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Current status

2023 – Assistant Professor
School of Government, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile.

Previous positions

2020-2023 Postdoctoral Research Officer
Institute for New Economic Thinking and Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford.

2015-2016 Advisor, Public Policy Department, Presidential Cabinet of Chile.

2013-2015 Instructor, Department of Economics, University of Chile.

2014-2015 Research Assistant, Center for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies (COES).

2012-2014 Research manager, research and teaching assistant. University of Chile.

Education

2017-2021 PHD in Social Policy
London School of Economics and Political Science.
Supervisors: Stephen P. Jenkins and Berkay Özcan.
Examiners: Francisco H.G. Ferreira and Xavier Ramos.

2016-2017 MRES in Economics, University College London.

2011-2012 MSC in Economics, University of Chile.

2007-2011 BA in Economic Sciences, University of Chile.

Publications

Articles in academic journals

Carranza, R., Prieto, J., & Sehnbruch, K. (2025). Job loss and earnings inequality: Distributional effects of formal re-employment in Chile. *Economic Analysis and Policy* 86. pp. 1020-1036. doi.org/10.1016/j.eap.2025.02.021

Carranza, R., De Rosa, M. & Flores, I. (2025) Wealth inequality in Latin America (2000–2020): data, facts and conjectures. *Oxford Open Economics* 4(1), pp. i36–i54. doi.org/10.1093/oec/odae036

Bavaro, M., Carranza, R., & Nolan, B. (2024). Intergenerational poverty persistence in Europe - Is there a 'Great Gatsby Curve' for poverty? *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 94. doi.org/10.1016/j.rssm.2024.100991

Carranza, R., & Nolan, B. (2024) Assessing income redistribution: what are the key analytic choices? *Fiscal Studies*, 1–19. doi.org/10.1111/1475-5890.12371.

Otero, G., Quentin, R., Méndez, M.L., Carranza, R., Link, F., Ruiz-Tagle, J. (2023) The damages of stigma, the benefits of prestige: examining the consequences of perceived residential reputations on neighbourhood attachment. *Urban Studies*. doi.org/10.1177/00420980231186141.

Carranza R. (2023). *How much of intergenerational immobility can be attributed to differences in childhood circumstances?* *Research on Economic Inequality*. Volume 30: Mobility and Inequality Trends, Chapter 3. doi.org/10.1108/S1049-258520230000030003

Carranza, R. (2022). *Upper and lower bound estimates of inequality of opportunity: A cross-national comparison for Europe*. *Review of Income and Wealth*. doi.org/10.1111/roiw.12622.

Sehnbruch, K., Carranza, R. & Contreras, D. (2022). *Moral Hazard vs Liquidity in Unemployment Insurance Systems in Developing Countries: Lessons from Chile*. *Journal of Development Studies* 58(10). doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2022.2096444.

Carranza, R., Morgan, M. & Nolan, B. (2022). *Top Income Adjustments and Inequality: An Investigation of the EU-SILC*. *Review of Income and Wealth*. doi.org/10.1111/roiw.12591

Otero, G., Carranza, R. & Contreras, D. (2021). *Spatial divisions of poverty and wealth: Does segregation affect educational achievement?* *Socio-Economic Review*. doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwab022

Sehnbruch, K., Carranza, R. & Prieto, J.J. (2018). *The Political Economy of Unemployment Insurance Individual Savings Accounts*. *Development and Change* 50(4).

[doi/full/10.1111/dech.12457](https://doi.org/10.1111/dech.12457).

Otero, G., Carranza, R. & Contreras, D. (2017). *Neighbourhood effects' on children's educational achievement in Chile: The effects of inequality and polarization*. *Environment and Planning A* 49(11).

doi.org/10.1177%2F0308518X17731780.

PhD Thesis

Carranza, R. (2021). *Essays on inequality of opportunity: measurement, drivers and consequences*. PhD thesis, London School of Economics and Political Science. Available at etheses.lse.ac.uk/4270.

Policy briefs

Mesa del Trabajo del Futuro (2025) Chile tiene futuro desde sus territorios: Oportunidades frente a los cambios en el mundo laboral. Policy Brief, Proyecta Chile 2050.

Alarcón, S., Carranza, R., Del Villar, P., Domínguez, C., Flor, A., Grau, M.O., Rodríguez, T., Santelices, P. y Telias, A., (2025). Propuestas presidenciales en pobreza infantil: Una mirada basada en evidencia para el ciclo político 2026-2030 en Chile. Centro de Políticas Públicas UC.

Conferences (see website for detailed list)

- 2025 ISUC Inequality Workshop 2025, LSE III Internal Seminar, 2025 ISI Wealth Conference, 11th ECINEQ Meeting, Primera Mini Conferencia sobre Desigualdades UDP-COES.
- 2024 38th IARIW General Conference, Coloquios Agenda Elite COES, RIDGE forum, Congreso Chileno de Sociología.
- 2023 Workshop on inequality and stratification research, X Conferencia Internacional COES, 10th ECINEQ Meeting, Inequality and political behaviour: Voters, parties, and policies, III/LIS Comparative Economic Inequality Conference, Inequalities Seminar Series at the International Inequalities Institute, III/LIS Comparative Economic Inequality Conference.
- 2022 Sociedad Chilena de Políticas Públicas, Lingnan University, LACIR workshop, 37th IARIW General Conference, ISA RC28 Spring Meeting.
- 2021 Second World Inequality Conference, DSPI Oxford Colloquium, 36th IARIW General Conference, 9th ECINEQ Meeting, Workshop on Social Mobility and Economic Performance.
- 2020 XXVII Meeting on Public Economics (Workshop on Public Policies: Inequality of opportunity), Winter School on Inequality and Social Welfare Theory.

Sustainability and Development Conference, Opportunités, Mobilité and Well-Being, 8th ECINEQ Meeting.

Research grants

External Funds

Volkswagen Foundation. Principal researcher for project: *Wealth and Social Cohesion from a Relational Perspective (WESOREL)*. 2025 to 2029. Funding for €1.5 million, in collaboration with the University of Munich, University of Oxford, and University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

ANID: Fondecyt de Iniciación 2026 (Early career grant by the Chilean government). *Children concentration and its consequences for inequality and poverty*. 2025 to 2028. Funding for 90,000 USD.

Universidad Católica Funds

Research and Creation Contest: Avanza UC 2025 – Project: *Tuition-free policy and university choice in Chile: Differentiated effects according to socioeconomic context*. Principal Investigator. Funding for 35 million pesos (around 35,000 USD), in collaboration with the Sociology Institute at UC Chile.

Undergraduate Research Summer programme 2025 (IPRE) – Project: *Wealth and Social Cohesion from a Relational Perspective*. Funding for two undergraduate research assistants.

Referee work

Academic Journals

Applied Economics, CEPAL Review, Economic Modelling, Estudios de Economía, European Sociological Review, Hacienda Pública Española/Review of Public Economics (Best Reviewer Award 2022), Italian Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Labour Research, PLOS One, Review of Income and Wealth, Social Indicators Research.

Research agencies

French National Research Agency (ANR) - AAPG.

Outreach and media

English:

- 28/10/24 *Intergenerational poverty persistence in Europe and the Great Gatsby curve*. VOX (voxeu.org).
- 04/09/24 *Wealth Inequality in Latin America*. LSE International Inequalities Institute blog (blogs.lse.ac.uk/inequalities).
- 27/06/23 *Why is Latin American inequality so high?* INET Oxford (inet.ox.ac.uk).
- 06/07/2022 *Capturing top incomes and measuring inequality in Europe*. VoxEU (voxeu.org).

Spanish:

- 09/01/2026 *Rafael Carranza por CASEN 2024: “Se ha hecho un buen trabajo en pobreza, pero la desigualdad sigue siendo un tema país”*. Radio 13C.
- 24/09/2025 *Comentarios sobre el informe de la OCDE sobre desigualdad de oportunidades en Chile*. Canal 24 Horas.
- 07/04/2025 *Una pérdida de ingreso mayor al 40%: el primer golpe de quedarse sin trabajo*. Diario Financiero.
- 10/12/24 *“Rafael Carranza: Es importante tener sistemas de protección social con mínimos universales y adaptables”*. Revista Mirada FEN.
- 19/11/24 *Desigualdad de riqueza en Latinoamérica: altamente concentrada y persistente en el tiempo*. CIPER Chile.
- 04/09/24 *Desigualdad de Riqueza en América Latina*. LSE International Inequalities Institute blog (blogs.lse.ac.uk/inequalities).
- 27/07/2024 *Comentarios sobre medición de desigualdad multidimensional*. Cuarto Seminario Regional de Desarrollo Social, CEPAL.
- 22/12/2022 *Midiendo la desigualdad de oportunidades en Europa*. Nada es Gratis (nadaes-gratis.es).
- 02/11/2021 *“La principal pregunta es si el desarrollo de innovación tecnológica y precariedad, desigualdad, son un problema del capitalismo o una característica de éste”*. Página 19 (pagina19.cl).
- 28/10/2021 *La desaparición de la clase media*. Entre Iguales podcast.
- 01/08/2021 *¿Influye la comuna en el rendimiento académico de estudiantes chilenos en matemáticas? Estudio describe los efectos de la segregación espacial en RM*. La Tercera (www.latercera.cl).
- 04/08/2021 *Políticas que piensen “en un sistema educacional más justo, en una institución al ingreso más justa y una ciudad más justa”*. Radio Cooperativa (cooperativapodcast.cl).
- 28/07/2021 *¿Qué podemos aprender del Seguro de Cesantía chileno?* COES (coes.cl).

Teaching, Supervision, Others

Thesis supervision

- 2024– Gonzalo Torres – PhD in Sociology. Sociology Institute, UC Chile.
- 2021–2022 Joao Monteiro, Adriana Oseguera – MSc in Comparative Social Policy. Department

of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford.

Lecturer (School of Government, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile)

2023–
(Undergraduate) Applied methods for public management, Introductory microeconomics, Inequality and Social Cohesion.
(Graduate) Data Analysis I.

Other affiliations

Member. Network on Welfare and Policy in LAC (WAPLAC).

Investigador Adjunto. Observatorio del Desigualdades UDP.

Associate Fellow. Institute For New Economic Thinking, University of Oxford.

Visiting Fellow. International Inequalities Institute, LSE.

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Adjunct researcher. CIGIDEN.