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**Research interests:** Public Economics, Inequality, Taxation

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## EDUCATION

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- **University of Barcelona (Spain)** 2024-Present  
*PhD in Economics*
- **Lund University (Sweden)** 2021-2022  
*Second Year of Joint MSc in Economic Development and Growth (MEDEG)* Average grade: A
- **University Carlos III of Madrid (Spain)** 2020-2021  
*First Year of Joint MSc in Economic Development and Growth (MEDEG)* Average grade: 8.84/10
- **University of Oviedo** 2015-2019  
*Bachelor's degree in Economics*

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

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- **Master's Thesis Prize** 2021  
*University Carlos III of Madrid*
  - Master's Thesis published in the Research Excellence Student Paper Series (grade: 9.5/10).  
It can be accessed at: <https://lusem.lu.se/study/masters/programmes/medeg/student-paper-series>

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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- **Bank of Spain** 2023-Present  
*Research Assistant* Madrid, Spain
  - Research assistant at the Public Sector and Fiscal Policy Unit at the DG Economics, Statistics and Research of the Bank of Spain.
- **EU Tax Observatory** 2022-2023  
*Research Assistant* Paris, France
  - Research assistant at the EU Tax Observatory, a research laboratory hosted at the Paris School of Economics, directed by prof. Gabriel Zucman, that conducts innovative research on taxation.
- **Lund University School of Economics and Management** 2021-2022  
*Research Assistant* Lund, Sweden
  - Research Assistant to professors Sara Torregrosa Hetland and Oriol Sabaté Domingo in their current research project "Taxing for the welfare state: public finances and progressivity in the rise of social spending (1910-1970)".

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

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- **DuPont Inc.** 2019-2020  
*Tax Analyst* Asturias, Spain

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Languages:** Spanish (Native), English (C1), French (B2)

**Software Skills:** Stata, R, Eviews, ArcGIS, QGIS, LaTeX, Microsoft Office

## REFERENCES

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- **Dirk Foremny:** Associate Professor at University of Barcelona and PhD Thesis Supervisor. E-mail: [foremny@ub.edu](mailto:foremny@ub.edu)
- **Gabriel Zucman:** Professor at the Paris School of Economics and UC Berkeley, and Director of the EU Tax Observatory. E-mail: [gabriel.zucman@psemail.eu](mailto:gabriel.zucman@psemail.eu)
- **Mario Alloza:** Head of the Public Sector and Fiscal policy unit at the Bank of Spain. E-mail: [m.alloza@bde.es](mailto:m.alloza@bde.es)
- **Sara Torregrosa Hetland:** Ramón y Cajal fellow and Professor at University of Navarre. E-mail: [sara.torregrosa@unavarra.es](mailto:sara.torregrosa@unavarra.es)

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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- **2022-23** Assistance in the organization of EU Tax Observatory Seminar at PSE (twice a month)
- **2023** Organization of the Workshop in the Economics of Taxation at the University of Barcelona. Organized jointly by the EU Tax Observatory and the University of Barcelona.