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### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Economic History • History of Economic Thought • Historical Political Economy  
Global History • History of technology and innovation • Latin American Studies

### EDUCATION

**PhD in Economic History** (International Doctor), 2012  
*Universidad Autónoma Madrid*

**Visiting PhD Student** (Full time), 2010-11  
*University of Cambridge*

**MPhil (Research) in Historical Studies**, with first class, 2009-10  
*University of Cambridge*

**Master of Advanced Studies in Modern History**, with distinction, 2008  
*Universidad Autónoma de Madrid*

**Bachelor's Degree in Economics**, ranked second (among 109 students), 2004  
*Universidad Autónoma de Madrid*

**Postgraduate (Expert) in Inequality and Development**, 2011-12  
*Universidad Complutense de Madrid*

**Bachelor's Degree in Business Studies**, 2002  
*Universidad Autónoma de Madrid*

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Colegio de México**, October 2015 to present  
Research Associate at Centre for Historical Research

**Pompeu Fabra University**, September 2013 to September 2015  
Lecturer and Research Fellow in Economic History  
Researcher at Barcelona Graduate School of Economics

**European University Institute**, Florence, 2012-13  
Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow

**Institute of Historical Research, University of London**, 2011-12  
Junior Research Fellow: Economic History Society 'Anniversary' Fellow

**Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge**, 2011-12  
Postdoctoral Research Associate

### VISITING

University of La Havana, Cuba, July–September 2014 (2 months)

UCLA Center for Economic History, Autumn 2008 (3 months)

University of Bristol, Autumn 2007 (3 months)

Nottingham Trent University, Autumn 2006 (3 months)

Université Paris II, 2002-03 (9 months)

University of El Salvador, San Salvador, summer 2002, 2003 and 2004

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Monographs and Edited Books

**Pretel, D.:** “The Political Economy of Patents in Nineteenth-century Spain”, Book manuscript under preparation for Palgrave-Macmillan Economic History Series, based on doctoral dissertation (under contract). Forthcoming, 2017.

**Pretel, D.,** Camprubí, L.: Edited book in preparation for Palgrave-Macmillan: “Technology and Modern Economic Globalisation: Networks of Experts” (under contact). I am as well a contributor to two chapters of this book. Forthcoming, 2017.

Leonard, A., **Pretel, D.** (eds.): “The Caribbean and the Atlantic World Economy: Circuits of Trade, Money and Knowledge, 1650-1914”, Palgrave-Macmillan, Cambridge Imperial and Post-Colonial Studies Series (2015), 319 pages.

Sáiz, P.; Cayón F.; **Pretel, D.** (*et al.*): “200 años de Patentes”, OEPM, Ministerio de Industria (2011), 134 pages.

### Journal Articles

**Pretel, D.:** Guest Editor for the special issue “Technology in Latin American History”, *History of Technology* (under preparation, 2018)

**Pretel, D.:** “La Economía Política del Sistema Español de Patentes en Perspectiva Internacional, 1826-1902” (The Political Economy of the Spanish Patent System in International Perspective, 1826-1902), Forthcoming in *Investigaciones de Historia Económica-Economic History Research*, issue 13.2 (June 2017).

Castro, R., Fernández, N., **Pretel, D.:** “French Business and Technology Transfer in the First Industrial Age”, Forthcoming in *Business History*.

**Pretel, D.,** Sáiz, P.: “Patent Agents in the European Periphery: Spain 1826-1902”, *History of Technology* n° 32 (2012), pp. 97-114.

Fernández, N., **Pretel, D.,** Sáiz, P.: “Patents, Sugar Technology and Sub-Imperial Institutions in Nineteenth-Century Cuba”, *History of Technology* n° 30 (2010), pp. 47-62.

**Pretel, D.:** Invención, nacionalismo tecnológico y progreso: el discurso de la propiedad industrial en la España del siglo XIX (Invention, Techno-Nationalism and Progress: The Discourse of Intellectual Property in Nineteenth-Century Spain), *Empiria: Revista de Metodología de Ciencias Sociales*, n° 18 (December 2009), pp. 59-83.

Arribas, J., Camprubí, L., **Pretel, D.:** “Presentación”, introduction to Empiria special issue on History, Sociology and Philosophy of Science *Empiria: Revista de Metodología de Ciencias Sociales*, n° 18 (December, 2009), pp. 1-6.

### Book Chapters

Leonard, A., **Pretel, D.:** “Experiments in Modernity: The Making of the Atlantic World Economy” in A. Leonard and **D. Pretel** (eds.), *The Caribbean and the Atlantic World Economy: Circuits of Trade, Money and Knowledge, 1650-1914*, Palgrave-Macmillan, Cambridge Imperial and Post-Colonial Studies Series, 2015, pp. 1-14.

**Pretel, D.,** Fernández, N.: “Circuits of Knowledge: Foreign Technology and Transnational Expertise in Nineteenth-Century Cuba” in A. Leonard and **D. Pretel** (eds.), *The Caribbean and the Atlantic World Economy: Circuits of Trade, Money and Knowledge, 1650-1914*, Palgrave-Macmillan, Cambridge Imperial and Post-Colonial Studies Series, 2015, pp. 263-289.

Sáiz, P., **Pretel, D.**: “Why Did Multinationals Patent in Spain? Several Historical Inquiries” in Pierre-Yves Donzé and Shigehiro Nishimura (eds.), *Organizing Global Technology Flow: Institutions, Actors, and Processes*, Routledge (2013), pp. 39-59.

### **Book Reviews**

**Pretel, D.**: Review of E. Saccarelli and L. Varadarajan, 'Imperialism Past and Present.', *Illes i Imperis - Islands and Empires* 15 (2016)

**Pretel, D.**: Review of E. Beatty, 'Technology and the Search for Progress in Modern Mexico', *Economic History Research*, vol. 12, nº 3 (2016).

**Pretel, D.**: Review of D. Headrick, 'Power over Peoples: Technology, Environments, and Western Imperialism', 1400 to the Present, *Economic History Research* vol. 7, nº 3 (2011).

**Pretel, D.**: Review of C. MacLeod, 'Heroes of Invention: Technology, Liberalism and British Identity' *Economic History Research*, vol. 5, nº 13 (2009).

### **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

“Locating Expert Knowledge in Global Economic History”

“Ingenieros y Globalización Económica: Tendencias Historiográficas”

“Patent professionals and the globalisation of innovation during the Second Industrial Revolution (c.1870-1930)”

“Atlantic Inventions: The colonial patent system in the Spanish Caribbean (1833-1898)”

“¿Una revolución industrial en el Caribe?: importación de tecnología y migración técnica a Cuba en el siglo XIX” (with Nadia Fernández)

“El Caribe en las redes de economía política del mundo Atlántico, 1650-1914” (with Adrian Leonard)

“Planning the Nation: Technocrats and the rise and fall of Mexican developmental state”

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Universitat Pompeu Fabra**

Supervisor: Undergraduate final thesis (2015-16)

Lecturer: 'History of Economic Thought' (BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, 2013-15)

Lecturer: 'World Economic History' (BA in Political Science, 2014-15)

Lecturer: 'Business History' (BA in Management, 2013-14)

Initial Training in University Teaching Certificate (FIDU, 2015, 170 hours)

#### **European University Institute**

Max Weber Programme Teaching Certificate (Concluded with academic teaching exchange at London School of Economics in February 2013)

Supervision of PhD Students: Third Reader for Two EUI Doctoral Students and examiner in monitoring sessions of 3rd year doctoral candidates.

**University of Cambridge**, Teaching and supervision:

'The Long Road to Modernization: Spain, 1800-2000' (2010-11)

'Historical Argument and Practice': History & Social Science; Empires (2011-12)

**Universidad Autónoma de Madrid**, Teaching fellow:

'World Economic History' (2007-8)

'Spanish Economic History' (2008-9)  
'Globalization in Historical Perspective' (2008-09)

## **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND GRANTS**

Amexcid Research Fellowship 2015-16  
A-4U Postdoctoral Fellowship, UPF, 2013-15  
Ibero-America 'Santander' Research Grant for young lecturers, 2014-15  
Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship, EUI, 2012-13  
Economic History Society 'Anniversary' Research Fellowship, 2011-12  
'Caja Madrid' Foundation Postgraduate Scholarship, 2009-10 and 2010-11  
F.P.U. Scholarship for outstanding academic performance, 2005-09  
Ellen McArthur Grant for Economic History, 2010 and 2011  
Cambridge European Trust Honorary Scholarship, 2009-10  
Economic History Society Research Grant, 2011  
Trinity Hall Honorary Studentship, 2009-10  
Spanish Patent Office Historical Archive Studentship, 2004-05  
Society for the History of Technology Travel Grant, 2013  
Social Science History Association Travel Award, 2010  
Butler-Eyles Travel Grant, British Society for the History of Science, 2010  
Carlos III University Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2013 (declined)  
Cambridge Centre for Financial History Research Assistantship, 2011 (declined)  
Arts and Humanities Research Council Scholarship, 2009 (declined)

## **CONFERENCES AND INVITED SEMINARS (Selection)**

The Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (Berlin, 2017, forthcoming)  
Interinstitutional Seminar in Economic History (Mexico City, 2017, forthcoming)  
5th Latin American Economic History Conference, (São Paulo, 2016)  
Economic History Society Annual Conference (Cambridge, 2016)  
World Economic History Conference (Kyoto, 2015)  
Society for Latin American Studies Annual Conference (Aberdeen, 2015)  
4th Latin American Economic History Conference (Bogotá, 2014)  
Business History Conference Annual Meeting (Frankfurt, 2014)  
Society for History of Technology Annual Meeting (Portland, 2013)  
Centre for the History of Science, University of Bologna (2013)  
German Historical Institute (Washington, 2012)  
Economic History Society Annual Conference, University of Oxford (2012)  
Third European Congress on World and Global History, LSE (2011)  
Institute of Historical Research Director's Seminars (London, 2011)  
Spanish Association of Economic History 10th International Congress (Seville, 2011)  
14th Annual Conference of the European Business History Association (Glasgow, 2010)  
Science and Technology in the European Periphery Conference (Galway, 2010)  
Social Science History Association Conference (Chicago, 2010)  
Economic History Seminar, University of the Basque Country (Bilbao, 2009)  
British Academy Workshop Patents in History, Institute of Historical Research (2008)

## **ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS (Selection)**

Panel, "Industrialisation before 'Import substitution industrialization' (ISI)", 5th Latin American Economic History Conference, Sao Paulo, 2016.

Convener, "Economic History Seminar Series", Pompeu Fabra University, 2014-15.

Panel “Ideas, Institutions and Elites: The Intellectual Origins of Capitalism in Latin America”, Society for Latin American Studies Conference, Aberdeen, 2015.

Convener, Reading group and workshop "History and Social Theory: Still a Dialogue of the Deaf?", European University Institute, Florence, 2012-13.

Workshop "Frontiers in Intellectual Property Law", European University Institute, 2012.

Workshop “Political Economy and the State in Historical Perspective”, University of Cambridge, 2012.

On-Line Exhibition “200 Years of Patents: 1811-2011” OEPM Historical Archive, Ministry of Industry, Madrid, 2011.

Panel “Atlantic Networks: Economic exchanges and transfers between Europe and the Caribbean (c. 1750-1914)”, Spanish Association of Economic History 10th International Congress, Sevilla, 2011.

## **FURTHER EDUCATION (Selection)**

European Summer School on Industrial Dynamics: “The economics of knowledge appropriability and exchange”, 1– 6 September 2008, Monte Sant’Angelo, Italy.

Research Course “Methods and Sources for Historical Research”. Institute of Historical Research (IHR), Senate House, University of London, 13-17 November 2006.

Summer Course: “Fieldwork Methods and Techniques”, Anthropology School ‘Julio Caro Baroja’, Universidad Internacional Menedez Pelayo (UIMP), Santander 4-17 July 2005.

## **PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS**

2017-19, The Historical Roots of Economic Inequality  
Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness

### Finished projects

2012-16, Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, Ref. HAR2013-40760-R

2011-13, Plan Nacional de I+D+i: Ref. HAR2010-18544.

2012-14, UAM-CSIC: Ref. CEMU-2012-034.

2011-12, CEAL-UAM - Banco de Santander.

2008-09, CAM-UAM: Ref. CCG08-UAM/HUM-4037.

2005-13, OEPM-FUAM: Ref. Research Agreement.

2004-07, MEC-DGI: Ref. SEJ2004-03542/ECON.

2003-05, PCI (MAE-AECI): Ref. D/1054/03.

## **REFERENCES**

### **Martin Daunton**

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