cities”
Second Workshop of the CoP ‘The Space of Social Disadvantages’
Brussels (Belgium)

• Garcia-López, M.A.; Pasidis, I.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“Amphitheatres, cathedrals and operas: the role of historic amenities on suburbanization”
8th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association
Düsseldorf (Germany)

• Garcia-López, M.A.; Pasidis, I.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“Amphitheaters, cathedrals and operas: the role of historic amenities on suburbanization”
13th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association
New York (USA)

• Gómez-Fernández, N.; Mediavilla, M.
“Do information and communication technologies (ICT) improve educational outcomes? Evidence for Spain in PISA 2015”
XXVII Jornadas de la Asociación de Economía de la Educación
Barcelona (Spain)
• Gómez-Fernández, N.; Mediavilla, M.
“Do information and communication technologies (ICT) improve educational outcomes? Evidence for Spain in PISA 2015”
HKERA International Conference 2018
Hong Kong (China)

• González-Val, R.; Pueyo, F.
“Natural resources, economic growth and geography”
6th World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists
Gothenburg (Sweden)

• González-Val, R.; Marcén, M.
“The spatial distribution of firms in Aragon (Spain)”
58th Congress of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA)
Cork (Ireland)

• González-Val, R.; Marcén, M.
“House prices and divorce in Spain”
86th International Atlantic Economic Conference
New York (USA)

• Guio, J.; Choi, Á.; Escardíbul, J.O.
“The effects of overeducation and overskilling on the Gender Wage Gap: a cross-country analysis”
XXI Encuentro de Economía Aplicada
Alcalá de Henares (Spain)

• Guio, J.; Choi, Á.; Escardíbul, J.O.
“The effects of overeducation and overskilling on the Gender Wage Gap: a cross-country analysis”
XXVII Jornadas de Economía de la Educación
Barcelona (Spain)

• Jofre-Monseny, J.; González-Pampillón, N.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“Can Urban Renewal Policies Reverse Neighborhood Ethnic Dynamics?”
Winter Workshop on Gentrification Kraks Fond
Copenhagen (Denmark)

• Magontier, P.; Solé-Ollé, A.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“The political economy of coastal destruction”
8th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association
Düsseldorf (Germany)

• Magontier, P.; Solé-Ollé, A.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“The political economy of coastal destruction”
13th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association
New York (USA)

• Mas-Montserrat, M.
“What happens when dying gets cheaper? Behavioural responses to inheritance taxation”
111th Annual Conference on Taxation, National Tax Association
New Orleans (USA)

• Mas-Montserrat, M.
“What happens when dying gets cheaper? Behavioural responses to inheritance taxation”
43rd Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía-Spanish Economic Association (SAEe)
Madrid (Spain)
• Mas-Montserrat, M. “What happens when dying gets cheaper? Behavioural responses to inheritance taxation” Fifth Annual MaTax Conference Mannheim (Germany)

• Matas, A.; Raymond, J.L.; Ruiz, A. “Economic and distributional effects of alternative fare schemes for public transport” 58th ERSA Congress Cork (Ireland)

• Mediavilla, M.; Mancebón, M.J.; Gómez-Sancho, J.M.; Pires Jiménez, L. “Factores determinantes en la elección de escuela pública bilingüe en la Comunidad de Madrid. Una primera aproximación a partir de PISA 2015” XXVII Jornadas de la Asociación de Economía de la Educación Barcelona (Spain)

• Montalvo, J.; Piolatto, A.; Raya, J. “Tax evasion in the housing market” 6th Annual Corporate Finance Conference Exeter (United Kingdom)

• Monras, J.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.; Elias, F. “Understanding the effects of legalizing undocumented immigrants” IZA World Labor Conference Berlin (Germany)

• Monras, J.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.; Elias, F. “Understanding the effects of legalizing undocumented immigrants” AIEL-INPS workshop “Immigration: Challenges and Opportunities for European Policy and Politics” Rome (Italy)

• Monras, J.; Vázquez-Grenno, J.; Elias, F. “Understanding the effects of legalizing undocumented immigrants” 23rd Society of Labor Economists Meetings Toronto (Canada)

• Montolio, D.; Tibau, X. “The impact on urban crime of regulating cannabis social clubs: evidence from a natural experiment” 42nd Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía-Spanish Economic Association (SAEe) Barcelona (Spain)


• Mora, T.; Escardíbul, J.O. “Computers and students’ achievement. An analysis of the One Laptop per Child program in Catalonia” XXV Encuentro de Economía Pública Valencia (Spain)
• Piolatto, A.
“Competition and welfare consequences of information websites”
10th Conference on Digital Economics
Paris (France)

• Puigmulé-Solà, M.
“Government fragmentation and fiscal consolidation under fiscal rules”
43rd Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía-Spanish Economic Association (SAEe)
Madrid (Spain)

• Ramos, R.; Sanromá, E.; Simón, H.
“Diferencias salariales según régimen de negociación colectiva en España (2002-2014). Un análisis con datos emparejados empresa-trabajador”
XXI Encuentro de Economía Aplicada
Alcalá de Henares (Spain)

• Solé-Ollé, A.; Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“Housing Booms and Local Expenditures”
American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association Conference
Guangzhou (China)

6.2. Seminars and Conferences

• Bosch, N.
“Anàlisi crítica de les finances de la Generalitat i propostes de futur”
3r Congrés d’Economia i Empresa de Catalunya
Barcelona (Spain)

• Bosch, N.
“Lecciones para la hacienda local catalana en cooperación intermunicipal”
Jornada sobre experiencias de cooperación y asistencia entre municipios
Barcelona (Spain)

• Calero, J.
“Debate sobre la financiación universitaria en Cataluña”
I Seminario sobre Financiación Universitaria. Universidad de Barcelona
Barcelona (Spain)

• Calero, J.
“Las evaluaciones de competencias como instrumento en la evaluación de la política educativa”
III Taller de Política Económica
La Laguna (Spain)

• Calero, J.
“Educación y política educativa en democracia”
La Hacienda Pública en democracia
Madrid (Spain)

• Calero, J.
“Políticas de mejora de los resultados educativos: ¿qué dice la evidencia?”
Oportunidades y resultados educativos en España: diferencias familiares y territoriales
Valencia (Spain)
• Calero, J.; Escardíbul, J.O.
“Analyzing the Relations between Teacher Quality and Reading Competences”
5th International Conference on Teaching, Education and Learning
Lisbon (Portugal)

• Castells, A.
“Democràcia mercats en el temps de la globalització”
El Sector Públic a la Catalunya del futur; 3r Congrés d’Economia i Empresa de Catalunya. Col·legi d’Economistes de Catalunya. Barcelona (Spain)

• Castells, A.; Myro, R.; Puig, M.; Vendrell, M.
“Crecimiento económico con equilibrio exterior”
Jornada de Policy Brief, europeG. Barcelona (Spain)

• Castells, A.
“Economia i política. Unes reflexions sobre la incidencia dels factors econòmics i financers en el conflicto Catalunya-Espanya”.
“Debats UB: Catalunya i Espanya”, Universitat de Barcelona. Barcelona (Spain)

• Castells, A.
“10 anys de la Caiguda de Lehman Brothers”. Conferències d’Economia Europea (segona edició). “La resposta de les societats occidentals de la crisi”. Cercle d’economia, CIDOB and europeG, Barcelona (Spain)

• Curto-Grau, M.; Gallego, A.
“Policymaking when the educated govern: a study of close municipal elections”
SFB 884 Seminar Series, University of Mannheim
Mannheim (Germany)

• Daniele, G.; Piolatto, A.; Sas, W.
“Who sent you? Strategic voting, transfers and bailouts in a Federation”
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Barcelona (Spain)

• Daniele, G.; Piolatto, A.; Sas, W.
“Who sent you? Strategic voting, transfers and bailouts in a Federation”
Toulouse School of Economics (TSE)
Toulouse (France)

• Duran Cabré, J.M.
“El papel de la gestión ¿Es tan importante el diseño organizativo de la administración tributaria?”
Jornada funcas sobre política fiscal y diseño impositivo: elementos para el debate
Madrid (Spain)

• Duran, J.M.; Esteller, A.
“Diseño institucional, descentralización y gestión tributaria”
Seminario RIFDE Universidad de Alcalá: El sector público español: reformas pendientes
Madrid (Spain)

• García-López, M.A.; Martín-Barbero, I.; Puga, D.
“Urban growth and access to opportunities: A challenge for Latin America”
Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF). Casa de América
Madrid (Spain)
• Parellada, M.
“La reforma de la gobernanza en los sistemas universitarios europeos”
Conferencia de Consejos sociales de las universidades españolas
Maspalomas, Gran Canarias (Spain)

• Piolatto, A.
“Competition and welfare consequences of information websites”
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Barcelona (Spain)

• Piolatto, A.
“Competition and welfare consequences of information websites”
ParisTech
Paris (France)

• Pelegrín, A.
“Economic interdependence between China and Japan in a new Era of globalization”
Congreso Internacional de la Asociación Española de Estudios de Asia Oriental
Málaga (Spain)

• Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“Amphitheaters, cathedrals and operas: the role of historic amenities on suburbanization”
Department of Economics. Queens College CUNY
New York (USA)

• Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“Amphitheaters, cathedrals and operas: the role of historic amenities on suburbanization”
RSUE Seminar. Paris School of Economics.
Paris (France)

• Viladecans-Marsal, E.
“Amphitheaters, cathedrals and operas: the role of historic amenities on suburbanization”
Seminar Series in Urban, Transport, and Regional Economics. University of California Irvine
Irvine (USA)

• Vilalta, M.
“Repartiment de competències i mida òptima des governs locals a Catalunya”
3er Congrés d’Economia i Empresa de Catalunya
Barcelona (Spain)

• Vilalta, M.
“Financiación autonómica y equidad: alcance, instrumentos y exigencias”
Los desafíos de organización y financiación en el Estado Autonómico ¿Reforma o Colapso? U.I.M.P.-Santander
Santander (Spain)

• Vilalta, M.
“Regional Financing”
International Conference on Regional Science_XLIV Reunión de Estudios Regionales.
Valencia (Spain)
7. Visits
7.1. By IEB members

During 2018, the IEB members have made some visiting abroad:

• Magontier, Pierre
  Visiting at the University of Southern California (Los Angeles, USA)
  Visiting period: August 19, 2018 – December 07, 2018

Mas-Montserrat, Mariona
Visiting at the Office of Tax Policy Research, University of Michigan
Visiting period: March 2018 – April 2018

• Puigmulé Solà, Marc
  Visiting at the University of Copenhagen (UCPH) (DK)
  Visiting period: September 2018 – December 2018

• Solé-Ollé, Albert
  Visiting at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) (USA)
  Visiting period: June 2018 - September 2018

• Viladecans-Marsal, Elisabet
  Visiting at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) (USA)
  Visiting period: June 2018 – September 2018

7.2. By researchers to the IEB

In 2018, the following researchers have visited IEB:

• Juan Rosellón (CIDE & DIW Berlin)
  Dates of visit: January 22 - February 8, 2018

• Luigi Grossi (University of Verona)
  Dates of visit: February 21 – February 23, 2018

• Thushyanthan Baskaran (Siegen University)
  Dates of visit: March 5 – March 9, 2018

• Zohal Hessami (Konstanz University)
  Dates of visit: March 5 – March 9, 2018

• Joachim Schleich (Fraunhofer ISI)
  Dates of visit: March 15 – March 16, 2018

• Isabel Martinez (University of St. Gallen)
  Dates of visit: April 4 – April 13, 2018

• Christian Hilber (London School of Economics)
  Dates of visit: May 28 – June 1, 2018

• Cristian Huse (Stockholm School of Economics)
  Dates of visit: June 11 – June 15, 2018

• Monica Giuletti (Loughborough University)
  Dates of visit: June 25 – June 29, 2018

• Stuart Rosenthal (Syracuse University)
  Dates of visit: June 18 – June 22, 2018

• Jarkko Harju (VATT Institute for Economic Research)
  Dates of visit: October 8 – October 12, 2018

• Pierpaolo Parrotta (IÉSEG School Of Business)
  Dates of visit: October 17 – October 18, 2018

• Julien Labonne (University of Oxford)
  Dates of visit: November 11 – November 14, 2018

• Andreas Löschel (University of Münster)
  Dates of visit: December 17 – December 19, 2018

• Sander Ramboer (KU Leuven)
  Dates of visit: September - December, 2018
8. PhD theses
8.1. IEB PhD students

Defended thesis

- PhD Student: Cavalcanti, Francisco
  Directors: Solé-Ollé, Albert / Piolatto, Amedeo
  Title: Natural disasters, political competition, and electoral outcomes: Evidence from Brazilian droughts
  Defence date: 18-06-2018
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

- PhD Student: González Pampillón, Nicolás
  Directors: Jofre-Monseny, Jordi / Viladecans-Marsal, Elisabet
  Title: Essays on urban economics
  Defence date: 25-06-2018
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

Upcoming defenses

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

- PhD Student: Ducal Vidal, Juan
  Director: García-Quevedo, Jose
  Title: The role of innovation in growth and macroeconomic dynamics
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

- PhD Student: Magontier, Pierre
  Directors: Solé-Ollé, Albert / Viladecans-Marsal, Elisabet
  Title: Essays on the political economy of urbanization and climate change
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

- PhD Student: Martínez Mazza, Rodrigo
  Director: Jofre-Monseny, Jordi
  Title: Causes and consequences of gentrifying city centres
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

- PhD Student: Mas-Montserrat, Mariona
  Directors: Durán-Cabrér, Jose M. / Esteller-Moré, Alejandro
  Title: Essays on the economics of taxation
  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: 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: Tchorzewska, Kinga
  Directors: Garcia-Quevedo, Jose
  Title: Essays in innovation and environmental economics
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

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

8.2. Other PhD students

Defended thesis

• PhD Student: Choi, Hoon
  Directors: Ramos, Raul / Choi, Álvaro
  Title: Essays on dual labor markets in Korea
  Defence date: 03-05-2018
  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
  Defence date: 12-07-2018
  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: Davi-Arderiu, Daniel
  Directors: Costa-Campi, M.Teresa / García-Quevedo, Jose
  Title: Economics of networks in electricity systems
  University: Universitat de Barcelona

• PhD Student: Cancino Cancino, Victor
Directors: Escardíbul, J. Oriol / Llinás 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: 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
  Director: Mediavilla, Mauro
  Title: Impact evaluation of three Spanish educational policies
  University: Universitat Politècnica de València

- 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: Tassinari, Filippo
  Directors: Garcia-López, Miquel-Angel / Viladecans-Marsal, Elisabet
  Title: Essays on urban 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