

## ROCÍO MÉNDEZ PINEDA

### CONTACT DETAILS

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### EDUCATION

- 2019-2020** University College London (UCL), Master of Science in Social Research Methods (Ongoing)
- 2015 – 2016** University of Chile, Master's Degree in Public Policies - (Graduated Summa Cum Laude)
- 2007 – 2012** Escuela Superior de Economía y Negocios (ESEN) El Salvador, Undergraduate Degree in Economics and Business
- 1996 – 2004** Panamerican School El Salvador, Bilingual Secondary Education and General Baccalaureate
- 2005 – 2006**
- 2004 – 2005** Keene High School New Hampshire, USA, 11th grade - (Through an exchange scholarship with the Rotary Club El Salvador)

### WORK EXPERIENCE: ACADEMIC RESEARCH

- September 2019 -** Research Assistant at the LSE's International Inequalities Institute
- Quantitative analysis with cross-sectional and longitudinal data
  - Literature reviews
  - Drafting academic papers
- May 2019 – August 2019** Overseas consultant for LSE's International Inequalities Institute
- Quantitative analysis and evaluation of Latin American and European labour markets through cross-sectional and panel data
  - Literature reviews on employment, labour markets, the capability approach
  - Construction of multidimensional indicators on the quality of employment using STATA
  - Drafting academic papers
- November 2016 – April 2019** Researcher in labour economics, inequality and poverty with the Head Researcher Kirsten Sehnbruch in FONDECYT No. 1171025, NOPOOR (European Union), COES (Center for Conflict Studies and Social Cohesion – Faculty of Economics at the University of Chile)
- Research in applied microeconometrics and quantitative analysis related to the quality of employment in Latin America and the European Union.
  - Use and construction of databases of household and labour market surveys, cross-sectional and longitudinal, basic econometric research, writing of academic papers and other research documents (in English).
  - Multidimensional measurement of the quality of employment in Latin America and the European Union.
  - Expertise in multidimensional measurement and generation of indicators.
  - In charge of project management regarding financial and administrative tasks for research projects: NOPOOR (EU) and FONDECYT 1171025 (Chile).
  - Drafting of research project documents for the European Union and research for peer-reviewed journals.

**June 2012 –  
April 2015**

Junior Researcher in the Department of Economic Studies of the Salvadoran Foundation for Economic and Social Development (FUSADES - the leading Think Tank in Central America and El Salvador)

- Initiative for Competitiveness - Analysis of the competitiveness situation in El Salvador, networking with 180 professionals from different sectors of the country to make proposals for actions and public policies that improve various competitiveness indicators of the World Economic Forum. Also, analysis of the business competitiveness survey carried out by FUSADES, carrying out a review of results in the areas of human capital, environment and bureaucracy as well as report drafting and writing in 2013 and 2014.
- Drafting for the Millenium Challenge Corporation in the project "Continuous regulatory improvement system" Researched and proposed simplification of procedures and regulatory improvement in municipalities, while also developing a public policy proposal for regulatory improvement for the 5 municipalities that have the most significant number of businesses and size focusing on the procedures that generate more costs.
- Open Budget Survey (OBS), Peer review - Performing the peer review for the OBS, specifically on issues of budgetary transparency with civil society.
- IDB Project "Efficiency of public expenditure on education and health, 2003-2013" – Health administrative database management in STATA to create indicators requested by the IDB, analysis of the institutional organization of the health sector in El Salvador, report writing.
- International Budget Partnership and GIZ, "Creating incentives for budget reform: Improving the participation of civil society organizations and accountability institutions for budget transparency and accountability" - Literature review, preparation of questions for society civil, interviews with media, conducting focus groups and partially writing of the report.

#### WORK EXPERIENCE: CONSULTANCY

**December  
2018 – June  
2018**

Researcher for the Direction of Diversity and Gender in the Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences:

- Defined standards, indicators and a gender equity monitoring system for the Faculty using long-standing administrative data (1998-2018)
- Analysing databases and measuring indicators for equity
- Construction of student trajectories
- Proposal for further research

**January 2018 –  
February 2018**

Consultant of the Public Systems Centre (CSP) of the Department of Industrial Engineering of the University of Chile in the Project of External Technical Validation of Indicators of Public Institutions for the Budget Office of the Government of Chile.

- Evaluation and validation of indicators.

**August 2017 –  
December  
2017**

Consultant for UNICEF El Salvador in "Bibliographic review, estimation of rates of return of social interventions throughout the life cycle and multidimensional measurement of child poverty for El Salvador"

- In charge of research and creation of a multidimensional poverty index using a household survey of El Salvador (EHPM) and the Bristol methodology
- Characterised child poverty using EHPM (national household survey) and UNICEF Multiple survey Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS).

- November 2016 – May 2017** Editing PhD thesis documents in economics in English for students of the Doctorate in Economics, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.
- 2015 and 2016** Sporadic and on-demand translation from Spanish to English of technical documents for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

#### WORK EXPERIENCE: TEACHING

- August 2018 – Currently** Assistant Professor of the Thesis I & II: Postgraduate Research Workshop for Masters Thesis of the Masters of Management and Public Policy - Department of Industrial Engineering, University of Chile
- March 2018 – July 2018** Part-time Professor of Statistical Inference for undergraduate students of Commercial Engineering and Economics from the Faculty of Economics and Business of the Diego Portales University.
- October 2017 – November 2017** Professor for the Online Course "Promotion of productive employment and decent work in rural areas" of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to public policy implementors from throughout Latin America - In charge of teaching about Decent Work in rural areas, evaluate learning in public policy issues, generate debate on topics of best practices, and guide students.
- May 2019 – July 2019**
- June 2017 – September 2017** Assistant Professor of Econometrics - Diploma in Preparation and Social Evaluation of Projects - Department of Industrial Engineering, University of Chile.
- August 2017 – November 2017** Assistant Professor in the course "Public Policy Research" - Universidad Diego Portales, Faculty of Economics and Business.
- March 2017 – July 2017** Assistant professor of the branch "Public Policies for Sustainable Development" - University Diego Portales, Faculty of Economics and Business.
- September 2016 – December 2016** Tutor of Introduction to Economics and Mathematics for students of the Master of Management of Public Policies - Department of Industrial Engineering, University of Chile.
- 2007 – 2012** Teacher of Basic and Intermediate English - European Academy Language School of El Salvador
- 2007 – 2012** Mathematics tutor to high school students - Freelance

#### SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

- July 2018** Multidimensional Poverty Workshop: Measurement and Analysis with Stata organised by the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) in the Department of International Development of the University of Oxford - UK
- July 2017** Applied Workshop in Microeconometrics for longitudinal, panel and cross-sectional data using STATA (Timberlake) in the Department of Economics at the University of Cambridge - UK
- January 2017** Summer School Mixed Methods at the Institute of Political Science, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile - Chile
- October 2014** Theoretical-Practical Course on Impact Evaluation for Public Policies at the National University of La Plata (Impact evaluation on experimental and non-experimental topics for public policies with a practical approach through the use of STATA) - Argentina

<b>July 2014</b>	Course on Research Tools for Public Policies in the Escuela Superior de Economía y Negocios (ESEN) - El Salvador
<b>June 2014</b>	Basic and intermediate course on public policy research tools taught by Dr Gregg G. Van Ryzin of Rutgers University in ESEN - El Salvador
<b>December 2013</b>	Leadership Course: Unleash your leadership potential, Álvaro Trigueros, FUSADES - El Salvador
<b>September 2013 – April 2014</b>	Basic and intermediate course of statistical package STATA, Stata Online - El Salvador
<b>November 2013</b>	Workshop for young researchers: Preparing research proposals for donors, CIES - Think Tank Initiative - Lima, Peru
<b>2012</b>	Workshop "El Salvador Municipal Competitiveness Index 2011, Measuring Local Economic Governance to Create a Better Business Environment", RTI-USAID - El Salvador
<b>June 2012</b>	Workshop for Quantitative Research Tools, Amherst University, FUSADES - El Salvador

#### ACADEMIC AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

<b>2016</b>	Graduated Summa Cum Laude in Master in Management and Public Policies, Universidad de Chile (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile ranking) • Winner of the Thesis Country contest of the Fundación Superación de la Pobreza with the thesis "Instruments for multidimensional territorial targeting of poverty in Chile."
<b>2016 – 2015</b>	Full Scholarship as well as living stipend provided by the Agency of Chilean Cooperation for Development (AGCID) - Master in Management and Public Policies of the University of Chile

#### PUBLICATIONS AND ON-GOING RESEARCH

<b>2019</b>	Inequalities in employment and regional labour markets for Europe and Latin America at the LSE's International Inequalities Institute
<b>2019</b>	'The Quality of Employment (QoE) in nine Latin American countries: A multidimensional perspective' with Kirsten Sehnbruch, Pablo González, Mauricio Apablaza, and Verónica Arriagada in World Development. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2019.104738">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2019.104738</a> .
<b>2019</b>	"The Quality of Employment in Chile: A Regional Analysis Over-Time " with Kirsten Sehnbruch, Pablo González, Mauricio Apablaza (under revision)
<b>2019</b>	"A Multidimensional Quality of Employment Index Proposal Using a Regional Labour Market Survey in Central America" with Verónica Arriagada, Kirsten Sehnbruch, Mauricio Apablaza and Pablo González (Working Paper No. 38) COES publications (under revision)
<b>2016</b>	'La eficiencia del gasto público en Educación y Salud en El Salvador, 2003-2013 (Efficiency of Public Expenditure in El Salvador, 2003-2013)' with Alas de Franco, C., Serpas de Portillo, L. M., Trigueros Argüello, Á., & Oliva, J. A. Inter-American Development Bank. <a href="https://publications.iadb.org/es/publicacion/15589/la-eficiencia-del-gasto-publico-en-educacion-y-salud-en-el-salvador-2003-2013">https://publications.iadb.org/es/publicacion/15589/la-eficiencia-del-gasto-publico-en-educacion-y-salud-en-el-salvador-2003-2013</a>
<b>2015</b>	"Why should workers' savings be respected for their pensions? "(published Working Document) for the Department of Economic Studies, Salvadoran Foundation for Economic and Social Development (FUSADES-El Salvador)

## PRESENTATIONS IN ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- 2019** "Regional Inequalities in the Quality of Employment: The Case of Chile" at the 2019 HDCA Conference at UCL
- September 6-8, 2017** Quality of employment in South America: a multidimensional perspective. Rocío Méndez Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA) Annual Conference "Challenging Inequalities: Human Development and Social Change", 6-8 September 2017, Cape Town, South Africa.
- April 20-21, 2017** Quality of employment in Latin America Rocío Méndez NOPOOR Conference: "Employment, poverty and social policies". COES / UNIVERSITY OF CHILE / UNIVERSIDAD DIEGO PORTALES.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2018** Participating and organising a study group of Chilean female economists studying Economic Philosophy and Gender Economics
- October 2018** Collaboration with the Journal of Public Policy Studies, edited by the Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences of the University of Chile, in the preparation of the opinion of the article "Imperfections of the Chilean labour market: Credentialism Inflation, Education, and Polarization".
- 2015 – 2016** Elected Class President during Master's Degree
- September 2014** Creation and presenting at the workshop "FUSADES Experience" for the DEC, which offered to university students the formulation process of the national budget and how elected officials decide on the allocation
- 2014** Official Observer for presidential elections in El Salvador in the first round and second round
- 2014** Volunteer and attendee at the IV International Forum on Political Analysis, FUSADES
- January 2012 – August 2012** Local Committee President, AIESEC ESEN,
- 2011** Participation in the Leadership Congress
- 2011** Conference Manager, AIESEC ESEN
- 2009-2011** Elected Class President during my undergraduate degree, ESEN
- 2008 – 2007** Volunteer for Un Techo para mi Pais, El Salvador, constructed safe housing for rural families

## LANGUAGES AND SOFTWARE TOOLS

Native English and Spanish. 100% English language proficiency, oral and written - IELTS: Band 8.5  
Basic French  
Advanced: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Project), STATA, SAS, Visual Basic, SPSS.  
Intermediate: Arc-GIS, R, LaTeX, NVivo.  
Basic: GIT, Python, SQL.

## HOBBIES

Yoga, hiking, reading, perfecting sourdough bread making and playing the ukulele