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Major Fields of Interest

• International Economics	• International Business
• Business Cycles	• Managerial Economics

Education

2004: Ph.D. in Economics, *summa cum laude*, University Carlos III de Madrid, Spain

Thesis: “Essays on International Trade and Business Cycles”

Advisor: Klaus Desmet (Southern Methodist University, USA)

Thesis Committee:

- Timothy Kehoe (University of Minnesota)
- Manuel Santos (University of Miami)
- Juan Rojas (Instituto de Empresa, Madrid, Spain)
- Josep Pijoan-Mas (CEMFI, Madrid, Spain)
- Felipe Meza (ITAM, Mexico)

1999: M.A. in Economics, University Carlos III de Madrid, Department of Economics, Spain

1997: B.Sc. in Computer Science, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Mathematics, Romania

Affiliations and positions

July 2013 – present: Lecturer and Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Rice University, USA

August 2011 – May 2013: Associate Professor of International Business and Finance, Robert W. Plaster School of Business, Missouri Southern State University, USA

August 2010 – July 2011: Visiting Research Scholar, Rice University, Department of Economics, USA

August 2005 – July 2010: Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the International Business area in the Master Programs, ITAM, School of Business, Mexico

March – December 2008: Research Trainee, RGEA (Research Group in Economic Analysis), University of Vigo, Spain

October 2004 – July 2005: Jean Monnet Post-doctoral Fellow, Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies (RSCAS), European University Institute, Italy

2002 – 2004: Research Fellow, Department of Economics, University Carlos III de Madrid, Spain

April – October 2003: Marie Curie Fellow, Bocconi University, Italy

July – September 2002: Visiting student, University of Minnesota, Department of Economics, USA

2001 – 2002: Lecturer, Department of Economics, University Carlos III de Madrid, Spain

1997 – 2001: Instructor, Department of Economics, University Carlos III de Madrid, Spain

Publications and working papers

♣ Publications

- Bejan, M (2011) - “Trade Agreements and International Comovements: the Case of NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement)”, *Review of Economic Dynamics* 14(4), pag.667-685.
- Bejan, M (2010) – “Openness to Trade and Output Volatility” - *BALAS Annual Conference - 2010-03-24*
- Bejan, M., Ortega, F. (2009) -- “CEMEX: Crecimiento y consolidación a través de la diversificación de mercados”, *ITAM Business Cases series* Nr. ITAM/DAAC 097-09-EST-CD (2009)
- Bejan, M., Ortega, F. (2009) -- “CEMEX: Crecimiento y consolidación a través de la diversificación de mercados: Nota de Enseñanza”, *ITAM Business Cases series* Teaching Note Nr. ITAM/DAAC 099-09-EST-NE (2009)
- Bejan, M (2007) - “Some Business Cycle Consequences of Signing NAFTA”, *European University Institute RSCAS 2007/03*
- Bejan, M. (2007) -- “Openness to trade and Output Volatility”, *proceedings of the 7th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Business*
- Bejan, M. , Desmet, K., Kujal, P and Lopez, J.M. (2002) -- “Inward FDI and Labor Markets: A Sectoral Analysis for Spain”, *proceedings of the CEPR workshop “Foreign direct investment and labor markets”*

♣ Work in progress

- “A reassessment of the relationship between openness and volatility using an international business cycle model”
- “Trade and Volatility: A cross-country analysis” (*revise and resubmit*)
- “Optimal performance-based contracts and managerial fraud” (joint with Camelia Bejan and P.K. Sen)
- “Financial Integration and Business Cycles Comovements” (joint with Camelia Bejan)
- “Economic Consequences of the European Integration”
- “Using game theory to shape strategy: The case of trade agreements” (joint with Michele Biavati)

Teaching Experience

- ◆ ***Rice University – Department of Economics:***
 - Microeconomics I (ECON 201)
 - Mathematical Structure of Economic Theory (ECON 308 – formal 401)
 - International Economics and Finance (ECON 422)
 - Mathematical Economics I - Ph.D. (ECON 507)
- ◆ ***Missouri Southern State University – Robert W. Plaster School of Business:***
 - International Business (IB310)
 - International Corporate Finance (IB430)
 - The American Economic System (ECON180)
 - Principles of Economics (Macroeconomics) (ECON 201)
- ◆ ***ITAM Business School:***
 - International Business, Managerial Economics (undergraduate level)
 - Global Strategy, Microeconomics (MBA, Master in International Management)
 - International Markets, MYGLOBE (Executive Program)
- ◆ ***University Carlos III de Madrid:***
 - International Economics (undergraduate level)
 - Microeconomics (MA Industrial Organization)
 - Decisions and game theory
 - *Teaching assistant for:* Advanced Macroeconomics, Advanced Microeconomics, Public Economics, Mathematical Economics.

Grants and Awards

- 2015 – Outstanding Faculty Associate, Hanszen College, Rice University
- 2015 – Nominated for Will Rice College’s Favorite Professor – Spring 2015, Will Rice College, Rice University
- 2014 – Nominated for Baker College’s Best Professors of 2014, Rice University
- 2010 – Distinguished Teacher Award, MBA, ITAM, Mexico
- 2007 –2009 – Distinguished Teacher Award, Department of Business Administration, ITAM, Mexico (undergraduate level)
- 2006 – Distinguished Teacher Award, Department of Business Administration, ITAM, Mexico (MBA and undergraduate level)
- October 2004-July 2005 – Jean Monnet Fellowship at European University Institute, Florence, Italy
- April-October 2003 – Marie Curie Fellowship at Bocconi University, Milan, Italy
- July-September 2002 – Foundation Carlos III award for short stay in Minnesota University, USA
- June 2002 – European Commission Fellowship to attend PACO Training Session, CEPS/INSTEAD, Luxembourg
- 2001-2002 – Distinguished Teacher Award, Department of Economics, University Carlos III de Madrid, Spain

Conference and Seminars Presentations

- **2013**
 - Academy of International Business – Midwest Meeting, Chicago, USA
- **2012**
 - SBR (Society of Business Research), Nashville (TN), USA (paper accepted)
- **2010**
 - BALAS 2010 (Business Association of the Latin American Studies), Barcelona, Spain
- **2009**
 - 43rd conference of the Canadian Economics Association, Toronto, Canada
 - LACEA-LAMES 2009, Buenos Aires, Argentina (paper accepted)
 - Econometric Society Australasian Meeting, Canberra, Australia (paper accepted)
- **2008**
 - RGEA (Research Group in Economic Analysis), University of Vigo, Spain (seminar)
- **2007**
 - 7th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Business, Hawaii, USA
 - CIDE, Mexico City, Mexico (seminar)
- **2005**
 - University of Guanajuato, Mexico (seminar)
 - ITAM Business School (seminar)
 - SAET Conference on Current Trends in Economics, Vigo, Spain
 - LACEA 2005, Paris, France
 - VI National Symposium in Administration, Acapulco, Mexico (invited speaker)
 - European University Institute (Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies) (seminar)
 - BBVA, Madrid, Spain (seminar)
- **2004**
 - Fall 2004 Midwest Economic Theory and Trade Conference, St. Louis (MO), USA
 - XXIX Symposium of Economic Analysis, Pamplona, Spain
 - European University, Madrid, Spain (seminar)
 - EEA-ESEM (19th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association and 59th European Meeting of the Econometric Society), Madrid, Spain
- **2003**
 - Summer Meeting of Economic Analysis, Vigo, Spain
 - XXVIII Symposium of Economic Analysis, Seville, Spain
 - Macroeconomics Workshop, University Carlos III de Madrid, Spain
- **2002**
 - CEPR workshop “Foreign direct investment and labor markets”, Turin, Italy

Professional Activities

- ◆ **Referee for:**
 - Canadian Journal of Economics
 - International Review of Economics and Finance
 - Regional Studies
 - Business Association of Latin American Studies (BALAS)
 - Economía Mexicana - Nueva Epoca
- ◆ **2008 - present**
 - Member of the American Economic Association (AEA)
 - Member of the Econometric Society
 - Member of the Canadian Economics Association (CEA)
 - Member of the Academy of International Business (AIB)

- Member of the Society for Economic Dynamics
- Member of the Business Association of Latin American Studies (BALAS)
- ◆ **2005 – 2010:**
 - Member of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA)
 - Coordinator of the International Business area in the Master programs, ITAM, Mexico
- ◆ **2004:** Member of the Organizing Committee of ESEM-EEA Conference, Madrid, Spain

Academic Service

- ◆ **Rice University**
 - Member of the Rice University Committee on Fellowships and Awards (Fall 2016 – present)
 - Member of the Rice Economics Department Undergraduate Committee (Fall 2016 – present)
 - Hanszen College Faculty Associate (Spring 2014 – present)
 - Hanszen College – Faculty mentor for an O-week group (Fall 2014 – present)
- ◆ **Missouri Southern State University**
 - Member of the Academic Policies Committee (2011-2013)
 - Member of the Faculty Development Committee (2011-2013)
 - Member of the Students and Alumni Affairs Committee (2011-2013)
 - Member of the ACBSP accreditation Committee (2011-2013)

Theses supervised

- **Graduate level:**
 - Maria Ayala (2009, MBA, ITAM, Mexico)
 - Francisco Ortega Jara (2010, MIM, ITAM, Mexico)
- **Undergraduate level:**
 - Claudio Ruiz Cervantes (2008, undergraduate, ITAM, Mexico)
 - Andres Aguilar Magallon (2008, undergraduate, ITAM, Mexico)
 - Tashel Martin (2011 – 2012, undergraduate Honors, MSSU)
 - Ryan Prisock (2011 – 2013, undergraduate Honors, MSSU)
 - Aaron Pirtle (2012, undergraduate, MSSU)

Languages

- English
- Spanish
- Romanian (native)
- Italian
- French (basic)

Computer skills

Stata, Eviews, Matlab, C++, Mathematica, StatGraphics, Blackboard, etc.