

## María Cecilia Ramírez Michelena

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<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>Universitat de Barcelona, ES</b> 2021 - 2024 (expected) Ph.D. in Economics Supervisors: Prof. Lúdia Farré, Prof. Andreu Arenas
	<b>University of Washington, US</b> 2021 M.A. in Economics
	<b>University of Washington, US</b> 2021 M.Ed. in Educational Foundations, Leadership and Policy Studies Specialization in <i>Organizational and Policy Studies</i>
	<b>Universidad de Montevideo, UY</b> 2020 M.A. in Economics
	<b>Universidad de Montevideo, UY</b> 2015 B.A. in Economics
	<b>Universidad de Montevideo, UY</b> 2015 B.A. in Business Administration
<b>RESEARCH EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>Education Policy Analytics Lab, University of Washington, US</b> 2018 - 2019 <b>Research Assistant</b> Use of statistical techniques to assess policies and practices that promote academic excellence and equity in student outcomes by cultivating effective teachers. Identification of critical issues on teacher recruitment, absenteeism, and retention to boost low SES students' results. Work in partnership with Seattle Public Schools (the largest K-12 school system in the state of Washington, US) to assess Washington State's educational policies at vulnerable contexts. Key features of research: K-12 Education.
	<b>Center for Research in Applied Economics, Universidad de Montevideo, UY</b> 2015 - 2018 <b>Research Assistant</b> Field leader at intervention researches on vulnerable settings. Formation and coordination of research teams. Use of econometric techniques and qualitative methods (creation and administration of surveys and conduction of controlled observations). Review of scientific literature. Elaboration of academic reports and articles. Dissemination of research findings to diverse audiences. Studies on the evaluation of mechanisms for legalizing informal workers; impact evaluation on the effect of technology in the cognitive deterioration of hospitalized adults of advanced age; incentives to study under a joint-liability framework; positive parentality and development on early childhood; interventions using after-school programs for preventing school-age youth violence. Key features of research: Health/Labor/Poverty.
	<b>CERES - Center for the Study of Economic and Social Affairs, UY</b> 2011 <b>Research Assistant (Internship)</b> Construction of databases and elaboration of descriptive statistics. Studies on the effect of frustration and euphoria on violent crime. Key features of research: Crime Economics.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE** **S&PS, University of Washington, US** Fall 2020 - Spring 2021  
Predoctoral Instructor (SPAN 103/203 (undergraduate)).

**Department of Economics, Universidad de Montevideo, UY** Fall 2014 - Spring 2015  
Teaching Assistant (Mathematical Economics I (undergraduate), Macroeconomics I (undergraduate), Calculus (undergraduate)).

**PUBLISHED & FORTHCOMING PAPERS**

1. Cid, A., Sotelo, R., Leguisamo, M., & Ramírez-Michelena, M. 2020. “Tablets for deeply disadvantaged older adults: Challenges in long-term care facilities”. *International Journal of Human-Computer Studies*, 102504.
2. Cid, A., Cabrera, J.M., Bernatzky, M., Blanco, M. & Ramírez-Michelena, M. “Strategies to increase the take-up of social benefits. Evidence from a field experiment in a deeply vulnerable population”. Working paper (available here).

**SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS** *Ayudas Fundación Ramón Areces para Tesis Doctorales en Ciencias Sociales* 2023 - 2024  
Fundación Ramón Areces, ES

*University of Washington Graduate School Fellowship* 2018 - 2020  
University of Washington, US

*Fulbright Scholarship for Graduate Studies* 2018 - 2020  
The Fulbright Commission & The National Agency for Research and Innovation (ANII), UY

*Research Scholarship in Economics* 2016 - 2018  
Applied Economics Research Center, Universidad de Montevideo, UY

**SELECTED SEMINARS**

Workshop on Public Policies: Education and Health in Resilient Times. IEB, ES. (2022). The Joint Seminars in Development Economics (JSDE). University of Washington, US (2019, 2020). Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences Seminars (CSSS). University of Washington, US (2019, 2020). Innovations in Civic Engagement: Harnessing Data for the Public Good. Fulbright Enrichment Seminar, US (2019). RIDGE Summer School in Economics in Human Capital with Prof. M. Urquiola. RIDGE, UY (2016). The Economics of Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement Methodological Challenges and Policy Lessons with Prof. J.Shimshack. Universidad de Montevideo, UY (2016). RIDGE Summer School in Economics in Macroeconomics with Prof. J. Stiglitz and Prof. D. Rodrik. RIDGE, UY (2015). Video-feedback Interventions to Promote Care and Sensitive Discipline Seminar. UCUDAL, UY (2015).

**SKILLS**

**Languages**  
Spanish (Native) - English (Proficient)

**Computer Skills**  
Statistical Packages: Stata - R - Matlab - E-Views. Others: LaTeX - Office