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EMPLOYMENT

2026 - present: **Full Professor**, Dept. of Economics, CUNEF Universidad

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Stanford University, 2012–2016

M.A. in Economics, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 2011

B.A. in Economics, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 2011

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Political Economy, Development Economics, Economic History, Corporate Finance

PUBLICATIONS

1. Colonnelli, Emanuele, Prem, Mounu, and Teso, Edoardo: "Patronage and Selection in Public Sector Organizations," *American Economic Review*, 110(10), 3071–3099, 2020.
2. Colonnelli, Emanuele and Prem, Mounu: "Corruption and Firms," *Review of Economic Studies*, 89(2), 695–732, 2022.
3. Colonnelli, Emanuele, Lagaras, Spyros, Ponticelli, Jacopo, Prem, Mounu, and Tsoutsoura, Margarita: "Revealing Corruption: Firm and Worker Level Evidence from Brazil," *Journal of Financial Economics*, 143, 1097–1119, 2022.
4. Bautista, Miguel A., González, Felipe, Martínez, Luis, Muñoz, Pablo, and Prem, Mounu: "The Geography of Dictatorship and Opposition to Autocracy," *American Journal of Political Science*, 67(1), 101–118, 2023.
5. Mejía, Daniel, Prem, Mounu, and Vargas, Juan F.: "The Rise and Persistence of Illegal Crops: Evidence from a Naïve Policy Announcement," *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 105(2), 344–358, 2023.

6. González, Felipe and Prem, Mounu: "Police Violence, Student Protests, and Educational Performance," *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 106(3), 712–727, 2024.
7. Harding, Robin, Prem, Mounu, Ruiz, Nathalie A., and Vargas, David: "Buying a Blind Eye: Campaign Donations, Regulatory Enforcement, and Deforestation," *American Political Science Review*, 118(2), 635–653, 2024.
8. González, Felipe, Martínez, Luis, Muñoz, Pablo, and Prem, Mounu: "Higher Education and Mortality: Legacies of an Authoritarian College Contraction," *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 22(4), 1762–1797, 2024.
9. Muñoz, Pablo and Prem, Mounu: "Managers' Productivity and Recruitment in the Public Sector," *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 16(4), 223–256, 2024.
10. González, Felipe, Miquel-Florensa, Josepa, Prem, Mounu, and Straub, Stéphane: "The Dark Side of Infrastructure: Roads, Repression, and Land in Authoritarian Paraguay," *Economic Journal*, 135(666), 653–669, 2025.

WORKING PAPERS

1. Arellano-Bover, Jaime, De Simoni, Marco, Guiso, Luigi, Macchiavello, Rocco, Marchetti, Domenico J., and Prem, Mounu: "Mafias and Firms."
2. Canini, Renata, González, Felipe, and Prem, Mounu: "Police–Civilian Fatal Encounters and State Trust."
3. González, Felipe and Prem, Mounu: "When the State Takes Over: Nationalization, Firm Performance, and Political Backlash."
4. Coy, Felipe, Perilla, Sergio, Prem, Mounu, Purroy, Miguel E., and Vargas, Juan F.: "Fear to Vote: Explosions, Salience, and Elections."
5. González, Felipe and Prem, Mounu: "Transfers and Political Support in Times of Crisis."

SELECTED ACADEMIC HONOURS AND GRANTS

- 2026** Excellence in Research Award, International Society for the Study of Drug Policy.
- 2024** Top Cited Article 2022–23, American Journal of Political Science.
- 2023** The Economic Journal Referee Prize, Royal Economic Society.
- 2021** Mario Henrique Simonsen Memorial Lecture, Latin American Econometric Society.
- 2020** Arthur H. Cole Prize for best article, Journal of Economic History.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

U. New South Wales (2026), Australian Political Economy Network Conference, keynote (2026), U. Paris Dauphine-PSL (2026), U. Carlos III (2026), CUNEF (2026), U. Pompeu Fabra (2025), Stockholm School of Economics (2025), Hebrew U. of Jerusalem (2025), Tel Aviv U. (2025), Berlin Applied Micro Seminar (2025), Catholic U. of Milan (2025), U. de Chile (2025), King's College London (2024), BI Norwegian Business School (2024), National U. of Singapore (2024), U. de Chile CEA (2023), EBRD (2023), Goethe U. Frankfurt (2023), EEA Annual Meetings (2023), RES Annual Conference (2023), ENS de

Lyon (2023), Tilburg U. (2023), Tor Vergata (2023), Brunel U. London (2023), Paris School of Economics (2022), LSE (2022), Oxford U. (2022), CEMFI (2022), Bocconi (2022), U. of Copenhagen (2022), Toulouse School of Economics (2022), Queen Mary U. (2022), Erasmus School of Economics (2022).