

Isabela Munevar Escalante

Education

- 2018 – Present Ph.D. Economics and Education, Columbia University, New York, U.S.
- 2014 – 2016 M.A. Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia
- 2010 – 2014 B.A. Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

Publications

- [Elacqua, G., Munevar, I., Sanchez, F., & Santos, H. \(2021\). The impact of decentralized decision-making on student outcomes and teacher quality: Evidence from Colombia. World Development, 141, 105378.](#)
- [Álvarez, H., Elacqua, G., Mendez, C., Munevar, I., Vásquez, D. Hablemos de política educativa en América Latina y el Caribe #8: Colegios privados en tiempos de COVID-19. \(2021\). Interamerican Development Bank.](#)
- [Bertoni, E., Elacqua, G., Mendez, C., Montalva, V., Munevar, I., Olses, A., Roman, A. \(2020\). Seleccionar y asignar docentes en América Latina y el Caribe: Un camino para la calidad y equidad en educación. Interamerican Development Bank.](#)

Work in Progress

- Elite universities and top position in the public sector: Evidence from Chile (with Julio Rodriguez)
- Are Catholic Schools the real deal? What about gender differentials?
- Child Care and Academic Performance in the Long Term: Evidence for Colombia. (With Raquel Bernal and Fabio Sanchez)

Research and policy experience

- Aug 2021- Present Research assistant for Professor Peter Bergman at The Learning Collider. Teachers College, Columbia University.
- Aug 2020 – May 2021 Research assistant for Professor Judith Scott-Clayton at the Policy Lab: Socioeconomic Mobility at the College-to-Work Transition. Teachers College, Columbia University.
- Sep 2018 – May 2019 Research assistant for Professor Judith Scott-Clayton, Teachers College, Columbia University.
- Dec 2016 – Aug 2018 Research and project assistant at the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB), Education Division, Bogota, Colombia (until Oct 2017) and Washington D.C. (since Oct 2017)
- Oct 2015 – Nov 2016 Research and project assistant at the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB), Education and Social Protection Division, Bogotá, Colombia.
- Jan 2015 - Sept 2015 Research Assistant of Professor Fabio Sánchez, Center for Economic Development Studies (CEDE), Los Andes University, Bogotá, Colombia.
- May 2014 - Dec 2014 Junior Consultan, Econometría Consultores, Bogotá, Colombia.

Aug 2013 - Research Assistant of Professor Juan Carlos Mendieta, Center for Economic Development Studies
Apr 2014 (CEDE), Los Andes University, Bogotá, Colombia.

Teaching Experience

Aug 2014 – Dec 2015 Teacher Assistant of Professor David Bardey, Introduction to Microeconomics Undergraduate level), Los Andes University, Bogotá, Colombia.
Jan 2015 – June 2017 Teacher Assistant of the Professor Guillermo Perry, Introduction to Colombian Economy (Undergraduate level), Los Andes University, Bogotá, Colombia.
Aug 2019 – Dec 2019 Teacher Assistant of the Professor Judith Scott-Clayton, Economics and Education (Master's level), Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, United States.

Seminars

- VI Congress of Colombian Economics at Los Andes University, September 2016.
"Child Care and Academic Performance in the Long Term: Evidence for Colombia"
- XXVI Meeting of the Economics of Education at University of Murcia, Spain, July 2017.
"Child Care and Academic Performance in the Long Term: Evidence for Colombia"

Honors and Grants

- International Peace Scholarship winner for two consecutive years (2019-2021). 10k per academic year.
- Awarded a 100% forgivable loan of COP \$400,000,000 (100k-150k) granted by the Colombian Government for the 4th, 5th, and 6th year of the Ph.D. program.

Interests and Abilities

Special preference for research in labor economics, development economics, and gender economics.

Languages and IT Skills

- Spanish and English (bilingual), Portuguese (basic)
- STATA(Advanced),
- ARCGIS (Intermediate)
- R (Intermediate)
- Python (Intermediate)