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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Place of birth: Colombia

Year of birth: 1991

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

New York University—Abu Dhabi, UAE
Postdoctoral Associate

2018-Present

EDUCATION

Los Andes University
Ph.D. in Economics

2013-2018

Stanford University
Visiting Student Researcher

2016-2017

Los Andes University
M.A. in Economics

2013-2015

University of Antioquia
B.A. in Economics

2007-2011

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Université de Bordeaux, France
Visiting research fellow

2017

Los Andes University, Colombia
Research assistant

2013-2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Los Andes University, Colombia
Adjunct professor of *Principles of Mathematics*
Teaching assistant of *Advanced Macroeconomics*
Teaching assistant of *Economic History of Colombia*

2016

2015-2016

2014-2016

Cooperative University of Colombia, Colombia
Adjunct professor of *Economic Theory*

2012-2013

University Foundation of the Andean Region, Colombia
Adjunct professor of *Economic Theory*
Adjunct professor of *Economic Policy*

2012-2013

2012-2013

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Colombian Economic History Association (ACHE)
Secretary

2014-Present

RePEc Biblio -Economic History-
Editor

2013-Present

Economic History Society (EHS)

2017-2018

Ambassador
Peso Magazine –Revistapeso.com-
Cofounder and Editor
ABC-Economía
Columnist

2012-2013

2012

PH.D. DISSERTATION

Mejia, J., [Social Networks and Entrepreneurship. Evidence from a Historical Episode of Industrialization](#)

Mejia, J., [Social Interactions and Modern Economic Growth](#)

Mejia, J., [The Network Formation Origin of Tribal Societies](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Mejia, J., [Diccionario biográfico y genealógico de la élite antioqueña y viejocaldense. Segunda mitad del siglo XIX y primera del XX](#). Pereira, Colombia: Sello Editorial Alma Mater, 2012.

Chapters in Books

Mejia, J. “Latin American Economic History”. In Kerry Pannel (Ed.) *Global Economic History: An Encyclopedia of People, Ideas, and Institutions That Created the Modern World Economy*, ABC Clío. Santa Barbara, United States: Forthcoming.

Mejia, J. “Estabilidad financiera durante la banca libre en Antioquia. Medición del riesgo sistémico a través de las redes de propiedad”. In Carlos Dávila (Ed.) *Empresas y empresarios en la historia de Colombia*. Los Andes University. Bogotá, Colombia: Forthcoming.

Martínez, S. & Mejia, J. “Café y ciudad: El despegue urbano de Pereira”. In Sebastián Martínez & Germán Mejía Pavony (Ed.) *Historia Urbana de Colombia*. Universidad Tecnológica de Pereira. Pereira, Colombia: Forthcoming.

Mejia, W., & Mejia, J. “Participación política de colombianos en Colombia, Estados Unidos, España y Reino Unido”. In Cristina Escobar & Milena Gómez Kopp (Ed.) [El voto en el exterior: estudio comparativo de las elecciones colombianas legislativas y presidenciales](#). Bogotá, Colombia: Universidad Externado de Colombia, 2015.

Journal Publications

Mejia, J., “[Reconstrucción de PIB regionales en Colombia \(1800-2015\): Una revisión crítica de las fuentes y los métodos](#)”, *Economía y Sociedad*, 30, 2016.

Mejia, J., “[The Evolution of Economic History since 1950: From Cliometrics to Cliodynamics](#)”, *Tiempo & Economía*, 2(2), 79-103, 2015.

Mejia, J., “[La población del territorio colombiano al momento de la Conquista: Una revisión crítica de estudios](#)”, *Economía & Región*, 9(2), 7-46, 2015.

Mejia, J., “[Crecimiento económico de largo plazo en Antioquia, Colombia: Estimación del PIB. 1800-1913](#)”, *Cuadernos de Economía*, 34(66), 507-544, 2015

Mejia, J., “[Vínculos interregionales en la economía colombiana del siglo XIX: El empresariado del Caribe en el interior del país, 1840-1880](#)”, *Economía & Región*, 8(2), 2014.

Mejia, J., "[El auge económico antioqueño del siglo XIX desde un enfoque de desarrollo económico local](#)", *Ensayos de Economía*, 45(2), 2014.

Mejia, J., "Una interpretación neoclásica del fin del Galeón de Manila", *Contribuciones a la Economía*, vol. 9, 2011.

Mejia, J., "Sistemas Partidistas y Desarrollo Económico: El Papel de la Estabilidad de las Políticas Públicas", *Contribuciones a las Ciencias Sociales*, vol. 11, 2011.

Book reviews

Mejia, J., "[Market research history in Colombia. Entrepreneurial trajectory of Napoleón Franco](#)", *Business History Review*, 56(2), 2015.

Seminars and Conferences

2018: XVIIIth World Economic History Congress at MIT (Boston, USA). LSE-Stanford Conference on Long-run Development in Latin America (London, UK). NYUAD Research Conference (Abu Dhabi, UAE). Market Institutions and Economic History Colloquium at UNAM (Mexico D.F., Mexico). Workshop on the Frontiers of Network Science at NYUAD (Abu Dhabi, UAE). CEDE Seminar at Los Andes University (Bogotá, Colombia). GHE-ACHEE Seminar at Los Andes University (Bogotá, Colombia). Faculty Seminar U. ICESI (Cali, Colombia). Faculty Seminar at CESA (Bogotá, Colombia). Methods on Historical Research at UTP (Pereira, Colombia). Regional History Seminar at Central Bank of Colombia (Pereira, Colombia). Lunch Seminar at Econometria Consultores (Bogotá, Colombia). Lunch Seminar at National University (Bogotá, Colombia).

2017: Applied Seminar at Autonomous University of Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain). Lunch Seminar at Stockholm School of Economics (Stockholm, Sweden). Innovation Seminar at Bordeaux University (Bordeaux, France). Lunch Seminar at Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History-Luxemburg University (Luxemburg city, Luxemburg). Theory Discussion Group at Bordeaux University (Bordeaux, France). Economic History Seminar at Vienna University of Economics and Business-University of Vienna (Vienna, Austria). Economic History Graduate Seminar at Barcelona University (Barcelona, Spain). Historical Network Research Congress (Turku, Finland). Graduate Students Seminar at Bordeaux University (Bordeaux, France). Economic and Social History Graduate Workshop (Oxford, UK). IV Workshop: New Economic Historians of Latin America (Madrid, Spain). Economic History and Cliometrics Lab Conference (Santiago de Chile, Chile). Faculty Seminar (Universidad del Rosario).

2016: Stanford Network Forum (Stanford, USA), Social Networks Discussion Group (Stanford, USA), Digital History Workshop (Stanford, USA), 1st LACEA Economic History Network Meeting (Medellín, Colombia). Central Bank of Colombia Seminar (Medellín, Colombia). SER Seminar at University of Antioquia (Medellín, Colombia). Social Science Seminar at National University (Medellín, Colombia).

2015: XVIIth World Economic History Congress (Kyoto, Japan). 1st History of Economics Summer School in Latin America (Bogotá, Colombia). CEDE Seminar at Los Andes University (Bogotá, Colombia).

2014: Colombian Economic History Association Seminar (Bogotá, Colombia). 4th Congress of Colombian Economy at Los Andes University (Bogotá, Colombia). 4th Latin American Congress of Economic History (Bogotá, Colombia).

2013: 4th Southern Hemisphere Economic History Summer School (Montevideo, Uruguay). IV Simposio Colombiano de Historia Regional y Local (Manizales, Colombia).

2012: 1st Colombian Meeting of Economic History (Bogotá, Colombia). Central Bank of Colombia Seminar (Medellín, Colombia). 3rd Congress of Colombian Economy at Los Andes University (Bogotá, Colombia).

2010: 2nd Congress of Colombian Economy at Los Andes University (Bogotá, Colombia). 2nd Latin American Congress of Economic History (México D.F., México)

2009: *VI Economics Student Forum at Universidad del Rosario* (Bogotá, Colombia).

2008: *XXIII National Congress of Economics students* (Barranquilla, Colombia).

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Committing not to Build a State - joint with Leopoldo Fergusson (Los Andes University) and James Robinson (University of Chicago).

Social Networks and Long-Term Individual Performance - joint with Tom Zohar (Stanford University).

Long-term Effects of Civil War - joint with Mario Chacón (New York University--Abu Dhabi)

Social Networks in Bogota's Labor Market - joint with Thibaud Deguilhem (University of Bordeaux), Eric Quintane (Los Andes University), and Santiago Gómez (Los Andes University).

A Network Formation Theory of Social Capital - joint with Tomas Rodriguez (Los Andes University).

Long-Term Regional Disparities in Colombia - joint with Arlen Guarin (University of California, Berkeley)

Family Networks, Trust, and the Emergence of Financial Capital in Antioquia in the 19th century - joint with Andrés Álvarez (Los Andes University) and César Mantilla (Universidad del Rosario).

HONORS AND AWARDS

Doctoral Scholarship (Colciencias) 2017

It supports Colombian scholars to develop their doctoral studies.

Travel Grant (International Economic History Association) 2015

It supports young scholars to participate in the World Economic History Congress.

Manuel Ramírez Gómez Scholarship (Econometría Consultores) 2014

It recognizes the best Ph.D. student in Economics in Colombia.

First year doctoral scholarship (Los Andes University) 2013

It recognizes the best admitted students to the Ph.D. program in Economics.

Honor at Premios Portafolio (Casa Editorial El Tiempo) 2012

It recognizes the best five graduates in economics, business, and industrial engineering of the year in Colombia.

Honor at Concurso Caminos de la Libertad para Jóvenes (Grupo Salinas) 2012

It awards essays on freedom by young Latin-American scholars.

Graduated with the highest grades in Economics (University of Antioquia) 2012

This honor is given to the student with the highest grades of his cohort at graduation.

Best Thesis on Economics (University of Antioquia) 2012

This honor is given to the best thesis on economics, management, and accounting of the year at University of Antioquia.

Research Award 2011 (Local Government of Medellin) 2011

An award from the Medellín local government that recognizes the most important research contribution of an undergraduate student during the year.

Matrícula de Honor (University of Antioquia) 2009-2010

A prize for the student with the highest grades during the academic year in his academic program.

First place at the VII Foro de Estudiantes de Economía, Finanzas y Comercio Internacional (Rosario University) 2009

It distinguishes the best student paper of the year in economics, finance and international trade in Colombia.

Jesús Antonio Bejarano Award (Central Bank of Colombia) 2008

It recognizes the four best student papers in economics of the year in Colombia.

Julián Andrés Hurtado Scholarship (Local Government of Valle del Cauca) 2007-2012

The regional government provides this scholarship to the best high school last year students of the Valle del Cauca, for covering their undergraduate studies.

Ruta Quetzal Scholarship (BBVA Bank) 2007

It distinguishes young leaders of the whole world with an academic journey. The Royal Spanish Family supports it and the UNESCO has declared it of universal interest.

Academic Excellence (Colegio Nacional Académico) 2007

This is the greatest honor conceded by Colegio Nacional Académico to one of its students. It has only been awarded a couple of times since its foundation in 1839.

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Economic History, Social Networks, Applied Microeconomics, Economic Growth.

REFEREE FOR

Economic History Research; PLOS One; Latin America in Economic History; Editorial Universidad del Rosario; Lecturas de Economía; Documentos y Aportes en Administración Pública y Gestión Estatal; Historia y Sociedad; Economía & Región; Civilizar Ciencias Sociales y Humanas, Ensayos de Economía.

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native Language

English: Advanced Reader, Writer, Listener and Speaker

French: Intermediate Reader, Writer, Listener and Speaker

Italian: Intermediate Reader, Writer, Listener and Speaker

Arabic: Beginner Reader, Writer, Listener and Speaker

REFERENCES

Prof. Andrés Álvarez

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Prof. James Robinson

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