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### EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. in Economics** 2005. European University Institute, Florence, Italy  
**Visiting Student**, Department of Economics, New York University, USA, (2001)  
**B.Sc. in Economics** 1999. Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Professor of Inequality and Poverty**, Center for Conflict Studies, Philipps University Marburg (since October 2021)  
**Assistant Professor**, Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting, Maynooth University (2019 – September 2021)  
**Senior Research Fellow**, Institute of Political Science, University of Duisburg-Essen (2017 – 2019)  
**Senior Research Fellow**, German Institute of Global and Area Studies (2012 – 2016, Senior from 2014)  
**Senior Lecturer**, School of Economics, University of Cape Town (2009 - 2012)  
**Researcher**, Department of Applied Economics, Universidad Autonoma of Barcelona (2009)  
**Visiting Fellow**, Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy, Yale University (2008)  
**Post-doctoral Researcher**, Institute for Economic Policy, Humboldt University Berlin (2005/07)

### THIRD PARTY FUNDING

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“Politicians, Policies, and the Reproduction of Wealth” (Main applicant, together with Eva Wegner; with Despina Alexiadou, Raquel Pimenta, and Vimal Ranchhod as co-PIs **1,650,000 Euros**) VW Foundation (2023-2027)  
“Unequal Democracy in Brazil and South Africa” (with Leticia Barbabela and Eva Wegner, **600,000 Euros**) German Research Foundation (DFG) (2023-2026)  
“Inequality Configurations” (**5,000 Euros**) UNU/ WIDER (2022)  
“The Demand Side of Clientelism” (with Eva Wegner, **440,000 Euros**). German Research Foundation (DFG) (2017-2021).  
“Impact Evaluation of the Peace Consolidation Fund (FCP), Democratic Republic of Congo” (with Eva Wegner and Alexander De Juan, **155,000 Euros**). KfW/ German Ministry of Economic Cooperation. Evaluation of a 70 million Euros Peace Consolidation Fund in the Democratic Republic of Congo. (2016-2017)  
“The impact of teacher pay on the quality, retention and productivity of teachers in Zambia” (with Grieve Chelwa; **13,000 Euros**). International Growth Center, London School of Economics (2016-2017).  
“Education, youth grievances and political participation in Tunisia and Egypt” (with Ragui Assaad and Caroline Krafft, **11,500 Euros**). Economic Research Forum (ERF) (2016-2017)

“Enhancing Knowledge for Renewed Policies against Poverty (NOPOOR)”, (approx. **90,000 Euros** for own projects) EU Seventh Framework Programme. Member of the SALDRU and GIGA teams (2011-2016)

Seed funding for “Access to Higher Education in South Africa: The role of information on costs and returns to education”, approx. **10,000 Euros** from J-PAL Africa NPC Collaborative Analysis of Labour Market Interventions (CALIE) (2011)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Articles in Peer-reviewed Journals*

Pellicer, M. and V. Ranchhod (2023) “Understanding the effects of racial classification in Apartheid South Africa”. *Journal of Development Economics*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jdeveco.2022.102998>

*Awarded the 2024 Francis Wilson Memorial Prize for Data-Driven Research: Best article published in a peer reviewed journal on development issues in South Africa.*

Pellicer, M., E. Wegner, (2023) “What is bad about clientelism? Citizen perceptions in South Africa and Tunisia” *Electoral Studies*, 84: 102620. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2023.102620>

Pellicer, M., R. Assaad, C. Krafft and C. Salemi (2022), “Grievances or Skills? The Effect of Education on Youth Political Participation in Egypt and Tunisia”, *International Political Science Review*, 43 (2), pp. 191-208.

Barbabela, L. M. Pellicer and E. Wegner (2022) “Court Performance and Citizen Attitudes Towards Fighting Corruption” *Governance*, 35 (3), pp. 717-735

De Juan, A., C. Koos, M. Pellicer and E. Wegner (2022) “Can reconstruction programmes improve political perceptions in conflict contexts? Evidence from eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo” *South African Journal of Economics*, 90 (4), pp. 427-455.

Pellicer, M., E. Wegner, M. Bayer, and C. Tischmeyer (2022), “Clientelism from the Client's Perspective: A Meta-Analysis of Ethnographic Literature”, *Perspectives on Politics*, 20 (3), pp. 931-947.

Wegner, E., M. Pellicer, M Bayer, and C. Tischmeyer (2022) “Citizen Assessments of Clientelistic Practices in South Africa”, *Third World Quarterly*, 43 (10), pp. 2467-2487.

Pellicer, M., E. Wegner, L. Benstead and E. Lust (2021) “Poor people’s beliefs and the dynamics of clientelism”, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 33 (3), pp. 300-332

Pellicer, M., E. Wegner and A. de Juan, “Preferences for the Scope of Protest” (2020), *Political Research Quarterly*, 74 (2), pp. 288-301.

Chelwa, G. M. Pellicer and M. Maboshe (2019), “The impact of teacher pay on the quality, retention and productivity of teachers in Zambia”, *South African Journal of Economics*, 87(3), pp. 255-282.

Pellicer, M. and P. Piraino (2019), “Effect of non-personnel resources on educational outcomes: Evidence from South Africa” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 67(4), pp. 907-934.

Pellicer, M., P. Piraino and E. Wegner (2019), “Perceptions of inevitability and demand for redistribution: Evidence from a survey experiment”, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 159 (March 2019), pp. 274-288.

Pellicer, M. (2018) “The evolution of returns to education in the Middle East and North Africa: Evidence from comparable education policy reforms in Tunisia” *Economics of Education Review* 62, pp.183-191.

Pellicer, M., E. Wegner and F. Cvatorta (2015), “Is There Strength in Numbers?” *Middle East Law and Governance* 7(1), pp. 153-168.

Pellicer, M. and E. Wegner (2015), “The Justice and Development Party in Moroccan Local Politics.” *The Middle East Journal* 69(1), pp. 32-50.

Pellicer, M. and E. Wegner (2014), “The mechanical and psychological effects of legal thresholds”, *Electoral Studies*, 33, pp. 258-66.

Pellicer, M. and E. Wegner (2014), “Socio-Economic Voter Profile and Motives for Islamist Support in Morocco”, *Party Politics*, 20(1), pp. 116-133

Pekkarinen, T. and Pellicer, M. (2013), “Education and Allocation of Skills in Tunisia: Evidence from an Education Reform”, *IZA Journal of Labor and Development*, 2(14), doi: 10.1186/10.1186/2193-9020-2-14.

Pellicer, M. and E. Wegner (2013), “Electoral Rules and Clientelistic Parties: A Regression Discontinuity Approach”, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 8(4), pp. 339-371

Wegner, E. and Pellicer, M. (2011), “Left - Islamist Opposition Cooperation in Morocco”, *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 38(3), pp. 303-322

Pellicer, M. (2009) “Financial Market Access and Capital Income Inequality” *Czech Journal of Economics and Finance*, 58(11-12), pp. 554-575

Wegner, E. and Pellicer, M. (2009), “Islamist Moderation Without Democratization. The Coming of Age of the Moroccan Party of Justice and Development?”. *Democratization* 16(1), pp. 157-175

Pellicer, M. (2009) “Inequality Persistence through Vertical vs. Horizontal Coalitions”. *Journal of Development Economics*, 90(2), pp. 258-266

Pellicer, M. and E. Wegner (2009) “Altruism and its Limits: The Role of Civil and Political Rights for American and French Aid towards the Middle East and North Africa”. *Journal of North African Studies*, 14:1

### **Book Chapters**

Pellicer, M. and Sydiq, Tareq (forthcoming), “Political Mobilization in Arab Countries: Grievances, Efficacy, and Identity”, in El Kurd, Dana (Ed.) *Handbook on Authoritarianism in the Arab World*, Bloomsbury.

Kincaid, H., Pellicer, M., E. Wegner (2023), “Philosophy of Science Issues in Clientelism Research”, in Kincaid H., and J. Van Bouwel (Eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Political Science*, pp. 395–418.

Pellicer, M. and E. Wegner (2023). “Clientelism in MENA elections”, in F. Cavatorta and V. Cesta, eds *Routledge Handbook on Elections in the Middle East and North Africa*, pp. 366-377.

Pellicer, M. and E. Wegner (2018) “Quantitative Research in the MENA Political Science”, in Cavatorta, F. and Clark, J. (eds.) *Doing Political Science Research in the Middle East and North Africa: Methodological and Ethical Challenges*, Oxford University Press.

Pellicer, M. and V. Ranchhod (2016) “Inequality Traps and Human Capital Accumulation in South Africa”, in Black, A. (ed.) *Towards employment intensive growth in South Africa*, UCT Press

Pellicer, M. and E. Wegner (2010), “Hitting the glass ceiling: The trajectory of the Moroccan Party of Justice and Development”, in *Islamist Mass Movements, External Actors and Political Change in the Arab World*. Research Report published by International Idea, Centro Studi di Politica Internazionale, and Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy, pp. 23-50.

### **Policy Papers and Reports**

De Juan, A., C. Koos M. Pellicer, and E. Wegner (2017), “Evaluation of the Peace Fund (Fonds pour la Consolidation de la Paix, FCP) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)”. Report to the KfW.

Pellicer, M. and E. Wegner (2014), “Who votes for Islamist parties and why?” GIGA Focus International Edition English, 01/2015

Pellicer, M. and E. Wegner (2010), "Prospects for a PJD-USFP alliance in Morocco" (2010, with Eva Wegner). *IPRIS Maghreb Review*, August/ September, pp. 1-2

Pellicer, M. and E. Wegner (2009), "Morocco's Local Elections: With A Little Help from my friend" *Cidob Notes Internacionais* n° 3 (2009, with Eva Wegner)

### ***Papers under review***

"Do Local Governments Favor Richer Citizens? Unequal Responsiveness and Unequal Outputs in Brazil and South Africa" (with L. Barbabela and E. Wegner)

"Inequality in Subjective Political Influence" (with L. Barbabela and E. Wegner)

"Inequality Configurations" (with L. Barbabela and E. Wegner), WIDER Working Paper 2022/158

"Clientelism, Information Processing, and Accountability" (with E. Wegner)

### ***Book Manuscript in Preparation***

The Citizen Side of Clientelism (with E. Wegner)

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## **TEACHING**

### ***Awards***

Shortlisted to Maynooth University Teaching Awards 2020-2021

### ***Courses Taught***

*Phillips University Marburg (2021 to present)*

Undergraduate: "Understanding Socioeconomic Inequality", "Social Science Perspectives on Poverty", "Contentious Politics in Africa", "Class, Gender, and Ethnic Inequalities"

Graduate: "A guide to quantitative research methods in peace & conflict studies", "Legitimizing or Challenging Inequality", "Clientelism in Developing Democracies", "Political Psychology of Class and Identity", "Applied Distributive Justice"

*Maynooth University (2019/2020)*

Undergraduate: "Economics of Inequality", "Introduction to Macroeconomics", and "Macroeconomics for Business"

*GIGA Hamburg (2015)*

Graduate: "Attributing causality in the social sciences"

*University of Cape Town (2010 to 2012)*

Undergraduate: "History of economic thought", "Advanced macroeconomics"

Graduate: "Views on institutional and behavioral economics", "Applied growth theory", "Probability and statistics", "Econometrics"

*University of Barcelona (2009)*

Undergraduate: "Economic policy", and "Labor market"

*Humboldt University (2006)*

Graduate: "Income distribution and macroeconomics"

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### ***Service to the Profession***

Reviewer for the DFG (German Research Foundation), the Humboldt Foundation, the Dutch Research Council, and the South African National Research Foundation

Co-creator of Inequality and Distributive Politics web resource <https://inq-dp.eu/> (2023-)

- Monthly research digest <https://inq-dp.eu/index.php/research-digest/>
- Research-based blog <https://inq-dp.eu/index.php/blog/>
- Inequality and Distributive Politics in Marburg (map based): <https://inq-dp.eu/index.php/maps-of-inequality-in-marburg/>

Member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*

Referee for *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Party Politics*, *International Review of Economics and Finance*, *South African Journal of Economics*, *Middle East Development Journal*

Country Anchor for Morocco, for the project DALP2 (Democratic Accountability and Linkages Project), led by Herbert Kitschelt

Co-Organizer of the 2022 “Zentrumstage” international conference at the Center for Conflict Studies, Marburg University

Co-Director of ECPR Joint Session Workshop 2021 “Citizen Perspectives on Accountability in Developing Democracies”

Organizer of International 2-day Workshop “The Demand Side of Clientelism: Agency, Trade-Offs, and Welfare Implications”, University of Duisburg-Essen, 25-26<sup>th</sup> of June 2018

External examiner for PhD Theses. University of Pretoria (2024), University of Milan (2020). Pablo de Olavide University of Sevilla (2015)

### ***Consultancies and Research Dissemination***

Keynote Address to the 2021 *Young Economist of the Year* Award webinar on “Economic Inequality”, Dublin, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Presentation at International Growth Center dissemination event with Zambia educational sector stakeholders, “Teacher Pay and Educational Outcomes: Evidence from the Rural Hardship Allowance in Zambia”, Lusaka 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Ministry of Education of Zambia presentation, “Teacher Pay and Educational Outcomes: Evidence from the Rural Hardship Allowance in Zambia”, Lusaka 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018

Consultant for the ILO on impact evaluation for guide on “Results Measurement of Decent Jobs for Young People”. 2017

Consultant to the ILO's project on “Assessing the impact on employability and quality of employment of non-formal apprenticeship in agriculture-related trades in Egypt” (PI: Zeinab Khadr, Cairo Demographic Center). 2017

Country Expert Morocco Bertelsmann Transformation Index. 2017

### ***Leadership positions***

Speaker of the Evaluating Policies Research Team at the GIGA. 2015-2016

Member of the executive committee of the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU) at UCT. 2010/12

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

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Ente Luigi Einaudi, Research Fellowship (2004/05)

Padova University, Research Grant for Project on Household Portfolios (2003/04)

European University Institute Grant (2001/02)

European University Institute Scholarship for New York University (2001)

European Investment Bank Grant, Luxembourg (2000/01)

Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Doctoral Fellowship for the European University Institute (1999/00)

### **FIELD RESEARCH**

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South Africa. Qualitative interviews and enumerator training for survey on the demand side of clientelism (2019)

Tunisia. Enumerator training for survey on the demand side of clientelism (2018)

Zambia. Research on the rural hardship allowance for teachers (2016 and 2017)

South Africa. Enumerator training for survey on determinants of protest (2016)

Tunisia. Research on education policies (2012 and 2015)

South Africa. Focus Groups on demand for redistribution, in different townships in Cape Town (2012)

South Africa. Focus Groups with students on access to tertiary education. Cape Town (2012)

Morocco. Research on clientelism in local governance (2008, 2009)

Morocco. Research on parliamentary elections and the Party of Justice and Development. Semi-structured interviews with Islamist party leaders and MPs, and observers (2007)

Jordan. Research on Islamist political party and movement in Jordan. Semi-structured interviews with Islamist party leaders and MPs and leaders and members of the Jordanian Muslim Brotherhood (2007)

### **OTHER**

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**Languages:** Spanish (Native), Catalan (Native), English (Fluent), French (Fluent), German (Intermediate), Italian (Intermediate)

**Computer skills:** R

**Social media:** twitter account mqpellicer and @inq\_dp\_eu