

# Antonio Merino

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Development Economics, Policy Evaluation, Education, Inequality, and Time Use Studies.

## EDUCATION

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- **Ph.D. in Economics** Miami, USA  
*Florida International University* *Expected Graduation: Jun 2025*
- **Master of Arts in Economics** Miami, USA  
*Florida International University* *Aug 2022*
- **Economic and Financial Sciences Engineering** Quito, Ecuador  
*National Polytechnic School* *Sep 2019*

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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- **Florida International University** Miami, USA  
*Graduate Assistant* *Jan 2021 - Present*

### Instructor

- Principles of Microeconomics (ECO 2023; Fall 2024, Summer 2025)
- Principles of Macroeconomics (ECO 2013; Spring 2024, Summer 2024)

### Teaching Assistant

- Microeconomic Theory (ECO 7115, graduate course; Spring 2025)
- Fundamentals of Macroeconomics (ECO6204, graduate course; Fall 2021)
- Microeconomics (ECO 6174, graduate course; Spring 2025)
- Introduction to Econometrics (ECO4421; Spring 2021, Fall 2023)
- Money and Banking (ECO 3223; Spring 2022)
- Intermediate Macroeconomics (ECO 3203; Spring 2022)
- Intermediate Microeconomics (ECO 3101; Spring 2025)
- Introduction to Economic Development (ECS 3013; Spring 2023)
- Principles of Microeconomics (ECO 2023; Summer 2021, Summer 2023, Spring 2025)
- Principles of Macroeconomics (ECO 2013; Summer 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- **Office of the Attorney General** Quito, Ecuador  
*Data Analyst* *Oct 2019 - Dec 2020*
- **BOS+ (Belgian NGO)** Quito, Ecuador  
*Project Assistant in Ecuador (Internship)* *Aug - Sep 2018*

## PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH

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- Merino, A. & Salazar, Y., “The intergenerational transmission of gender roles in Ecuador”. (Feminist Economics, Routledge. Accepted for publication, undergoing final editorial review).

## JOB MARKET PAPER

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- Merino, A. & Pfitze, T., “Now you receive it, now you don’t: The effect of losing a cash transfer in Ecuador”.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- Merino, A., *The short and long term impact of cash transfers on education and labor in Ecuador: A multidimensional RDD approach.*
- Merino, A., *The unintended effect of a cash transfer on resilience to natural disasters in Ecuador.*

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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- 61<sup>st</sup> Missouri Valley Economic Association Annual Conference, Kansas City, USA 2024
- Seminar *Reflections on Development in Latin America and Ecuador*, Quito, Ecuador 2024
- Economics Department Workshops, Florida International University 2023, 2024
- VII International Economy Congress, Loja, Ecuador 2019
- V Congress of Economics, Quito, Ecuador 2019

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Florida International University Aug 2020 - Present
- “Young researcher” Prize, VII International Economy Congress, Ecuador Jul 2019

## SKILLS

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- **Software and Programming:** Stata, R, SPSS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, High Power Computing (Bash, SLURM), Microsoft Office.

## OTHER INFORMATION

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- **Citizenship:** Ecuadorian
- **Languages:** Spanish (native), English (fluent)
- **Hobbies:** Volleyball, Soccer

## REFERENCES

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