

# Daphne Alvarez Villa

## Experience

- 2018 -      **Research Economist**  
              **Fedesarrollo, Colombia (external)**
- Committee Member at REAL**  
              **Latin-American Anticorruption Network (REAL)**
- 2017-2018 **External Consultant**  
              **Inter-American Development Bank, United States**
- 2015-2016 **Marie Curie Fellow Researcher**  
              **University of Oxford, United Kingdom**
- 2011-2015 **Research Associate**  
              **University of Munich - LMU, Germany**
- 2006-2009 **Economist for water and sanitation projects**  
              **Utilities company of Medellín - EPM, Colombia**
- 2006        **Research assistant at the Chair of Labor Economics**  
              **Universidad de Antioquia, Colombia**

## Education

- 2011-2015    **University of Munich-LMU, Ph.D. in Economics**
- Spring 2015 **University of Chicago, Visiting Ph.D. student**
- Spring 2014 **New York University, Visiting Ph.D. student**
- 2010- 2011   **Universitat Pompeu Fabra, M.Sc. in Economics**
- 2001-2005   **Universidad Nacional de Colombia, B.Sc. in Economics**  
              (5-years degree)

## Expertise area

I am an applied economist with most expertise on Political Economy of Development. My research in the field has examined political economy determinants of economic development, social conflict, social capital and *de facto* institutions.

## Research

*Explaining Informality: Extractive States and the Persistent Incentives for Being Lawless*

*Political Inequality and the Origins of Distrust: Evidence for Colombia*, Munich Discussion Paper N.2013-14

*The Long-Run Influence of Institutions Governing Trade: Evidence from Smuggling Ports in Colonial Mexico* (with Jenny Guardado - Georgetown University)

*Macro-Corrupción y Cooptación Institucional en el departamento de Córdoba, Colombia: Un Enfoque de Redes* (with Luis Jorge Garay and Eduardo Salcedo - Vortex Foundation)

*Venality, Political Elites and the Extent of Democratization* (with Rui Esteves - University of Oxford)

## Edited books and other publications

*Lucha Integral contra la Corrupción en Colombia: Reflexiones y Propuestas* (Editors: Villar, L. and Alvarez, D. Bogotá: Fedesarrollo).

*Ley 617 de 2000 y su Impacto Fiscal Territorial* (with Gonzalo Restrepo Quintero). *Ensayos de Economía Regional*, Colombian Central Bank.

## Selected presentations

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| June 2016      | Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics<br>Annual Conference - Sciences Po, France. |
| September 2014 | Conference of the European Doctoral Group in Economics<br>University of Copenhagen, Denmark.       |
| May 2014       | LACEA Political Economy Group Meeting<br>Universidad de los Andes, Colombia.                       |
| March 2014     | NYU Political Economy Breakfast Seminar<br>New York University, USA.                               |
| August 2013    | EEA-ESEM Meeting<br>University of Gothenburg, Sweden.  |

## Languages

Spanish (native), English (fluent), German (fluent).

### **Service to the profession**

- 2016 Referee for the *Journal of Development Economics*
- 2012-2015 Economics B.Sc. thesis advisor - University of Munich LMU
- 2012-2015 Teacher Assistant- University of Munich LMU

### **Professional associations**

- Women in Economics WinE
- University of Oxford Colombian Society

### **Grants and awards**

- 2012-2015 LMU Mentoring research grant.
- 2010-2011 Colfuturo grant.
- 2006 Honors Degree given by Universidad Nacional de Colombia.
- 2005 Seventh place at the Colombian national level in the Exam of Higher Education Quality - ECAES - in Economics.