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EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, Universidad de Zaragoza (Spain), 2010.
Thesis Title: “Growth, Location and Cities”.
Supervisors: Luis Fernando Lanaspá Santolaria and Fernando Pueyo Baldellou.

B.Sc. equivalent-Degree in Law (Licenciado en Derecho), Universidad de Zaragoza (Spain), 2008.

MSc equivalent (Diploma de Estudios Avanzados), Economics, Universidad de Zaragoza (Spain), 2007.

B.Sc. equivalent-Degree in Economics (Licenciado en Economía), top of class, Universidad de Zaragoza (Spain), 2005.

RESEARCH AREAS

Economic Geography, Urban and Regional Economics, Demography.

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

González-Val, R., L. Lanaspá and F. Pueyo, (2009). “Trade Policies, Concentration, Growth and Welfare”. *Economic Modelling*, 26(6): 1355-1364.

González-Val, R., and M. Sanso-Navarro, (2010). “Gibrat's Law for Countries”. *Journal of Population Economics*, 23(4): 1371-1389.

González-Val, R., (2010). “The Evolution of US City Size Distribution from a Long Term Perspective (1900-2000)”. *Journal of Regional Science*, 50(5): 952-972.

González-Val, R., (2011). “Deviations from Zipf's law for American cities: an empirical examination”. *Urban Studies*, 48(5): 1017–1035.

Clemente, J., R. González-Val, and I. Olloqui, (2011). “Zipf's and Gibrat's laws for migrations”. *The Annals of Regional Science*, 47(1): 235–248.

González-Val, R., and M. Marcén, (2012). “Unilateral divorce versus child custody and child support in the U.S.”. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 81(2): 613– 643.

González-Val, R., and M. Marcén, (2012). “Breaks in the Breaks: An Analysis of Divorce Rates in Europe”. *International Review of Law and Economics*, 32(2): 242–255.

González-Val, R., (2012). “A Nonparametric Estimation of the Local Zipf Exponent for all US Cities”. *Environment and Planning B: Planning and Design*, 39(6): 1119–1130.

González-Val, R., L. Lanaspá and F. Sanz-Gracia, (2013). “Gibrat’s law for cities, growth regressions and sample size”. *Economics Letters*, 118(2): 367–369.

González-Val, R., A. Ramos and F. Sanz-Gracia, (2013). “The accuracy of graphs to describe size distributions”. *Applied Economics Letters*, 20(17): 1580–1585.

González-Val, R., L. Lanaspá and F. Sanz-Gracia, (2014). “New Evidence on Gibrat’s Law for Cities”. *Urban Studies*, 51(1): 93–115.

Sánchez-Vidal, M., R. González-Val and E. Viladecans-Marsal, (2014). “Sequential city growth in the US: Does age matter?”. *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 44(1): 29–37.

González-Val, R., A. Ramos, F. Sanz-Gracia and M. Vera-Cabello, (2015). “Size Distributions for All Cities: Which One is Best?”. *Papers in Regional Science*, 94(1): 177–196.

González-Val, R., (2015). “Cross-sectional Growth in US Cities from 1990 to 2000”. *Journal of Geographical Systems*, 17(1): 83–106.

González-Val, R., and J. Olmo, (2015). “Growth in a Cross-Section of Cities: Location, Increasing Returns or Random Growth?”. *Spatial Economic Analysis*, 10(2): 230–261.

Martínez-Galarraga, J., D. A. Tirado-Fabregat and R. González-Val, (2015). “Market potential and regional economic growth in Spain (1860-1930).” *European Review of Economic History*, 19(4): 335–358.

González-Val, R., and L. Lanaspá. “Patterns in U.S. Urban Growth (1790-2000)”. *Regional Studies*, forthcoming.

González-Val, R. “War size distribution: Empirical regularities behind conflicts”. *Defence and Peace Economics*, forthcoming.

González-Val, R., D. A. Tirado-Fabregat and E. Viladecans-Marsal. “Market potential and city growth: Spain 1860-1960”. *Cliometrica*, forthcoming.

WORKING PAPERS

“First Nature vs. Second Nature Causes: Industry Location and Growth in the Presence of an Open-Access Renewable Resource”, with Fernando Pueyo. Working Papers 2010/39, Institut d’Economia de Barcelona (IEB).

“The Effect of the Spanish Reconquista on Iberian Cities”, with David Cuberes. Working Papers 2013002, The University of Sheffield, Department of Economics; Working Papers 2014/4, Institut d’Economia de Barcelona (IEB); Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM), Note di lavoro 2015.079.

“Trade liberalisation and global-scale forest transition”, with Fernando Pueyo. Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM), Note di lavoro 2013.070.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2007-2008: Undergraduate Teaching Assistant at Universidad de Zaragoza: Microeconomics I.

2010-2011: Undergraduate Teaching Assistant at Universitat de Barcelona: Spanish Economy; Graduate Teaching Assistant at Universitat de Barcelona: Economics and the Geography of Innovation.

2011-2012: Undergraduate Teaching Assistant at Universitat de Barcelona: Spanish Economy.

2012-2013: Undergraduate Teaching Assistant at Universidad de Zaragoza: Microeconomics II.

2013-2014: Undergraduate Teaching Assistant at Universidad de Zaragoza: Principles of Economics, Microeconomics I, Microeconomics II.

2014-2015: Undergraduate Teaching Assistant at Universidad de Zaragoza: Principles of Economics, Microeconomics I, Microeconomics II.

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

Research assistant in “Economic Geography and services: new theoretical and empirical implications (*Geografía económica y sector servicios: nuevas implicaciones teóricas y empíricas*)” (MCYT Project, BEC2003-02271), 28/01/2005 to 31/10/2005. Lead researcher: Fernando Sanz Gracia.

“Dynamic spatial-temporal analysis of economic reality (*Análisis dinámico espacio-temporal de la realidad económica, ADETRE*)”, 01/01/2006 to 31/12/2010, 01/01/2013 to 31/12/2013 and 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2016, awarded by Gobierno de Aragón. Lead researcher: Marcos Sanso Frago.

“Research Group in Fiscal Federalism and Regional Economics (*Grup de Recerca Consolidat en Federalisme Fiscal i Economia Regional*)”, 01/01/2010 to 31/12/2013, awarded by Generalitat de Catalunya. Lead researcher: Albert Solé Ollé.

“The size distribution of cities: empirical regularities and theoretical explicative models (*La distribución del tamaño de las ciudades: regularidades empíricas y modelos teóricos explicativos*)” (SEJ2006-04893/ECON), 01/10/2006 to 30/09/2009, awarded by Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia. Lead researcher: Fernando Sanz Gracia.

“Theoretical and empirical aspects associated with the phenomenon of urban sprawl (*Aspectos teóricos y empíricos asociados al fenómeno de urban sprawl*)” (ECO2009-09332), 01/01/2010 to 31/12/2012, awarded by Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia. Lead researcher: Fernando Sanz Gracia.

“Thriving Cities: Economies of agglomeration, innovation and public policies (*Ciudades prósperas: Economías de aglomeración, innovación y políticas públicas*)” (ECO2010-16934), 01/01/2011 to 31/12/2013, awarded by Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia. Lead researcher: Elisabet Viladecans.

“Global Challenges, Local Answers: The role of cities as engines of economic prosperity (*Retos globales, respuestas locales: El papel de las ciudades como motor de prosperidad económica*)” (ECO2013-41310-R), 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2016, awarded by Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad. Lead researcher: Elisabet Viladecans.

“A comparison between the urban structures of Europe and the USA: Empirical analysis with microdata and theoretical implications (*Una comparación de las estructuras urbanas de Europa y de USA: Análisis empírico con microdatos e implicaciones teóricas*)” (ECO2013-45969-P),

01/01/2014 to 31/12/2017, awarded by Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad. Lead researcher: Fernando Sanz Gracia.

“The effect of business cycle on marriage and divorce rates in Spain (*El efecto del ciclo económico en las tasas de matrimonio y divorcio en España*)”, 01/12/2014 to 30/11/2015, awarded by Fundación BBVA, I Convocatoria de Ayudas Fundación BBVA a Investigadores, Innovadores y Creadores Culturales. Lead researcher: Rafael González Val.

VISITING RESEARCH

Visiting Predoctoral Fellowship at the London School of Economics and Political Science (Department of Geography and Environment), UK, awarded by the Spanish Ministerio de Educación y Ciencia (since July 2008 to March 2009; 9 months). Supervisor: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose.

Visiting Fellowship at the ISEG - Universidade de Lisboa (Department of Economics), Portugal, awarded by Santander Universidades (Becas Iberoamérica Jóvenes Profesores e Investigadores, call 2015) (since July 2015 to September 2015; 2 months). Supervisor: Maria Paula Fontoura.

PRESENTATIONS IN WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

2006: IV Workshop in Economic Geography (Castellón, Spain).

2007: VII Jornadas de la Asociación Española de Economía Laboral (Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain); XXXII Symposium of Economic Analysis (Granada, Spain).

2008: XI Encuentro de Economía Aplicada (Salamanca, Spain); XXII Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (London, UK); 48th Congress of the European Regional Science Association (Liverpool, UK); 55th North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International (New York, USA); XXXIV Reunión de Estudios Regionales (Jaén, Spain); XXXIII Symposium of Economic Analysis (Zaragoza, Spain).

2009: XVI Symposium on Public Economics (Granada, Spain); 67th International Atlantic Economic Conference (Rome, Italy); XII Encuentro de Economía Aplicada (Madrid, Spain); VIII Jornadas de la Asociación Española de Economía Laboral (Zaragoza, Spain); 24th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (Barcelona, Spain); 56th Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, (San Francisco, USA); XXXV Reunión de Estudios Regionales (Valencia, Spain); XXXIV Symposium of Economic Analysis (Valencia, Spain).

2010: 14th International Conference on Macroeconomic Analysis and International Finance (Crete, Greece); 9th Annual Conference of the European Economics and Finance Society (Athens, Greece); XIII Encuentro de Economía Aplicada (Seville, Spain); Fourth World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists (Montreal, Canada); I Workshop on Urban Economics (Barcelona, Spain); 50th Congress of the European Regional Science Association (Jönköping, Sweden); 25th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (Glasgow, Scotland); 57th Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International (Denver, USA); XXXV Symposium of Economic Analysis (Madrid, Spain).

2011: 15th International Conference on Macroeconomic Analysis and International Finance (Crete, Greece); 26th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association and 65th European Meeting

of the Econometric Society (Oslo, Norway); 51th Congress of the European Regional Science Association (Barcelona, Spain); 23rd Annual European Association of Labour Economists Conference (Pafos, Cyprus); 58th Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International (Miami, USA); XXXVI Symposium of Economic Analysis (Malaga, Spain).

2012: 51st Annual Meeting of the Western Regional Science Association (Kauai, USA); 19th Annual Conference of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (Praga, Czech Republic); 66th European Meeting of the Econometric Society (Málaga, Spain); 59th Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International (Ottawa, Canada); XXXVII Symposium of Economic Analysis (Vigo, Spain).

2013: Sixth Iberian Economic History Conference (Zaragoza, Spain); XVI Encuentro de Economía Aplicada (Granada, Spain); XXVII Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (Aarhus, Denmark); Seventh World Congress of Cliometrics (Honolulu, USA); 53rd Congress of the European Regional Science Association (Palermo, Italy); 60th Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International (Atlanta, USA); XXXVIII Symposium of Economic Analysis (Santander, Spain).

2014: Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society (Manchester, UK); XVII Encuentro de Economía Aplicada (Gran Canaria, Spain); Annual Conference of the International Association for Applied Econometrics (London, UK); Fifth World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists (Istanbul, Turkey); 54th Congress of the European Regional Science Association (St. Petersburg, Russia); 61st Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International (Washington, USA); XL Reunión de Estudios Regionales (Zaragoza, Spain); XXXIX Symposium of Economic Analysis (Palma de Mallorca, Spain).

2015: Seventh Iberian Economic History Conference (Porto, Portugal); XVIII Encuentro de Economía Aplicada (Alicante, Spain); 15th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference (Coventry, UK); Annual Conference of the International Association for Applied Econometrics (Thessaloniki, Greece); XI Jornadas de la Asociación Española de Economía Laboral (Barcelona, Spain); 55th Congress of the European Regional Science Association (Lisbon, Portugal).

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