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- Master in International Relations and Negotiations and International Economic Relations, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Argentina (in cooperation with the Universidad de San Andrés and the Universidad de Barcelona)
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Research

Research interests:

- The determinants of conflict and fragility
- Governance in situations of conflict and fragility
- The determinants of income and gender inequality
- Policy and approaches to aid in middle-income countries
- EU development policy
- Latin America, particularly Brazil, Argentina, Colombia and Mexico

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