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EMPLOYMENT

- Since Jan. 2018: Vice President, Universidad Privada de Santa Cruz - UPSA (Santa Cruz, Bolivia).
- Sep. 2014-Dec. 2017: Researcher, Navarra Center for International Development, Institute for Culture and Society, Universidad de Navarra (Pamplona, Spain).
- Mar-Aug 2014: Chief Economist, Chamber of Industry and Commerce (Santa Cruz, Bolivia).
- Feb-Jul 2013: Visiting Policy Analyst for Latin America, The Heritage Foundation (Washington D.C., United States).
- Jan 2010-Feb 2014: Research Economist, Chamber of Industry and Commerce (Santa Cruz, Bolivia).
- Jan-Dec 2007: Research Assistant, National Government Agency of Social and Economic Policy Analysis (La Paz, Bolivia).
- Jul-Dec 2006: Research Assistant, CAF-Development Bank of Latin America (Caracas, Venezuela).

EDUCATION

- **PhD in Economics:** UNIVERSIDAD DE NAVARRA, SPAIN, 2018.
- **M.Sc. in Economics:** UNIVERSIDAD DE CHILE, CHILE, 2010.
- **B.Sc. in Economic with honors:** UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA BOLIVIANA, BOLIVIA, 2006.

RESEARCH

Published papers

- “*Equilibrio Competitivo con Short-Sales Hipotecarios*”. Revista Latinoamericana de Desarrollo Económico No. 28.

Book chapters:

- “Antidote to Poverty: Economic Freedom, Not Government Dependency”, in the book: 2014 Index of Economic Freedom: Promoting Economic Opportunity and Prosperity”. Terry Miller, Anthony Kim and Kim R. Holmes (editors). Washington, D.C. – United States. 2014.
- “*Transferencias Monetarias Condicionadas en Bolivia: El Bono Juancito Pinto*”, in the book: *Desarrollo y Pobreza en América Latina*. A joint publication by The Atlas Economic Research Foundation and The Madrid Community. Madrid – Spain. 2013 (with R. Orihuela).
- “*Modelos Exitosos de Desarrollo: Una Revisión de las Políticas Públicas de los Países que Superaron la Pobreza*”, in the book: *Una Revisión de las Teorías, Modelos Exitosos y la Economía Social de Mercado*. Edited by The Konrad Adenauer Foundation. La Paz – Bolivia. 2011.
- “*Eliminar la Pobreza en una Economía Social de Mercado*”, in the book: *Economía Social de Mercado: Una Alternativa para Bolivia*. Edited by The Konrad Adenauer Foundation. La Paz – Bolivia. 2011.

Work in progress

- “Informal Input Suppliers” (with P. Mendi-University of Navarra).
- “Weather Shocks Effects on Households and Agricultural Outcomes in Bolivia” (with I. Kim-University of Navarra).
- “Learning from a Publicly Subsidized Agricultural Insurance: Evidence from Bolivia” (with A. Armand-University of Navarra, J. Gomes-University of Navarra, and Giulia Montresor-University of Essex).

Policy reports:

- “Latinoamérica: oportunidad perdida y futuro incierto”. Documento de opinión. Instituto Español de Estudios Estratégicos, DIEEEO94-2017.
- “Latin American New Slow-Growth Path, and Its Performance in Economic Freedom”. Report No. 3116. The Heritage Foundation. Washington, D.C. – United States. 2016 (with J. M. Roberts).
- “Foreign Investment in the United States and Three Latin American Countries”. Brief Analysis No. 785. National Center for Policy Analysis. Dallas, TX – United States. 2013.
- “U.S. Economic Engagement toward Cuba, Mexico and Venezuela”. Report No. 7. National Center for Policy Analysis. Dallas, TX – United States.
- “Economic Freedom in Venezuela”. Issue Brief No. 3911. The Heritage Foundation. Washington, D.C. – United States. 2013 (with J. M. Roberts).

AWARDS

- **September 2014. PhD Scholarship.** UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA, SPAIN.
- **January 2013. Research Fellowship.** THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, UNITED STATES.
- **February 2008. Master Scholarship.** UNIVERSITY OF CHILE, CHILE.
- **July 2006. Young Professional Program.** CAF-DEVELOPMENT BANK OF LATIN AMERICA, VENEZUELA.
- **August 2000. Exchange Student Scholarship.** ROTARY CLUB, UNITED STATES.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS (selected)

- XXXI *Jornadas de Economía Industrial*. University of the Balearic Islands. Palma de Mallorca – Spain. September 2016.
- 7th International Research Meeting in Business and Management. IPAG Business School. Nice – France, July 2016.
- NCID Brownbag Seminars. Navarra Center for International Development – University of Navarra. Pamplona – Spain. October 2013.
- Georgetown University Panel: Latin America's Economic Development Report Card. The Latin American Student Association at Georgetown University. Washington, DC – United States. February 2013.
- How Property Rights Can Resolve the Oil Curse. The Heritage Foundation. Washington, DC – United States. May 2016.
- 4th *Encuentro de Economistas de Bolivia*. Central Bank of Bolivia. Santa Cruz – Bolivia. August 2012.
- 2nd Bolivian Conference on Development Economics. Universidad Privada de Bolivia – UPB. La Paz – Bolivia. November 2010.

SHORT COURSES (selected)

- “The Challenges of a Knowledge Society”. The Friedrich Naumann Stiftung. Gummersbach, Germany. April 2014.
- “Economic System Enhancement for Developing Countries”. The National Development and Reform Commission. Beijing and Zhejiang Province – The People’s Republic of China. September 2010.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate:

University of Navarra (Spain):	Development Economics, Data Analysis with Stata.
Diego Portales University (Chile):	Macroeconomía I.
Universidad de Chile (Chile):	Econometría I.
Universidad Privada de Santa Cruz (Bolivia):	Principios de Economía.

LANGUAGE AND COMPUTER SKILLS

- **Spanish** (Native), **English** (Fluent); **Portuguese** (Intermediate).
- **Softwares**: Stata, ArcGIS, LaTeX, Matlab, E-views, Microsoft Office, and Crystal Ball.

REFERENCES

- Luis Ravina, PhD. – Director of the Navarra Center for International Development. University of Navarra. Pamplona – Spain (lravina@unav.es).
- Pedro Mendi, PhD. – Vice Dean, School of Economics. University of Navarra. Pamplona – Spain (pmendi@unav.es).

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