

Monserath X. Lascano G
Resume

Education

- 2026: Master in Bioeconomy, Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja, Ecuador. Thesis: "Determinants of Bioeconomic Development and Its Causal Impact on Green Growth in Latin America, 2000 to 2024". Methods: panel econometrics, fixed effects, AMG, CCEMG, PCA and mediation analysis. Graduation grade: 9.96/10.
- 2025: Master in Sustainable Development and Corporate Social Responsibility, International University of Ecuador. Thesis: "Women's Empowerment Project in Alpaca Fiber Processing in High-Andean Communities of Ecuador: A Comprehensive Sustainability". Graduated best of cohort, 98.69/100.
- 2014: Second Level University Master's Degree in International Cooperation and Development, Institute for Advanced Study of Pavia (IUSS-Pavia) and University of Pavia (full scholarship). Thesis: "Approaching Master programs on development from a human development perspective: exploring and comparing three experiences". Methods: quantitative analysis, survey, case study analysis. Graduation grade: 26/30.
- 2009: Higher Education Certificate in Creation and Management of agricultural SMEs (winery, horticultural, and livestock sector), University Centre of Bertinoro in collaboration with the University of Bologna, and the Faculty of Economics of Forlì (full scholarship). Graduation grade: 3rd best final grade.
- 2011: Multilingual Bachelor's degree in International Business Affairs, Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador (partial scholarship). Thesis: "Impacts of International Cooperation Health Projects in the Wellbeing of the Ecuadorian Society". Methods: case study analysis. Graduation grade: 8/10.

Awards & Honours

- 2026: Recognition as Best Graduate of the Master's in Sustainable Development and Corporate Social Responsibility Cohort (UIDE).
- 2025: Jury's Choice Winner, Best Poster Award, European Bioeconomy Scientific Forum 2025 — Group 2: Bioresource management and governance.
- 2022: 1st place Winner of the AIEAA "Antonio Cioffi" socio-economic scientific research Award 2022, 6th edition
- 2020: 1st place Winner of the AES Prize Essay Competition 2019/2020, 57th edition (£1,000.00)
- 2019: The Agricultural Economic Society, Bursary based on Merits (£500.00)
- 2018: The Sheffield Institute for International Development (SIID), Bursary based on Merits (£500.00)
- 2014: Ministry of Education, Universities, and Research (MIUR), scholarship (€40,915.41)
- 2014: Italian Ministry of Education, Universities, and Research (MIUR), MA scholarship (€4.200,00)
- 2012: IUSS-Pavia and the University of Pavia, Master's scholarship (€2.764,98 + €7.000,00 tuition fees)
- 2009: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, scholarship (covered costs of living, accommodation, transport, materials, and exception of tuition fees to study a Higher Education Certificate)
- 2008: Partial merit scholarship (merit-based), Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador — Bachelor tuition fees.

Visiting and research periods

- Dec. 2017: FAO Rome. Estimation of the Resilience Capacity Index with the correct fitting statistics
- Sep. 2017: FAO Rome. Estimation of RIMA pillars, using factor analysis, polychoric analysis, and SEM
- Jul. 2017: FAO Rome. Identification and descriptive statistics of the variables needed for the RIMA analysis

Research projects (project member)

- SHOWCASE project - *SHOWCASing synergies between agriculture, biodiversity and Ecosystem services to help farmers capitalising on native biodiversity*. Program: H2020, SFS-2019-2 | Call: H2020-SFS-2018-2020 | GA number: 862480 | Budget: 7 999 837,50 Euro | Duration: 60 months, starting from 2020.11.01.
- Economic analysis to support the Po River District Basin Authority Project. Collaboration agreement pursuant to art. 15, L. 241/1990 for the Study "*Implementation of the Economic Analysis to support the implementation of the Water Framework Directive in the Po River hydrographic district*".
- LIFT Project – *Low-Input Farming and Territories – Integrating knowledge for improving ecosystem-based farming*. Program: H2020, SFS-2017-2 | Call: H2020-SFS-2016-2017 | GA number: 770747 | Budget: 5,000,000.00 Euro | Duration: 48 months, starting from 2018.05.01.

Collection of primary data

- 2020: Italy, H2020 LIFT, 2020-2022: Q-method and Delphi data collection with stakeholders and experts, examining ecological-practice adoption, rural-landscape change, and agri-environmental policy.
- 2013: Italy, Spain, and Palestine: data collection from ex-students of Master programs on Development, to evaluate Master programs through the lenses of the Human Development Approach.

Work experience

- **Apr.2024 to present:** *Research Fellowship in "Analysis of policy tools to incentivize the uptake of agricultural practices able to support farmland biodiversity and ecosystem services"*, University of Bologna, Bologna-Italy, under the project Project SHOWCASE "*SHOWCASing synergies between agriculture, biodiversity and Ecosystem services to help farmers capitalising on native biodiversity*", H2020, (G.A. 862480). Activities: Evaluation of biodiversity indicators, in particular efficiency of indicators, based on remote sensing techniques and citizen-science approaches; farm-scale cost valuation of biodiversity-friendly practices in relation to regulations and incentives

- Nov.2022 to March 2024: *Research Fellowship in "Economic analysis according to the Water Framework Directive 60/2000 in the area of the Po River basin"*, University of Bologna, Bologna-Italy. Activities: Analysis of the economic characteristics of water use, impact of the measures proposed, and analysis of the disproportionate costs. The latter includes an economic valuation of both the costs of measures and the benefits of improvements in water status.
- Jun.2020 to Nov.2022: *Research Fellowship in "Econometric analysis of agri-environmental policy effects"*, remote (2020-2021) and hybrid (2022), University of Bologna, Bologna-Italy, under the project LIFT "Low-Input Farming and Territories". Activities: Critical and systematic literature review, quantitative and qualitative analysis of the environmental and technical-economic performance of Italian farms (panel analysis, case study analysis, regression analysis, panel analysis, impact evaluation, TFP (levpet), dose-response function, Q-method and Delphi stakeholder and expert research).
- Jan.2019 to May.2020: *Economic and Financial Research Analyst*, freelance, Pavia-Italy. Activities: Market research and analysis; banking, insurance, financial training; strategic management and marketing consulting
- Oct.2015 to Sep.2017: *Didactic tutor of Foods Economics and Agricultural Development* to students of the Master's in International business and economics, University of Pavia, Pavia-Italy
- Oct.2016 to Sep.2017: *Didactic tutor of Quantitative Policy Analysis for Development* to students of the Master's in international business and economics, University of Pavia, Pavia-Italy
- Apr.2016 to Sep.2016: *Intern at the Climate Resilience for Food Security Unit (OSZIR)*, (Master's degree required) in the World Food Programme's Headquarters in Rome-Italy. Activities: Review the literature related to climate change adaptation, policy, and programming, food security, environmental and social risks of aid projects; preparation of the "Guidance on screening projects for environmental and social risks".
- Sep.2015 to Dec.2015: *Activities coordinator of the NOHA project* of the Faculty of Economics of the University of Pavia (Master's degree required), University of Pavia, Pavia-Italy. Activities: Coordination of the different activities of the project at the University of Pavia in coordination with other NOHA network Universities
- Jul.2013 to Jan.2014: *Research assistant (intern), Human Development Capability and Poverty-International Research Centre (HDCP-IRC AT IUSS)*, in coordination with the University of Bethlehem, University of Valencia and IUSS-Pavia. Activities: Teamwork with senior scholars to prepare and promote the pilot project: "Assessing the quality of MA programs on Development through the lens of the Human Development Approach". Literature review related to Human Development and Higher Education, sample design, definition, and implementation of a questionnaire that sought to evaluate MA programs through the lenses of the Human Development Approach, data collection and analysis, and preparation of working papers
- May.2011 to Sep.2012: *Logistics coordinator*, Native Blooms (Wholesale Premium Roses), Quito-Ecuador
- 2010: *International volunteers' coordinator*, VASE Foundation (Social Work Foundation), Quito-Ecuador
- 2010: *Intern*, Ecuadorian British International Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Quito-Ecuador
- 2010: *Vice-consul assistant (contract)*, Italian Embassy in Ecuador, Quito-Ecuador
- 2008: *Trainee*, Social Work Office of The Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador, Quito-Ecuador
- 2008: *Vice-consular office intern*, Italian Embassy in Ecuador, Quito-Ecuador

Publications

Scientific journals

- Lascano G., M.X. (2020), "Resilience to Food Insecurity: Theory and Empirical Evidence from International Food Assistance Programmes in Malawi", *Jour. Agricultural Economics* 71 (3). DOI: 10.1111/1477-9552.12397

Book chapters

- Sassi, M. and Lascano G., M.X. (2016), "Biofuels and Food Security: Future challenges and Opportunities", in Setti, M., and Zizzola, D. (Eds.), *Bioenergies in East Africa between Challenges and Opportunities*, 1st ed., Edizioni Altravista, pp. 49–65, ISBN: 978-8895458984
- Boni Aristizábal, A., Chiappero-Martinetti, E., et al. (2014), "Analizando pro-gramas de Máster en el ámbito de la cooperación al desarrollo desde la perspectiva del desarrollo humano: exploración y comparación de tres experiencias", in García Aracil, A. and Neira Gómez, I. (Eds.), *Investigaciones de Economía de La Educación*, 1st ed., Vol. 9, Asociación Económica de la Educación, Valencia, ISBN: 978-84-942418-8-8

Articles under review

- Lascano Galarza, M.X. (2026). Does gender matter? Evaluating the Impact of a Resilience-Building Program on Rural Agricultural Households in Malawi. *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review*.
- Lascano G., M.X., D'Alberto, R., Zavalloni, M., Raggi, M., Viaggi, D. (2026). Investment, Subsidies, and the Organic Productivity Penalty: Evidence from Italian FADN Farms, 2004–2013. *Agricultural and Food Economics*.
- Lascano G., M.X., Ochoa M., Wilman S. (2026). Determinants of Bioeconomic Development and Its Association with Green Growth in Latin America: A Panel Data Analysis, 2000–2024. *Agricultural Economics*.
- Pellegrini, E., Lascano, M.X, et al. (2026). Spatial Targeting and Cost-Effectiveness in Agricultural Nutrient Abatement: Evidence from the Po River Basin. *Bio-based and Applied Economics*.
- Kurtsal, Y., Lascano Galarza, M.X., et al. (2026). Towards an Improved and Collaborative Education and Training System in Bioeconomy: A Governance Framework. *Cleaner and Circular Bioeconomy*.
- Matthews, P., Tzanopoulos, J., et al. (2026). Regional sustainability performance of ecological farming adoption scenarios across Europe. *Agronomy for Sustainable Development*.

Working papers

- Lascano G., M.X., Zavalloni, M., D'Alberto, R., Raggi, M., Viaggi, D., "Sustainability of the agricultural sector and EU agri-environmental schemes: dose-response function approach", work in progress
- Lascano G., M.X., Ungaro, F., Targetti, S., Raggi, M., Viaggi, D., "Designing innovative instruments to enhance farmland biodiversity: a case study analysis from the Showcase project", work in progress

Technical Reports

- Viaggi, D., Lascano, M., Borgia, R., Ungaro, F., Tagetti, S., Raggi, M. (2025). *Report on the simulation of acceptance/efficiency of incentives*. Deliverable D2.8, EU H2020 SHOWCASE (GA 862480).
- Viaggi, D., Belfiore, E., Pellegrini, E., et al. (2025). *Report attività 5. Individuazione delle leve per il recupero dei costi*. Po River Basin District Authority.
- Viaggi, D., Pellegrini, E., Lascano G., M.X., et al. (2025). *Report Attività 4. Determinazione dei costi del programma delle misure e del costo sproporzionato*. Po River Basin District Authority.
- Viaggi, D., Belfiore, E., Pellegrini, E., et al. (2025). *Report attività 3. Descrizione, analisi e valutazione dello stato socioeconomico del Distretto*. Po River Basin District Authority.
- Viaggi, D., Pellegrini, E., Lascano G., M.X., et al. (2023). *Gap Analysis nel Distretto Idrografico del fiume Po*. Po River Basin District Authority.
- Matthews, P., Tzanopoulos, J., Henderson, S., et al. (2022). *LIFT-D5.2 Territorial Sustainability of Ecological Farming*. H2020 LIFT (GA 770747).
- Niedermayr, A., Kantelhardt, J., Kohrs, M., et al. (2022). *LIFT-D5.1 Farm Level Sustainability of Ecological Farming*. H2020 LIFT.
- Niedermayr, A., Kantelhardt, J., Eckart, L., et al. (2022). *LIFT-D3.1 Farm Technical-Economic Performance Depending on the Degree of Ecological Approaches*. H2020 LIFT.
- Lascano G., M.X., Zavalloni, M., D'Alberto, R., et al. (2021). *Investments, ecological approaches, environmental subsidies and the productivity of Italian farms*. In LIFT-D3.1 (pp. 50–59).
- Bailey, A., Davidova, S., Henderson, S., et al. (2021). *LIFT-D4.2 Socio-Economic Impact of Ecological Agriculture at the Territorial Level*. H2020 LIFT.

Reviewer for the following scientific journals

1876-4517 Food Security; 2332-2039 Cogent Economics and Finance; 2331-1886 Cogent Social Sciences; 2280-6180 Bio-based and Applied Economics; 1354-5701 Feminist Economics; 2042-1338 African Journal of Science, Technology, Innovation and Development; 1559-2448 International Food and Agribusiness Management Review

Memberships

Member of the The Società Italiana di Economia (SIE), The International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE), The Italian Association of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AIEAA), Agricultural Economics Society (AES), European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE), Canadian Economics Association (CEA), Human Development & Capability Association (HDCA)

Given presentations at national and international conferences and seminars

- 2026: 15th AIEAA Conference, Rome, Italy.
- 2026: 100th Annual Conference of The Agricultural Economics Society, University of Oxford, UK.
- 2025: 14th AIEAA Annual Conference, Pisa, Italy; (Organizer of the Organized Session "*Reconciling competitiveness and sustainability in the agrifood system: the role of knowledge and innovation*").
- 2025: European Bioeconomy Scientific Forum 2025, Joensuu, Finland. (Best Poster Award.)
- 2024: 13th Conference of the Italian Association of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AIEAA), Bari, Italy
- 2024: 58th Annual Meetings of the Canadian Economics Association, Toronto, Canada
- 2022: III Convegno Associazione Italiana Società Scientifiche Agrarie - AISSA#under40, Bolzano, Italy
- 2022: 11th Conference of the Italian Association of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AIEAA), Viterbo, Italy
- 2021: LVII Convegno Società Italiana di Economia Agraria (SIDEA), Bologna, Italy
- 2021: 31st ICAE 2021, International Conference of Agricultural Economists, online
- 2021: 10th Conference of the Italian Association of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AIEAA), online
- 2021: Agricultural Economics Society's 95th annual conference, Warwick, UK (online)
- 2019: Agricultural Economics Society's 93rd annual conference, Warwick, UK
- 2018: 9th Annual Postgraduate Conference: Development in an Uncertain World, The SIID, Sheffield, UK
- 2016: given seminar "*STATA: data cleaning and multiple imputations*", to MA students, University of Pavia, Italy
- 2016: given seminar "*The World Food Programme (WFP)*", to MA students University, of Pavia, Italy
- 2015: given seminar "*Assessment of MA in Development throughout HD lenses*", University of Pavia, Italy
- 2015: given seminar "*Development Model of Ecuador, from 2006 to 2015*", to students, University of Pavia, Italy

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