

# Daniela Leitch Barra

## Economist

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### Summary

I'm a Chilean economist with an MA degree from NYU. I currently work as a full-time Assistant Researcher at Centro de Estudios Públicos (CEP Chile), where I perform research in diverse fields related to economics and public policy. I also teach at Universidad del Desarrollo, Concepción, where I have previously worked as an RA in the fields of industrial organization, institutions and entrepreneurship. Main fields of interest are IO and Development Economics. Secondary interests are Political Economy and Applied Macroeconomics.

My current research focuses on the effect of institutions in entrepreneurial behavior and in topics of Chilean public policy.

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### Education

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| 2017 - 2019<br>New York, USA     | <b>Master of Arts (MA)</b><br>New York University<br>Thesis Paper: "Technology Adoption and Wait: A Cost-Benefit Approach to Efficiency" |
| 2012 - 2016<br>Concepción, Chile | <b>Bachelor in Business Administration, <i>Summa cum Laude</i> (Rank: 1/44)</b><br>Universidad del Desarrollo<br>Concepción, Chile       |
| 2012 - 2013<br>Concepción, Chile | <b>Minor in Political Science</b><br>Universidad del Desarrollo<br>Concepción, Chile   |

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### Research Positions

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| 08/2020 - Present   | <b>Assistant Researcher</b><br>Centro de Estudios Públicos (CEP Chile)  |
| 2019 - 2020<br>Concepción, Chile  | <b>Research Assistant</b><br>Universidad del Desarrollo, Department of Economics and Business<br>Supervisor: Professor Felipe Vásquez             |
| • Research paper: "Is Entrepreneurship Deterred by Institutional Development?", with José Ramos, Felipe Vásquez and Manuel Barrientos               |   |
| 2016 - 2017<br>Concepción, Chile  | <b>Research Assistant</b><br>Universidad del Desarrollo, Department of Economics and Business<br>Supervisor: Professor Cristián Troncoso-Valverde |
| • Research support in papers about the following topics: equilibrium refining, entrepreneurship financing mechanisms and price-matching mechanisms. |   |

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### Teaching

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| 2020, 2019<br>Concepción, Chile  | <b>Lecturer: Principles of Macroeconomics (ECE122)</b><br>Universidad del Desarrollo, Department of Economics and Business  |
| 2019<br>Concepción, Chile        | <b>Lecturer: Macroeconomics (ECE227)</b><br>Universidad del Desarrollo, Department of Economics and Business  |
| 2018 - 2019<br>New York, USA     | <b>Teacher Assistant: Development Economics (Undergraduate)</b><br>NYU GSAS, Department of Economics  |
| 2014 - 2017<br>Concepción, Chile | <b>Teacher Assistant: Industrial Organization, Macroeconomics, Introductory and Intermediate Finance and Globalization and its Impact (At the School of Government)</b><br>Universidad del Desarrollo, Department of Economics and Business |

## Papers (In-Progress, Thesis and Term Papers)

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- 2020 “Is Entrepreneurship Deterred by Institutional Development?”, co-authored with José Ramos, Felipe Vásquez and Manuel Barrientos, in-progress.
- 2019 Technology Adoption and Wait: A Cost-Benefit Approach to Efficiency”, thesis paper.
- 2018 “The Purchasing Power Parity Puzzle”, term paper, co-authored with Fernando Falbo, Devashish Kumar.
- 2017 “Analysis of Labor Productivity in Chile”, term paper.

## Prizes and Scholarships

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- 2017 **Becas Chile Magíster en el Extranjero Scholarship**  
Sponsor: National Agency for Research and Development (ANID)
- 2-year Full Scholarship to pursue graduate studies in Economics at New York University
- 2012 **Beca 100% UDD Concepción Scholarship**  
Sponsor: Universidad Del Desarrollo, Concepción
- Full scholarship awarded to students with an overall of 700 pts (from a total of 850) or above, in the College Admissions Test to pursue undergraduate studies at Universidad del Desarrollo, Concepción.

## Additional Profesional Experience

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- 2018 **Economic Affairs Intern**  
New York, USA United Nations Secretariat, OHRLLS, Division for the Least Developed Countries
- Perform economic and large data base analysis for the elaboration of UN reports.
  - Perform research in the fields of development and environmental economics.

## Software and Statistical Programming

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Advanced: Stata, LaTeX, Microsoft Excel and all other Office Packages

Intermediate: R

## Languages

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Spanish: Native

English: Proficient in speaking, writing and reading

## References

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