

# Pello Aspuru

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## CURRENT POSITIONS

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### University of Vienna - Department of Economics

Assistant Professor (non-tenure track)

2025–Present

## PAST POSITIONS

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### Institute for Policy Integrity - NYU School of Law

Economics Fellow

2024–2025

### Brattle Group

Graduate Intern

Summer 2019

### CEMFI

Undergraduate Summer Intern

Summer 2017

## EDUCATION

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### CEMFI

Ph.D. in Economics

2020–2024

- Visiting scholar, Columbia University Spring 2023. Sponsor: Gautam Gowrisankaran
- Visiting scholar, Toulouse School of Economics (TSE) Fall 2022. Sponsor: Doh-Shin Jeon
- Visiting scholar, Barcelona School of Economics (BSE) Spring 2022. Sponsor: Mar Reguant

### CEMFI

MSc in Economics and Finance

2018–2020

### University of Deusto

BSc in Industrial Engineering

2012–2018

### University of Deusto

Bachelor in Business Administration

2012–2018

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Primary:** Energy and Environmental Economics, Political Economy.

**Secondary:** Industrial Organization.

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Delaying the Energy Transition: Local Regulators, Mines, and Coal Plant Closure Resistance**

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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### **Ballot measures, political advertising, and contribution caps**

Joint with Cristian Navarro

### **Good and bad discretion in procurement**

Joint with Juan-José Ganuza and Gerard Llobet

### **Paying (with your) attention: Optimal regulation of user-generated content digital platforms**

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Public Utility Research Center Prize, International Industrial Organization Conference 2025
- Best CEMFI Teaching Assistant Award 2022

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **University of Vienna**

Instructor, Empirical Energy and Environmental Economics

Winter 2026

- Graduate Course.

### **University of Vienna**

Instructor, Applied Economics

Fall 2025

- Undergraduate Course.

### **Barcelona School of Economics**

Teaching Assistant, Economics of Market Regulation

Spring 2024

- Graduate Course by Prof. Gerard Llobet.

### **CEMFI**

Teaching Assistant, Regulation and Competition Policy

Fall 2021, 2022

- Graduate Course by Prof. Gerard Llobet.

### **CEMFI**

Teaching Assistant, Uncertainty and Information

Winter 2021

- Graduate Course by Prof. Guillermo Caruana.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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- Graf Hardegg Stiftung Research Grant - 3,600€ 2025

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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### 2026

Vienna microeconomics workshop; 14th Mannheim Conference on Energy and the Environment

### 2025

International Industrial Organization Conference; Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía; IO Colloquium, Columbia University; Internal Workshop, Policy Integrity

### 2024

University of Vienna, IFO Institut Munich, CUNEF, KU Leuven, LSE Geography, Institute for Policy Integrity at the NYU School of Law, 14th Toulouse Conference on the Economics of Energy and Climate at TSE, Barcelona School of Economics IO day, ANEKO seminar series at EHU

### 2023

FIRMS workshop, CEMFI; BSE workshop on Machine Learning and Energy Economics, BSE; IO Colloquium, Columbia University; Energy EcoLab, Universidad Carlos III.

### 2022

FIRMS workshop, CEMFI; Environmental Group, Toulouse School of Economics; CAGE Summer School, University of Warwick.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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**Referee for:** International Journal of Industrial Organization.

## SKILLS

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R, Julia, Python, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

## LANGUAGES

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**English** fluent, **Basque** native, **Spanish** native.

## POLICY WORK

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- Policy Report “Under The Hood” with C. Holt, P. Howard, and J.A. Schwartz 2025
- Public Comment “to BOEM on Preparation of Five-Year Offshore Leasing Plan”, w. J. Danis, M. Sarinsky 2025
- Policy Report “Cost-Benefit Analysis in Offshore Oil and Gas Planning” with J. Danis and P. Howard 2025
- Public Comment “to DOE on 2024 LNG Export Study”, with J. Danis and P. Howard 2025
- Book Chapter: “Contratación pública en España” with JJ Ganuza and Gerard Llobet, FUNCAS. 2023

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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- Op-Ed “The EPA’s proposed air standards repeal is a gift to the coal industry” The Hill, w. Bridget Pals 2025
- Op-Ed “The road to energy dominance is not paved with coal” The Hill, with Jennifer Danis 2025