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 Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

BIO

I am a Lecturer in the Department of Political Science at Stanford University. I am also a member of the Stanford Civics Initiative and an affiliated faculty of the Stanford Center for Latin American Studies and the Stanford Center for Poverty and Inequality. I have been a Lecturer and a Postdoctoral Associate in Economics at New York University Abu Dhabi and a Visiting Scholar at the University of Bordeaux. I received my Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Los Andes. My research centers on the intersection between social networks and economic history, extending to entrepreneurship and political economy topics.

My geographical areas of specialty are Latin America and the Middle East.

I regularly contribute to different news outlets. Currently, I am a Forbes Magazine op-ed columnist.

I am also the host of The Economic and Political History Podcast and The Civic Agora.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer, Political Science

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Los Andes University , Economics (2018)
- M.A., Los Andes University , Economics (2016)
- B.A., Universidad de Antioquia , Economics (2012)

LINKS

- My personal website: <https://www.javier-mejia.com/>

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Causal Inference for Social Science: POLISCI 150C, POLISCI 355C (Spr)
- Culture, Evolution, and Society: HUMBIO 2B (Aut)
- Data Science for Politics: POLISCI 150A, POLISCI 355A (Aut)

- Political Economy of Latin America: INTNLREL 153, LATINAM 343, POLISCI 243 (Spr)
- Societal Collapse: CLASSICS 187, POLISCI 244D (Aut)
- Wealth of Nations: ECON 134, POLISCI 244C, POLISCI 344C (Spr)

2024-25

- Causal Inference for Social Science: POLISCI 150C, POLISCI 355C (Spr)
- Data Science for Politics: POLISCI 150A, POLISCI 355A (Aut)
- Political Economy of Latin America: INTNLREL 153, POLISCI 243 (Win)
- Societal Collapse: CLASSICS 187, POLISCI 244D (Aut)
- Wealth of Nations: ECON 134, POLISCI 244C (Spr)

2023-24

- Political Economy of Latin America: INTNLREL 153, POLISCI 243 (Spr)
- Societal Collapse: POLISCI 44Q (Aut)
- Wealth of Nations: ECON 134, POLISCI 244C (Spr)

2022-23

- Societal Collapse: CLASSICS 187, POLISCI 244D (Spr)
- Wealth of Nations: ECON 134, POLISCI 244C (Win)