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Major Fields of Interest

- International Economics
- International Business
- Business Cycles
- International Finance

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 (Professor, Southern Methodist University)

Thesis Committee:

- Timothy Kehoe (Professor, University of Minnesota)
- Manuel Santos (Professor, University of Miami)
- Juan Rojas (Head of Economic and Market Analysis, European Stability Mechanism)
- Josep Pijoan-Mas (Associate Professor, CEMFI)
- Felipe Meza (Professor, ITAM)

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 2018 – present: Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, Rice University, USA

July 2013 – June 2018: 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

Teaching Experience**Undergraduate level:**

- ◆ ***Rice University – Department of Economics:***
 - Mathematical Economics (ECON 308) (2013 – present)
 - International Economics and Finance (ECON 422) (2015 – present)
 - Microeconomics I (ECON 201) (2013-2015)
- ◆ ***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 (Mexico):***
 - International Business
 - Managerial Economics
- ◆ ***University Carlos III de Madrid (Spain):***
 - International Economics
 - Decisions and game theory
 - *Teaching assistant for:* Advanced Macroeconomics, Advanced Microeconomics, Public Economics, Mathematical Economics, Decisions and Game Theory.

Graduate level:

- ◆ ***Rice University – Department of Economics:***
 - Mathematical Economics I (PhD level, ECON 507) (2013)
- ◆ ***ITAM Business School (Mexico):***
 - Global Strategy, Microeconomics (MBA, Master in International Management)
 - International Markets, MYGLOBE (Executive Program)
- ◆ ***University Carlos III de Madrid (Spain):***
 - Microeconomics (MA Industrial Organization)

Grants and Awards

- 2019 – Malcolm Gillis Award for Distinction in Undergraduate Teaching, Rice University
- 2019 – Nominated one of Will Rice College’s Favorite Professor, Rice University
- 2018 – Outstanding Faculty Associate for 2017-2018, Will Rice College, Rice University
- 2018 – Nominated one of Lovett College’s Favorite Professor, Lovett College, Rice University
- 2017 – Nominated Favorite Professor by a Rice Scholar-Athlete, Rice University
- 2017 – Distinguished Faculty Associate for 2016-2017, Hanszen College, Rice University
- 2016 – Outstanding Faculty Associate for 2015-2016, Hanszen College, Rice University
- 2015 – Distinguished Faculty Associate for 2014-2015, Hanszen College, Rice University
- 2015 – Nominated one of Will Rice College’s Favorite Professor, Rice University
- 2014 – Nominated one of Baker College’s Best Professors, 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

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 Proceedings - 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

- “Trade and Volatility: A cross-country analysis”
- “A Reassessment of the Relationship between Openness and Volatility using an International Business Cycle Model”
- “Performance-Based Contracts, Monitoring and Fraud” (joint with Camelia Bejan and P.K. Sen)
- “Liability versus Negligence in Information Security Contracts” (joint with Camelia Bejan)
- “Using Game Theory to Shape Strategy: The Case of Trade Agreements” (joint with Michele Biavati)

Referee work

- Canadian Journal of Economics
- International Review of Economics and Finance
- The World Economy
- Regional Studies

- The Journal of International Trade and Economic Development
- Business Association of Latin American Studies
- Economía Mexicana - Nueva Epoca

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

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)
 - Member of the Rice Economics Department Honors Committee (Fall 2019 – present)
 - Will Rice College Faculty Associate (Spring 2017 – present)
 - Will Rice College - Faculty mentor for an O-week group (Fall 2017– present)

- Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium judge (April 2016)
- Hanszen College Faculty Associate (Spring 2014 – Fall 2017)
- Hanszen College - Faculty mentor for an O-week group (Fall 2014)

◆ **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)

◆ **ITAM (Mexico):**

- Coordinator of the Master in International Management

Theses/research supervised

➤ **Graduate level:**

- Maria Ayala (2009, MBA, ITAM -with special mention, Mexico)
- Francisco Ortega Jara (2010, MIM, ITAM, Mexico)

➤ **Undergraduate level:**

- Yixing (Lisa) Ling (2019-2020 Honors Program, Rice University)
- Jiawen Xie (Fall 2017, Rice University)
- Claudio Ruiz Cervantes (2008, undergraduate, ITAM, Mexico)
- Andres Aguilar Magallon (2008, undergraduate, ITAM, Mexico)
- Tashel Martin (2011 – 2012, Honors Program, MSSU)
- Ryan Prisock (2011 – 2013, Honors Program, MSSU)
- Aaron Pirtle (2012, undergraduate, MSSU)

Languages

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