

SALVADOR ASCENCIO PASTORA

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EDUCATION

Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, USA Sep 2018 - present

Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government, expected in May 2024

M.A. in Political Economy and Government, 2021

- *Fields:* political economy, development, public finance, comparative politics, applied quantitative research.
- *Fellowships and Grants:* David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, 2019-2022; Institute for Quantitative Social Science, 2022; CONACYT-Fundación México en Harvard Fellowship, 2018-2023.

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Mexico City, Mexico Aug 2010 - May 2016

B.S. in Economics, summa cum laude; GPA: 9.33/10 (top 1%)

B.A. in Political Science, summa cum laude; GPA: 9.43/10 (first in class)

- Two professional (*licenciate*) degrees coursed in parallel; Academic Excellence Scholarship.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summer Consultant for Mexico's Federal Government May 2021 - Aug 2021

- Participated in the design of a new quantitative methodology for distributing the budget assigned to FO-VISSSTE, the subsidized housing credit provider for Mexico's public sector workers and the second-largest mortgage-lending institution in Mexico.
- Contributed to formalize a proposal to redesign the subsidized mortgage contracts offered to public sector workers in Mexico.

Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico, Mexico City

Director of Financial Policy Analysis - Banking Institutions Mar 2017 - Aug 2018

- Coordinated the team in charge of analyzing the regulatory agenda for financial sector development within the Ministry, with a particular focus on financial inclusion and on the deepening of equity and debt markets, and adopting an implementation of prudential regulatory standards consistent with principles of proportionality.
- Served as the coordinator of a permanent committee of financial authorities and industry stakeholders, dedicated to the execution of financial inclusion initiatives and regulatory adjustments (including a project led by the IFC on asset-based lending).
- Executed quantitative impact evaluations to guide the domestic implementation of global macro-prudential standards in Mexico, including total loss-absorption capacity, liquidity coverage ratio, net-stable funding ratio, among others.
- Contributed to developing Mexico's national financial education strategy (analysis of the current status of financial literacy in Mexico and policy proposals regarding targeted Financial Education programs).
- Formulated a novel quantitative approach to evaluate banks' alignment with national development goals and quantify their performance concerning their contribution to the real economy.
- Performed technical financial examinations necessary for the Ministry's regulatory endorsement of financial institutions' corporate actions, including mergers and acquisitions, license revocation, resolution, recapitalization, and more.
- Collaborated with financial institutions and national development banks to manage the federal government's disbursement strategy for disaster relief following the 2017 earthquakes in Mexico.
- Participated in the development of a strategy for the orderly resolution of two distressed financial institutions.

Advisor to the Undersecretary of Finance

Jun 2015 - Mar 2017

- Advised government entities in different areas (housing, agriculture, social welfare) on managerial practices and the operation of social programs to maximize the impact of their existing budgets.
- Conducted regular assessments of proposed international financial regulatory standards by the G20's Financial Stability Board and Basel Committee on Banking Supervision to inform Mexico's official positions in those fora.
- Assisted with revamping the risk-management strategy for the federal government's subsidy to agricultural commodities coverage, which allowed the federal government to save approximately \$ 115 billion pesos (approximately \$ 5.7 billion USD) while maintaining covered quantity goals.

Economic Analyst- Office of the Undersecretary of Finance

Jan 2014-May 2015

- Elaborated policy memos and presentations analyzing complex economic phenomena and social and political issues (sector-specific total factor productivity, effects of minimum wages, evaluation of conditional cash transfer programs, etc.).
- Analyzed requests for additional fiscal resources and prepared presentations to inform decision-making by the Ministry's senior staff.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

WORKING PAPERS

- "Fiscal Underperformance and Partisan Coordination: Evidence from Mexico", 2022.
- "Unconditional Transfers Targeting and Electoral Returns: Quasi-Experimental evidence from Mexico's Welfare Census", 2022.
- "Heterogeneous coalitions and partisanship: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Mexico", 2022 (with M. Gou).

PUBLICATIONS

- "Real Estate De-Construction Policies in Mexico's Federal District 2000-2015", *Buen Gobierno*, Vol. 19, p.p. 46-62. [in Spanish] (with C. Ballinas)
- "Voting Rules, Committees and Information: an analysis of Mexico's National Electoral Institute with legislative models", *Estudios*, Vol. 115, Winter 2015, ITAM, p.p. 91-119. [in Spanish] (with M. Gou and P. Sánchez)

TEACHING:

Harvard University:

- Economics for Policy Analysis (mid-career Masters' program), *Primary Instructor*, Summer 2023
- Financial and Macroeconomic Crises of the 21st Century (undergraduate), *Teaching Fellow*, Spring 2023
- Econometrics (undergraduate), *Head Teaching Fellow*, Fall 2022.
- Introductory Economics (undergraduate), *Teaching Fellow*, 2020-2022.

Princeton University:

- Statistics (mid-career Masters' program), *Primary Instructor*, Summer 2021

SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (beginner), French (beginner).
Software: R, Stata, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office.