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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

**Whittier College**, Whittier, California, USA

- Assistant Professor Economics Department

Since Fall 2019

## EDUCATION

**Claremont Graduate University**, Claremont, California, USA

- Ph.D. in Economics and Politics

2019

- Fields: Development Economics; Political Economy.

**Claremont Graduate University**, Claremont, California, USA

- M.Sc. in Economics

2017

**Université de Montréal**, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

- M.Sc. International Studies

2010

**ITESM**, Mexico City, Mexico

- B.S. in International Business and Economics

2008

## PUBLICATIONS AND ONGOING RESEARCH

### JOURNAL PAPERS

- [1] [A. Bezares](#), Pierre Englebert, Lisa Jené (2021), When Decentralisation Undermines Representation- Ethnic Exclusion and State Ownership in DR Congo's New Provinces, *JMAS* Vol. 59 (2). pp. 131-157
- [2] [A. Bezares](#) (2021), Book Review: Mines, Communities, and States: The Local Politics of Natural Resource Extraction in Africa, *Africa Spectrum*, March 2021.
- [3] [A. Bezares](#), Pierre Englebert (2019), Tribulations tribales: Estimations démographiques commentées des ethnies congolaises par nouvelles provinces, In A. Nyenyezi (ed.). *Conjonctures de l'Afrique Centrale* 2019. Paris/Tervuren: L'Harmattan/MRAC, 25-60. 2019
- [4] [A. Bezares](#), Yi Feng, Z. Gao (2016), "A Comparative Study of U.S. and China's Trade in Latin America", *The Quarterly of Latin American Economy and Trade*, Vol. 27, pp.4-18

### BOOK CHAPTERS

- [1] [A. Bezares](#), Pierre Englebert, Lisa Jené (2021), Tribalisation provinciale : Le principe de représentativité collective en politique congolaise mis à mal par le découpage. In Ngoy Kimpulwa, B. and Englebert, P. (eds.) *Congo, l'État en Morceaux*
- [2] [A. Bezares](#), Pierre Englebert (2021), Discontinuité de l'État Congolais : comprendre les variations de capacités entre provinces issues du découpage.. In Ngoy Kimpulwa, B. and Englebert, P. (eds.) *Congo, l'État en Morceaux*
- [3] [A. Bezares](#) (2021), Productivity and Deindustrialization in Latin America (Forthcoming in Koohi-Kamali, F. "Exploring Roots of Inequality in Latin America and Peru". NY: Peter Lang)

### WORKING PAPERS

- [1] [A. Bezares](#) (2021), Decentralization and Conflict in the DRC (**Submitted for consideration- November, 2021**)
- [2] [A. Bezares](#) (2021), The Spillover Effects of Mining: The Case of the DRC
- [3] [A. Bezares](#), Emma Kenny, Phuong Pham, Jocelyn Kelly (2021), COVID-19 and Food Insecurity: The Impact on Communities in Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (**Submitted for consideration- September, 2021**)
- [4] [A. Bezares](#) (2020), How does access to resources affect educational outcomes? The case of the PISA Test in Mexico
- [5] [A. Bezares](#) (2020), How Strong is your Shield? Subnational State Capacity and Violence in Mexico
- [6] [A. Bezares](#), Pierre Englebert (2019), Where does Capacity Come From? Conjectures from DRC's New Provinces, *Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium*, February, 2019

- [7] A. Bezares, Pierre Englebert, Lisa Piergalini (2018), Provincial tribalisation: The Transformation of ethnic Representativeness under Decentralisation in the DR Congo, *Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium*, Working paper 61, July, 2018

**POLICY BRIEFINGS**

- [1] A. Bezares and E. Lee, “Plan de Desarrollo para la Zona Económica Estatal del Río Sonora 2018-2032” *North American Research Partnership*, Nov 2017.
- [2] E. Lee, Rick Van Schoik, and A. Bezares, “In the National Interest: The U.S. Presidential Permit Process, Cross-border Trade and the U.S. Economy” *North American Research Partnership*, Oct 2016.
- [3] Ch. Wilson, E. Lee, and A. Bezares, “Competitive Border Communities: Mapping and Developing U.S.-Mexico Transborder Industrial Clusters,” *The Wilson Institute*, Sep 2015.

**CONFERENCE PAPERS**

- [1] A. Bezares, “Outward FDI in Brazil: A Matter of Economic growth and Institutional Configuration,” in *FLACSO-ISA 2014 Conference*, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Jul 2014.
- [2] A. Bezares, “Volatility in Commodity Prices and its Effects on Poverty in Latin America,” in *International Seminar*, Santiago, Chile, Mar 2015.
- [3] M. Rogers, J.-F. Ibarra del Cueto and A. Bezares, “Nascent Bureaucracies: Sub-national Institutional Building in Mexico,” in *MPSA Conference*, Chicago, ILL, U.S. Apr 2018.
- [4] A. Bezares and G. Di Pasquale, “Nascent Bureaucracies: Sub-national Institutional Building in Latin America,” in *MPSA Conference*, Chicago, ILL, U.S. Apr 2018.

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

- **2021:** Online Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar (OARES), LacDev Conference, IPRC Webinar Claremont Graduate University.
- **2020:** African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Conference, Western Political Science Association Annual (WPSA) Conference- African Politics, American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference, Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Harvard Humanitarian Initiative- Mining Traceability in Eastern DRC**

- Researcher, Data Analyst 2020-2021
  - Mining traceability
  - Vulnerability and food insecurity in mining communities during COVID-19

**IRC, DFID, Integrity- Governance and Development in Congo Kinshasa**

- Researcher 2019
  - Poverty and Governance
  - Fieldwork 2019

**Governance and Development in Congo Kinshasa**

- Researcher 2017-2018
  - Effect of decentralization in the DRC
  - Fieldwork 2017, 2018

**World Bank- Claremont McKenna College- Georgetown University**

- Researcher 2016-2021
  - Study on the effect of aspirations on poverty and program uptake.

**World Bank-AidGrade**

- Research Assistant 2015-2017
  - Internship World Bank May 2017
  - Study on policymakers beliefs on the impact of development programs.
  - Meta-analysis on randomized controlled trials and impact evaluations

**Dr. Melissa Rogers** Claremont Graduate University

- Research Assistant 2013-2015
  - Regional inequality, bureaucratic capacity and redistribution

**The Wilson Center Mexico Institute**

- External Consultant and Intern 2015
  - Industrial agglomeration border between Mexico and the United States

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**

**Whittier College, Whittier, CA.** 2018-Present

Assistant and Adjunct Professor, Economics Department

- Senior Seminar
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Political Economy of Development
- Unthinking Migration
- Comparative Economic Systems

**Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA.** 2018

Adjunct Professor, Politics Department

- Mathematics for Political Scientists

**California State University, San Bernardino, CA.** 2018

Adjunct Professor, Economics Department

- Introduction to Macroeconomics

**Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA.** 2017

Adjunct Professor, Politics Department

- Introduction to Comparative Politics

**Pomona College, Los Angeles, CA.** 2017

Adjunct Professor, Politics Department

- Introduction to Comparative Politics

**Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA.** 2015-2019

Teaching Assistant, Economics Department.

- Econometrics
- Probability and Statistics
- International Finance of Developing Economies

**SERVICE AND  
LEADERSHIP**

- **Reviewer:** American Journal of Agricultural Economics, American Journal of Public Health, Africa Spectrum.
- **GAIN Network:** Support Ph.D. Candidates from African countries to prepare their applications to Ph.D. in Europe, the U.S. and Canada.
- **Member:** American Economic Association (AEA), American Political Science Association (APSA), African Studies Association (ASA).

**AWARDS,  
GRANTS**

- Faculty Grant- Coffee Module Whittier College 2021
- Faculty Research Grant Whittier College 2020
- Travel grant Department of Politics and Economics-Claremont Graduate University 2014, 2016
- Fellowship Award Claremont Graduate University 2013-2017
- Studying Abroad Scholarship Award,  
National Council for Science and Technology 2008, 2013
- Best Student Score at the National Center for Higher Education Assessment  
Mexico 2007  
Highest score in the national test on economics and international business.

**NON-ACADEMIC  
EXPERIENCE**

**ProMexico-Mexican Trade Commission, Montreal, Quebec, Canada**

- Commercial Aggregate 2009-2012

**Coca-Cola FEMSA, Mexico City, Mexico**

- Intern, International Commerce 2007-2008

<b>OTHER EXPERIENCE</b>	▪ Workshop on Transparency and Reproducibility CEGA, BITSS, UC Berkeley	<i>September, 2018</i>
	▪ Workshop on Advanced Applied Econometrics University of Copenhagen	<i>May, 2018</i>
	▪ Specialization on GIS	<i>2018</i>
	▪ Specialization on Data Science	<i>2017-2018</i>
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	▪ Spanish: Native language.	
	▪ English: Fluent, Second language (speaking, reading, writing).	
	▪ French: Fluent, Second language (speaking, reading, writing).	
	▪ Portuguese: Fluent (speaking, reading), Intermediate (writing).	
	▪ German: Basic (beginner).	
<b>SOFTWARE</b>	Stata, R, ArcGIS, MATLAB, Tableau	