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La Paz, Bolivia

EDUCATION

Ghent University (UGent)

Doctor of Bioscience Engineering: Socioeconomics

Ghent, Belgium

2026 – Present

Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar (UASB)

Master in Climate Change, Sustainability, and Development

Quito, Ecuador

2024 – 2026

Université catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain)

Doctoral Studies in Political and Social Sciences

Coursework: Completed advanced postgraduate Seminars on Informal, Popular, and Solidarity Economies, and Ethical and Emotional Challenges of Field Research.

Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

2022 – 2024

Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)

Master of Management Science, MSc (now known as the MSc in International Business)

Fields of study: Economics and Business Economics (Graduated with Distinction)

Brussels, Belgium

2014 – 2016

Universidad Católica Boliviana “San Pablo” (UCB)

Licenciatura in Economics (Graduated with Distinction)

Graduation: Thesis defended in 2013 (Degree officially issued in 2014)

La Paz, Bolivia

2007 – 2010

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMAS

Universidad Católica Boliviana “San Pablo” (UCB)

Postgraduate training in Teacher Training for Higher Education (20 ECTS)

La Paz, Bolivia

2017

Universidad Católica Boliviana “San Pablo” (UCB)

Postgraduate training in Social Policy Evaluation (20 ECTS)

La Paz, Bolivia

2014

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

VLIR-UOS & Ghent University

Doctoral Research Grant (TEAM Project), full PhD scholarship funding

Ghent, Belgium

2026 – 2030

Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar (UASB)

Full Tuition Scholarship and funding awarded for research thesis

Quito, Ecuador

2024 – 2026

Université catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain)

Bourse de doctorat Partenariat Sud, selected from among 44 candidates from the Global South

Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

2022 – 2024

Universidad Católica Boliviana “San Pablo” (UCB)

Award for Teaching Excellence

La Paz, Bolivia

Semester I/II – 2021

Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)

Full Scholarship

Brussels, Belgium

2014 – 2016

Partnership for Economic Policy

2014 Best Practice Award 2nd prize

Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

2014

Universidad Católica Boliviana “San Pablo” (UCB)

Full Scholarship

La Paz, Bolivia

2007 – 2012

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

Instituto de Investigaciones Socio-Económicas (IISEC) – UCB

Associated Researcher

Full time Researcher

Aug/2019 – Present

Apr/2020 – Dec/2021

Selected research experience in the last years:

- **Quantitative Coordinator (World Bank & IISEC-UCB):** Currently leading the quantitative component of the study ‘Understanding social norms to prevent GBV among adolescents in the Chiquitania region’, aimed at constructing a baseline database. Key responsibilities include questionnaire design, and primary and secondary data analysis.

- **Quantitative Researcher (ILO-funded project):** Conducted a diagnostic of municipal and community care services to inform a new municipal care policy. The study required a mixed-methods approach, including survey implementation, interviews with policymakers, and administrative data systematization.
- **Research Coordinator (IISEC-UCB & CIPCA):** Led the study estimating the contribution of indigenous-peasant family farming to food security in Bolivia. Successfully integrated and processed multiple large-scale databases to model the supply and demand of fresh agricultural products in the basic food basket.
- **Research Leadership & Capacity Building as Full-time Researcher:** Directed socioeconomic research agendas, overseeing planning, organization, and execution. Mentored teams of junior researchers and recent graduates. Additionally, contributed the institutional strengthening of the *Observatorio Socio-Ambiental* (an IISEC initiative since 2017).

Department of Economics, Universidad Católica Boliviana “San Pablo”

Part-time Lecturer

Aug/2018 – Present

- **Teaching:** Lead Professor for Environmental and Energy Economics (2019–Present). Consistently teaching this specialized course for 8 years, focusing on environmental sustainability and policy. Previous teaching experience includes Research Workshop, Welfare Theory, Quantitative Methods, Impact Evaluation, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and Econometrics II (2018–2021).
- **Academic & Institutional Support:** Led the Curricular Evaluation for the Economics and Business Intelligence Undergraduate Program, and conducted the labor market context analysis to support its curricular redesign. Contributed to the self-evaluation of the Economics Degree Program for its international accreditation to Mercosur through the ARCU-SUR System (2019–2022).
- **Editorial Activities:** Member of the Internal Editorial Committee for the Latin American Journal of Economic Development (LAJED).

Fundación ARU

Senior Associated Researcher

Oct/2016 – Present

Junior Researcher

Oct/2012 – Aug/2014

Research Assistant

Aug/2011 – Sep/2012

Selected research experience in the last years:

- **Agrarian Studies & Territorial Dynamics (Commissioned by INRA):** Led the Agrarian Statistics Study on the Land Sanitation and Titling Process in Bolivia 1953–2024.
- **Gender and Vulnerability (Commissioned by Swisscontact and UNFPA):** Directed the quantitative analysis for the ‘Inclusive Markets’ final evaluation (Swisscontact), calculating the Women’s Empowerment Index and the Multidimensional Poverty Index. Conducted econometric analysis to estimate the economic cost of Gender-Based Violence (UNFPA).
- **Climate Resilience & Sustainable Development (Commissioned by UNOSSC and Swisscontact):** Co-authored the Bolivian case study for ‘South-South Cooperation’ (UNOSSC), evaluating climate resilience and poverty reduction strategies. Directed the Labor Market and Green Skills study (Swisscontact), assessing the transition toward environmentally sustainable employment.
- **Policy Indicators & Geospatial Analysis (Commissioned by the United Nations and SDSN Bolivia):** Developed and defined key performance indicators for Strategic Priority 2 of the UNSDCF 2023–2027 (United Nations), bridging empirical data with policy alignment. Coordinated a cross-sectional study using spatial data from the Municipal SDG Atlas to generate actionable sustainable development proposals (SDSN Bolivia).

CIESMORI (Socioeconomic Studies Area)

Quantitative Project Manager

Jun/2017 – Jun/2019

- **End-to-End Primary Evidence Generation:** Directed the complete lifecycle of quantitative data collection, including sampling and thematic design, instrument piloting, fieldwork supervision, microdata processing, and final statistical reporting.
- **Baseline Surveys & Impact Evaluation (Commissioned by IDB and IFAD):** Coordinated the baseline quantitative survey for the ‘Climate Resilient Bolivia’ project (Inter-American Development Bank) and the impact evaluation survey for ‘Project Plan Vida’ (International Fund for Agricultural Development). Demonstrated expertise in setting up robust empirical foundations for rural and climate-focused development projects.
- **Gender & Social Vulnerability (Commissioned by University of Groningen and Ministry of Energy):** Coordinated the ‘Women’s empowerment study in communities of the Chiquitania Region’ and the national quantitative survey of populations without basic electricity coverage, applying complex methodologies to measure vulnerability and social gaps.

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

- **Tito-Velarde, C. (2025a).** Marco histórico y socioeconómico de la tierra en Bolivia [Historical and Socioeconomic Land Framework in Bolivia]. In Fundación ARU (Ed.), *La Reforma Agraria en Cifras: El camino recorrido* (pp. 3–40). Instituto Nacional de Reforma Agraria (INRA). (**Internally peer-reviewed**). [Link to download](#).
- **Tito-Velarde, C. (2025b).** Aproximación metodológica [Methodological Approach]. In Fundación ARU (Ed.), *La Reforma Agraria en Cifras: El camino recorrido* (pp. 41–54). Instituto Nacional de Reforma Agraria (INRA). (**Internally peer-reviewed**). [Link to download](#).
- **Tito-Velarde, C. (2025c).** Estado del proceso de saneamiento y titulación 1953–2024 [Status of the Land Regularization and Titling Process 1953–2024]. In Fundación ARU (Ed.), *La Reforma Agraria en Cifras: El camino recorrido* (pp. 55–74). Instituto Nacional de Reforma Agraria (INRA). (**Internally peer-reviewed**). [Link to download](#).
- **Tito-Velarde, C. (2021).** “Un estudio exploratorio del rol de las mujeres en la agricultura familiar en Bolivia” [An Exploratory

Study on the Role of Women in Family Farming in Bolivia]. *Latin American Journal of Economic Development (LAJED)*, 79-120. <https://doi.org/10.35319/lajed.20210461> (Double-blind peer-reviewed).

- Suárez, O., **Tito-Velarde, C.**, López, J. & Zambrano, P. (2021). “South-South Cooperation, an opportunity to fight against climate change and reduce inequalities”. *United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)*. (Double-blind peer-reviewed). [Link to download](#).
- **Tito-Velarde, C.** & Wanderley, F. (2021). *Contribución de la Agricultura Familiar Campesina Indígena a la producción y consumo de alimentos en Bolivia* [Contribution of Indigenous-Peasant Family Farming to Food Production and Consumption in Bolivia]. Cuaderno de investigación 91. CIPCA-UCB. (Subject to internal and external peer review). [Link to download](#).
- **Tito-Velarde, C.**, Echenique, N. A. & Valdez B., F. C. (2020). “Estudios Transversales: Turismo como motor de desarrollo sostenible” [Cross-cutting Studies: Tourism as an Engine for Sustainable Development]. *Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN Bolivia)*. (Subject to internal and external peer review).
- Wanderley, F., Losantos, M., **Tito-Velarde, C.** & Arias, A. (2020). “Los impactos sociales y psicológicos del COVID-19 en Bolivia” [The Social and Psychological Impacts of COVID-19 in Bolivia]. *Reflexiones sobre la pandemia en Bolivia Serie, IISEC/IICC-UCB*. N.3. La Paz. (Subject to internal and external peer review). [Link to download](#).

POSTGRADUATE THESES

- **Tito-Velarde, C.** (2026) *Lógicas de producción y reproducción social de la agricultura familiar polimorfa en el Altiplano boliviano* [Logics of production and social reproduction of polymorphic family farming in the Bolivian Altiplano]. Quito, 114 p. Tesis (Maestría en Cambio Climático, Sustentabilidad y Desarrollo). Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Sede Ecuador. Área de Ambiente y Sustentabilidad. <https://hdl.handle.net/10644/11107>. (Subject to internal and external peer review)
- **Tito-Velarde, C.** (2016) *What drives economic growth? A comparison between Bolivia and Chile*. Vrije Universiteit Brussel. (Subject to internal and external peer review)

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- **2025** Poster Presentation: “Logics of production and social reproduction of polymorphic family farming in the Bolivian Altiplano”. Workshop on Knowledge, Territories and Agrobiodiversity (Supported by VUB & VLIR-UOS). Cochabamba, Bolivia.
- **2021** Speaker: “Contribution of indigenous-peasant family farming to food production and consumption in Bolivia”. International Symposium on Future Challenges for Agricultural Research (INIAF). La Paz, Bolivia.
- **2020** Speaker: “Contribution of indigenous-peasant family farming”. Development Economics Conference 2020 (SEBOL, UPB & SDSN Bolivia). La Paz, Bolivia.

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native; **English:** Advanced; **Portuguese:** Intermediate (Celpe-Bras); **French:** Basic (A2)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Quantitative Methods & Impact Evaluation: Sampling, baseline surveys, microdata processing, digital data collection (KoboToolbox/ XLSForm). *Training: Public Policy Impact Evaluation (GRADE, 2014); Causal Inference (GESIS Leibniz Institute, 2016)*.

Econometrics & Modeling: STATA, R. *Training: Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium Modeling (EcoMod Europe, 2016); Mathematical Tools for Social Scientists (GESIS, 2016)*.

Geospatial Analysis: QGIS. *Training: Vegetation Analysis with Multispectral Drones (UCB, 2022)*.

Qualitative & Participatory Methods: Nvivo. *Training: Participatory Methodologies for Territories (RIMISP, 2024)*.

Data Visualization: Power BI.

Word Processor: L^AT_EX.

REFERENCES

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