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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign, USA, 2021.

M.A. in Economics, Universidad de los Andes. Bogotá, Colombia, 2014.

B.A. in Economics, Universidad Tecnológica de Bolívar, Colombia, 2012.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Economist, Banco de la República (Central Bank of Colombia), 2013 – present.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Ayala-García, J., Dall’erba, S., (2021). The natural resource curse: Evidence from the Colombian municipalities. *Papers in Regional Science*, 100(2), 581-602.

Gu, Y., Ayala-García, J., (2021). Educational expenditure efficiency in China: the role of the governor’s characteristics. *Applied Economics*, 53(25), 2832–2847.

Carvalho-Lucio, F. G., Ayala-García, J., (2021). Public Sector Efficiency in Brazil. *Regional Science Policy and Practice* (forthcoming).

Bonet-Moron, J. A., Ayala-García, J., (2020). The territorial fiscal gap in Colombia. *Regional Science Policy and Practice* 12 (1) 7-24.

WORKING PAPERS

Ayala-García, J., Dall’erba, S., Ridley, W. The impact and externalities of extreme natural disasters on local tax revenue in Colombia. *R&R in Regional Studies*.

Ayala-García, J., Dall’erba, S. The impact of preemptive investment on natural disasters.

Ayala-García, J., Gu, Y. Emigration and tax revenue.

Ayala-García, J., Ceballos-Sierra, F. The impact and externalities of droughts on coffee exports.

Ayala-García, J. Rainfall shocks and agricultural trade in Colombia.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Perobelli, F. S., Ayala, J., and Geoffrey J. D. Hewings. “Revisiting the Structural Interdependence among Colombian Departments: A Comparative Approach”. In Bonet, J. (Ed.), *The Colombian Economy and its Regional Structural Challenges: A Linkages Approach*”, Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo, forthcoming.

Bonet, J. & Ayala, J. “Disparidades fiscales horizontales en Colombia”. In Pineda, E., Radics, A. & Muñoz A., *Descentralización fiscal y disparidades regionales en América Latina: el potencial de las transferencias de igualación*”, Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo - BID, 2017.

AWARDS AND HONNORS

- Central Bank of Colombia Scholarship for a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign, 2017.
- M.A. in Economics Scholarship, Universidad de los Andes, 2011.
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