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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Stanford University Palo Alto, US
Postdoctoral Research Fellow 2021 – Present

EDUCATION

Los Andes University Bogota, Colombia
Ph.D. in Economics (with honors) 2013 – 2018

Stanford University Palo Alto, US
Visiting Student Researcher 2016 – 2017

Los Andes University Bogota, Colombia
M.A. in Economics 2013 – 2015

University of Antioquia Medellin, Colombia
B.A. in Economics 2007 – 2012

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Stanford University Palo Alto, US
Postdoctoral Research Fellow 2021 – Present

New York University Abu Dhabi Abu Dhabi, UAE
Postdoctoral Associate 2018 – 2021

University of Bordeaux Bordeaux, France
Visiting Research Fellow 2017

Los Andes University Bogota, Colombia
Research Assistant 2013-2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Stanford University | *Undergraduate level* 2021-Present
• Lecturer. *Courses: Wealth of Nations, Societal Collapse*

New York University Abu Dhabi | *Undergraduate level* 2020-2021
• Lecturer. *Courses: Wealth of Nations*

Los Andes University | *Graduate and undergraduate level* 2014-2016
• Adjunct professor. *Courses: Principles of Mathematics*
• Teaching assistant. *Courses: Advanced Macroeconomics, Economic History of Colombia*

Cooperative University of Colombia | *Undergraduate level* 2012-2013
• Adjunct professor. *Courses: Economic Theory*

University Foundation of the Andean Region | *Undergraduate level* 2012-2013
• Adjunct professor. *Courses: Economic Theory, Economic Policy*

OUTREACH ACTIVITY

Forbes -Latin America- 2020 – Present
Op-ed Columnist

Colombian Economic History Association (ACHE) 2014 – Present
Secretary

RePEc Biblio -Economic History- 2013 – Present
Editor

Economic History Society (EHS) 2017 – 2018
Ambassador

Drafts & Working Papers

- **Social Networks and Entrepreneurship. Evidence from a Historical Episode of Industrialization** | *R&R, Journal of Economic History*
- **Using Networks to Find a Better Job: Social Relations and Information Problems in the Job Search Process**—joint with Thibaud Deguilhem (University of Paris), Eric Quintane (ESMT Berlin), and Santiago Gómez (University of Heidelberg) | *under review*
- **The Network Formation Origin of Tribal Societies**
- **Social Interactions and Modern Economic Growth**—joint with Bedoor Al Shebli (New York University Abu Dhabi)
- **Social Interactions and Contract Enforcement in the Postcolonial Arab World. Evidence from the Industrial Elite of Morocco, 1956-1982**—joint with Romain Ferrali (New York University Abu Dhabi)
- **Committing not to Build a State**—joint with Leopoldo Fergusson (Los Andes University), Santiago Torres (Los Andes University), and James Robinson (University of Chicago)

Early-Stage Projects

- **Information Transmission in Traditional Societies. Evidence from Sufism during the Early Islam Period**—joint with Jeremy Farrell (Emory University)
- **Unite or Perish. Networks and Religion in Baghdad during the Fall of the Abbasid Caliphate**—joint with Jeremy Farrell (Emory University).
- **Friends Forever. The Persistence of Social Interactions across Centuries**—joint with Francisco J. Marco-Gracia (University of Zaragoza)
- **Social Mobility in an Industrializing Economy**—joint with Camilo Garcia-Jimeno (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago) and James Robinson (University of Chicago).

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. “Modernizing elites in Latin America: social-network evidence from the emergence of banking in Antioquia.” In Felipe Valencia Caicedo (Ed.) *Roots of Underdevelopment: A New Economic (and Political) History of Latin America and the Caribbean*. London, United Kingdom: Palgrave / Macmillan, 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*. Bogotá, Colombia: Universidad de los Andes, forthcoming.
- Martínez, S. & Mejia, J. “Café y ciudad: El despegue urbano de Pereira.” (Joint with Sebastián Martínez). Sebastián Martínez & Adriana María Suárez Mayorga (Ed.) *Repensando la Historia Urbana. Reflexiones Históricas en Torno a la Ciudad Colombiana*. Pereira, Colombia: Universidad Tecnológica de Pereira y Universidad Icesi, 2020.
- 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 Articles (General Interest)

- Mejia, J., “The Economics of the Manila Galleon,” *Journal of Chinese Economic and Foreign Trade Studies*, 2021.
- Mejia, J., “The Evolution of Economic History since 1950: From Cliometrics to Cliodynamics,” *Tiempo & Economía*, 2(2), 79-103, 2015.

Journal Articles (Latin-American Studies)

- 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., “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.

Book Reviews

- Mejia, J., “Market research history in Colombia. Entrepreneurial trajectory of Napoleón Franco,” *Business History Review*, 56(2), 2015.

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

- **2022:** Stanford Political Theory Workshop (*Stanford, USA*).
- **2021:** DEEP Seminar (*Seoul, Korea-online*). Historical Network Research Conference (*Luxembourg-online*). Ethics Center Postdoc Workshop (*Stanford, USA*). Seminar at Universidad Autónoma de Bucaramanga (*Bucaramanga, Colombia-online*). LACEA Meetings (*Bogotá, Colombia-online*). Economic History Seminar at Vienna University of Economics and Business-University of Vienna (*Vienna, Austria-online*). EPOG+ Seminar at University of Paris (*Paris, France-online*).
- **2020:** CMES Lunch Seminar at UC Berkeley (*Berkeley, US*). Economic History Breakfast Seminar at UC Davis (*Davis, US*). Economic History Seminar at Lund University (*Lund, Sweden*).
- **2019:** Entrepreneurship Seminar at INSEAD Singapore (*Singapore*). Applied Microeconomics Seminar at Monash University (*Melbourne, Australia*). Australian Cliometrics Workshop at UNSW (*Sydney, Australia*). RSE Seminar at The Australian National University (*Canberra, Australia*). Historical Political Economy Conference at NYUAD (*Abu Dhabi, UAE*). ADRES Conference (*Aix-Marseille School of Economics, France*). LEAP Seminar at Stellenbosch University (*Stellenbosch, South Africa*). Workshop on the Frontiers of Network Science at NYUAD (*Abu Dhabi, UAE*). Growth Lab Lunch Seminar at Brown University (*Providence, US*). CEDE Seminar at Los Andes University (*Bogotá, Colombia*). Faculty Seminar at CESA (*Bogotá, Colombia*). CID Seminar at Universidad Nacional (*Bogotá, Colombia*). GHE-ACHEE Seminar at Los Andes University (*Bogotá, Colombia*). Networks Group Meeting at NYUAD (*Abu Dhabi, UAE*). The Tasaamuh Film Festival at Manarat Al Saadiyat (*Abu Dhabi, UAE*). Workshop on African Economic History at Stellenbosch University (*Stellenbosch, South Africa*).
- **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, Luxembourg*). 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*).

REFEREE FOR

- **Multidisciplinary journals:** PLOS One; Connections; Editorial Universidad del Rosario.
- **Economics journals:** Journal of Economic Growth; Journal of the History of Economic Thought; Economic History Research; Latin America in Economic History; Revista de Historia Industrial; Lecturas de Economía; Sociedad y Economía; Documentos y Aportes en Administración Pública y Gestión Estatal; Economía & Región; Ensayos de Economía; Tiempo & Economía; História Econômica História de Empresas.
- **History journals:** Business History; HiSTOReLo; Historia y Sociedad; Memorias; Anuario Historia Regional y de las Fronteras; Ciencia Nueva.
- **Sociology journals:** Socio-Economic Review; Civilizar Ciencias Sociales y Humanas.
- **Grants and awards:** COLCIENCIAS Special Grant Programme (Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation of Colombia); Juan Luis Londoño Prize (Los Andes University); De la Banca Escolar a la Banca Central Competition (Central Bank of Colombia); Tenure package for Universidad Militar; OeNB Anniversary Fund (Austrian Central Bank); CSUR Grant Programme (National Research Foundation of South Africa);LACEA Scientific committee member (Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association).

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Economic History, Social Networks, Political Economy, Economic Growth.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native), **English** (fluent), **French** (intermediate), **Italian** (intermediate), **Arabic** (beginner).

REFERENCES

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