

# JOSÉ MARÍA CABRERA BEROBIDE

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## Education

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**Erasmus University Rotterdam**, Erasmus School of Economics

*PhD in Economics*, February 2025.

**Universidad de Montevideo**, Facultad de Ciencias Económicas

*Master in Economics*, August 2011.

**Universidad de la República**, Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Administración

*BA in Economics (5 years+thesis)*, August 2007.

## Academic Experience

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### Universidad de Montevideo

*Facultad de Ciencias Empresariales y Economía* (July 2008 – present).

- Dean (2025-).
- Associate Professor (2025-) | Assistant Professor (2011-2025).
- Member of the *Center for Applied Research: Poverty, Family, and Education* (2008 - )

*Consejo Ejecutivo de la Universidad (Rectorado)*.

*Adviser* (September 2015 – February 2021, February 2023 – February 2025).

Served as part of the university's highest governing body, alongside the Rector/President, Academic Secretary, and General Manager.

University Service:

- Academic Advising Coordinator, School of Economics (2008-2009, 2011-2024).
- Committee Memberships: Strategic Plan Steering Committee (2017, 2024), University's Scholarships Committee (2013- 2025), Location Committee (2017, 2021), Public Affairs Committee (2018- present).

### Uruguayan Central Bank - Banking Department

*Visiting Researcher* (February 2009 – March 2011).

## Professional Experience

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### Uruguayan Central Bank - Banking Department - Division of Research and Regulation.

*Consultant* (March 2004 – December 2008).

Competitively hired and renewed through open calls for economists.

Key Contributions:

- Co-authored the *Project of Law on Interest Rates* (Law number 18.212). Available from here.
- Developed regulatory projects on *Private Banking activities* (available from here) and *Information Transparency in the Banking Sector* (available from here).
- Conducted research on Financial Education, Regulation of Electronic Money Devices, and Credit Card Interest Rates.

## Publications

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### Articles in Journals

2025 “Long-term impacts on education of receiving a cash transfer during early-life.” With Juanita Bloomfield.  
*Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, forthcoming.

2023 “The Use of Innovative Incentives in the Classroom to Explore the Impact of Peer Monitoring on Academic Achievements”. With Alejandro Cid.  
*Journal of Behavioral Education*.

- 2021 "Mandatory Helmet Use and the Severity of Motorcycle Accidents: No Brainer?" With Magdalena Blanco, Felipe Carozzi and Alejandro Cid.  
*Economía, Journal of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association*, vol. 21 (2), pages 187-218.
- 2021 "Modest and Incomplete Incentives may work: Pricing plastic bags in Uruguay" With Marcelo Caffera and Alejandro Cid.  
*Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, Volume 110.
- 2021 "Demanding proper payment in extremely vulnerable markets. Gender differences in the prevalence of violence" With Alejandro Cid and Magdalena Blanco.  
*SN Social Sciences*, Vol 1 (7).
- 2020 "Do higher salaries yield better teachers and better student outcomes?" With Dinand Webbink.  
*Journal of Human Resources*, 2020 (55): 1222-1257.
- 2020 "Combining face-to-face sessions with ICT for health promotion: Evidence from a field experiment with undergraduate students." With Marianne Bernatzky and Alejandro Cid.  
*Children and Youth Services Review*, vol. 111, April.
- 2018 "Frequency of Testing. Lessons from a Field Experiment in Higher Education. " With Alejandro Cid and Marianne Bernatzky.  
*Journal of Economics and Economic Education Research*, Vol. 19, Issue 1.
- 2017 "Allocation of Usufruct Rights in Informal Markets: Evidence from the Streets." With Alejandro Cid.  
*Revista de Análisis Económico – Economic Analysis Review*, ILADES/Georgetown University, Vol. 32, N° 2, pp. 39-64 .
- 2012 "Reactive and Proactive Aggression in Uruguayan Children and Adolescents" (in Spanish). With Natalia Fares, J. Martín Ramírez, Fernanda Lozano and Fernando Salas.  
*Psicopatología Clínica, Legal y Forense*, Vol. 12, pp.47-68.
- 2011 "Fertility and Income in Uruguay." (in Spanish).  
*Revista de Ciencias Empresariales y Economía*, Año 10, pp 87-111
- 2011 "Justification of Physical and Verbal Aggression in Uruguayan Children and Adolescents." With Natalia Fares (UCM, Spain), J. Martín Ramírez (UCM and Stanford), Fernanda Lozano (UdelaR, Uruguay) and Fernando Salas (UM, Uruguay).  
*Open Psychology Journal*, 2011, 4, (Suppl 1-M5) 45-54.
- 2008 "Exchange Rate Depreciation, Dollarization and Investment. An empirical study at the firm level with panel data techniques" (in Spanish, with Juan Carlos Munyo).  
*Revista de Economía*, Vol 15 (2), November, Banco Central del Uruguay.

## Other Publications

- 2019 "Evolución del perfil docente de CETP-UTU en el contexto de una oferta en expansión." (With Ana Balsa, Eugenia Rodríguez, Gabriel Álvarez, Virginia Verderese and Marcelo Pérez Alfaro). Nota Técnica IDB-TN-1784
- 2018 Estudio multicéntrico sobre alteraciones de la función cerebral en usuarios de cocaínas fumables. (VVAA.) Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (Proyecto PBC CICAD-OEA).
- 2011 "Youth & Violence in Deprived Urban Regions in Montevideo" (in Spanish). With F. Lozano, A. Giménez, A. Fernández, E. Lewy, A. Cid, F. Salas, V. Olivera and C. Hackembruch. In *Biomedicina*, Vol. VI, nº 1.

## Working Papers

- 2023 "Hot Spots, Patrolling Intensity, and Robberies: Lessons from a three-year program in Uruguay" With Alejandro Cid and Federico Veneri. *R&R Económica*.
- 2023 "Opportunity Cost of Time and Academic Performance: The impact of major football events on human capital accumulation."
- 2020 "Evolución de los resultados académicos en UTU 2013-2017: análisis de trayectorias, tendencias y asociación con perfil docente" With Ana Balsa and Mauricio Echevarría.
- 2019 "Strategies to increase the take-up of social benefits. Evidence from a field experiment in a deeply vulnerable population." With Alejandro Cid, Marianne Bernatzky, María Ramírez-Michelena, Magdalena Blanco.

- 2018 "Gender Peer Effects Around the World"
- 2018 "Gender differences to relative performance feedback: a field experiment in education." With Alejandro Cid.
- 2016 "Deporte y resiliencia en población juvenil de alta vulnerabilidad" With Alejandro Cid and Juan José Irisarri.
- 2012 "The Impact of Child Abuse on Aggressive Behavior." With Natalia Fares (UCM, Spain) and J. Martín Ramírez (UCM and Stanford).
- 2011 "Identifying risk factors for chronic non-communicable diseases in a population of university students". With A. Giménez, A. Fernández, F. Lozano, E. Lewy, F. Salas, A. Cid y C. Hackembruch.
- 2010 "Probability of Default of Bank Loans in a Dollarized Economy". With: Pablo Bazerque (Uruguayan Central Bank).
- 2010 "Social inclusion through mathematics: Casavalle Mathematical Olympiad." With Alejandra Pollio (U. Montevideo) and Gustavo Bentancour (Centro Educativo Los Pinos). (financed by ANII)
- 2010 "Readiness for Interpersonal Aggression in a Uruguayan children sample attending age, gender and different socio-economic context." With Natalia Fares (UCM Spain and UdelaR Uruguay - Psychology), Fernanda Lozano (UdelaR Uruguay - Medicine), David Monge-López (UCM Spain), Fernando Salas (UM and UdelaR Uruguay - Sociology) and J. Martín Ramírez (UCM Spain).
- 2010 "Calificación crediticia y grado de provisiones específicas y estadísticas. 1999-2009". With: Pablo Bazerque (Uruguayan Central Bank).

## **Work in Progress**

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- "Transferencia monetaria al momento de la liberación y su impacto en la reincidencia criminal: Una evaluación del Programa PIA." With Alejandro Cid, Federico Veneri and Edgardo García.
- "Nuevas prácticas policiales para disminución de las rapiñas. Lecciones para la estrategia de seguridad ciudadana." With Alejandro Cid, Juan Dubra, Olivier Marie and Federico Veneri. Cambiarlo por
- "The effect of wages on teacher mobility. New evidence from policy reforms in primary education" With Dinand Webbink.
- "Measuring overconfidence in children. Evidence from an experiment in the field"

## **Conference and Seminar presentations**

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(\*) Conference presentations by coauthors.

- 2022 Jornadas de Economía, Banco Central del Uruguay.
- 2020 IEA World Congress\*, AERE\*, EAERE\*.
- 2019 EAERE 2019 (Manchester)\*, Universidad de Montevideo, Banco Central del Uruguay, XXXIV Jornadas Anuales de Economía.
- 2018 Workshop Education Economics (KULeuven)\*, EALE Lyon\*
- 2017 XXVI Meeting of the Economics of Education Association, Murcia\*, Jornadas BCU, LACEA.
- 2016 Jornadas Anuales de Economía, Uruguayan Central Bank; Network of Inequality and Poverty (capítulo Uruguay); Encuentro Anual de la Sociedad de Economistas del Uruguay (two papers), Seminar at Universidad de Montevideo.
- 2015 Encuentro anual de la Sociedad de Economistas del Uruguay, Seminar at Universidad de Montevideo and Universidad ORT, XXX Jornadas Anuales de Economía – Uruguayan Central Bank. (2 papers), Seminar at Instituto de Economía, UdelaR. 4th SOLE|EALE World Meetings\*, 29th European Society for Population Economics\*, Erasmus School of Economics brown bag seminar.
- 2014 Encuentro anual de la Sociedad de Economistas del Uruguay, Seminar at Universidad de Montevideo, XXIX Jornadas Anuales de Economía – Uruguayan Central Bank. (2 papers), Network of Inequality and Poverty, Annual Meeting, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 2013 XXVIII Jornadas Anuales de Economía – Uruguayan Central Bank.
- 2012 XXVII Jornadas Anuales de Economía – Uruguayan Central Bank, XXth International Society for Research on Aggression (ISRA) World Meeting Luxembourg (Peer reviewed poster).
- 2011 I Symposium Internacional sobre Abuso Psicológico – Granada, España (poster), 5th Annual CICA – STR International Conference at University of California-Irvine (by coauthor), Seminar at ORT University (Uruguay), XXVI Jornadas Anuales de Economía – Uruguayan Central Bank.

- 2010 XXV Jornadas Anuales de Economía – Uruguayan Central Bank, XXX Conference of C.I.C.A. in Leányfalu (Hungary) (2 papers, by coauthor).
- 2008 XXIII Jornadas Anuales de Economía – Uruguayan Central Bank.
- 2007 Uruguayan Central Bank – Internal research seminar.

#### Discussions:

- 2017 IECON. “Educación y Participación Laboral: Resultados de Mediano Plazo del Programa de Escuelas de Tiempo Completo” by Alina Machado.
- 2016 RIDGE Forum. “Teacher Turnover and Financial Incentives in High Poverty Schools: Evidence from a Compensatory Policy in Brazil” by Camelo and Ponczek.
- 2015 IECON. “Social assistance and labor market intra-household decisions” by Bergolo and Galvan.

### Grants and Awards

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- 2020 National Agency of Research and Innovation (ANII) - Fondo Sectorial de Seguridad Ciudadana – ANII (with Alejandro Cid, Juan Dubra, Olivier Marie and Federico Veneri).
- 2019 Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo - Estudio de Tránsito por el Sistema CETP-UTU.
- 2018 National Agency of Research and Innovation (ANII) - Fondo Sectorial de Seguridad Ciudadana – ANII (with Alejandro Cid, Juan Dubra, Olivier Marie and Federico Veneri).
- 2018 Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo - Evolución del perfil docente de CETP-UTU
- 2017 National Agency of Research and Innovation (ANII). Fondo Sectorial de Energía (with Marcelo Caffera and María Eugenia Sanín)
- 2012-2017 National Agency of Research and Innovation (ANII) - Candidato a Investigador.
- 2014 Inter-American Development Bank for the Project “Prevención de la Violencia Juvenil a Través del Deporte” ATN/KP-13287-UR.
- 2014 Centro de Estudios Distributivos, Laborales y Sociales (CEDLAS, UNLP Argentina), joint with CIEDUR (Uruguay) and IDRC (Canada) “Políticas para mejorar las oportunidades económicas de las mujeres en América Latina”.
- 2013 *National Agency of Research and Innovation (ANII)*. PhD Grant.
- 2011 **NOVA2011 Award for Innovation** in Human and Local Development (postulator of the Centro Educativo Los Pinos, and member of the project). It is a National Prize for innovation, awarded by the National Agency of Research and Innovation (ANII) and 9 chambers and institutions (of commerce, technology, ART Program of UNDP, etc.).
- 2011 **Honorable Mention in the Public Health Award** of the *National Academy of Medicine*.
- 2010 **Public Health Award** of the *National Academy of Medicine*.
- 2010 National Agency of Research and Innovation (ANII). Project: “Social inclusion through mathematics: Casavalle Mathematical Olympiad”. With Alejandra Pollio (U. Montevideo) and Gustavo Bentancour (Centro Educativo Los Pinos). PR\_AIS\_2010\_1\_3627.
- 2008 Fundación Carolina (Spain) – Centro de Estudios para América Latina y la Cooperación Internacional. Project: “Pobreza, Educación y Salarios en América Latina” With Fernando Borráz, Daniel Ferrés, Alejandro Cid (U. Montevideo), and Daniel Miles (U. Vigo, Spain). CeALCI 15/08.

### Teaching Experience

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#### Universidad de Montevideo (undergraduates)

Econometrics I	(2022-2025)
Econometrics III	(2017-2025)
Principles of Economics	(2012-2025)
Macroeconomics I	(2011-2014)
Microeconomics I	(2008-2008)

### Media Coverage of Research

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- 2019 El País (May 3rd), El Observador (Sep 16th)
- 2018 No Toquen Nada (Del Sol FM, radio), Portal 180, Portal Montevideo

- 2017 Suena Tremendo, radio El Espectador (June 28th), Telenoche 4 TV (July 5th), El País (Nov 5th).  
 2016 Diario El País (May 28<sup>th</sup>)  
 2015 Diario El País (Apr 5<sup>th</sup>). Fortune Magazine (June 18<sup>th</sup>)  
 2014 Suplemento Que Pasa, diario El País (Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>), “Calidad de Vida” TV Show (Canal 12); diario El País (03/08, page A16).  
 2013 Semanario Búsqueda Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, El Observador Nov 7<sup>th</sup> (web), Canal 10 y Canal 4 (TV), La República (Nov 8<sup>th</sup>), El País (front cover) Nov 10<sup>th</sup>.  
 2011 “Adolescentes sufren violencia física, psicológica y sexual, según una investigación en centros educativos de Montevideo”, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Semanario Búsqueda, weekly newspaper, front cover and page 37. In TV: Canal 10 (May 19<sup>th</sup>) and VTV (May 23<sup>rd</sup>).  
 El País, daily newspaper, front cover and page A14, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Radio: El Espectador, Oriental (Tiempo Presente).  
 2010 “La violencia presente en jóvenes de la zona Oeste de Montevideo” in “El Observador”, daily newspaper, December 27<sup>th</sup>, page 6, Uruguay.

## **Master's Thesis**

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*Main advisor or co-advisor:* Juan Martín Facal and Gonzalo Ferrés (UM, 2022, national SEU prize), Mariana Leguísamo (UM, 2020, first mention in SEU prize).

*Committee member:* Sebastián Mussini (UM, 2024), Ana Laura Zardo (UM, 2023), Luana Méndez (UdelaR, 2021), Santiago Varela (UM, 2021), Rodrigo Areal and Stephanie Russo (UM, 2020), María Laura García and Guillermo Fork (UM, 2019), Rosina Nogueira (UdelaR, 2018), Valentina Antonaccio (UM, 2018), Sofía Santín Saravia (UdelaR, 2019), Lara Fernández Hurst (UdeSA, 2019), María Andrea Lado (UdelaR, 2019), Joaquín Saldain (UdelaR, 2015), Marianne Bernatzky (UM, 2015).

## **Additional Contributions**

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- 2024 Network of Inequality and Poverty, capítulo Uruguay, young researchers award committee member.  
 2017- Network of Inequality and Poverty, capítulo Uruguay, Program Committee member (2021, 2020, 2018, 2017).  
 2016 Network of Inequality and Poverty, capítulo Uruguay, comité del premio “Mejor investigador joven”.  
 2016 Latin American Workshop in Econometrics of the Econometric Society, Program Committee member.  
 2015 University of Zurich: PhD Course: Natural Experiments for causality analysis in economics of education. Prof. Dinand Webbink. May 04-08, Zurich.  
 2014 J-PAL Training Course on Impact Evaluation of Social Programs, March 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, Montevideo.  
 2011 Training course by Prof. Joshua Angrist (MIT) on recent methodological developments in program evaluation, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Impact Evaluation Network, Buenos Aires, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug.  
 2010-13 Director of the 4 editions of the Program: Management Approach. With the participation of professors from IEEM Business School (Uruguay). 3 days course.

The *National Institute of Health* web-based training course “Protecting Human Research Participants”.

## **Managing of Residence Halls for university students.**

Residencia Universitaria Miradores

*Managing Director* (2015 – 2020)

Residencia Universitaria Montefaro

*Managing Director* (2006 – 2014), *Sub-director* (2004 – 2005), *Administrator* (2002 – 2003)