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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name Indhira Vanessa Santos Echavarria
Date of Birth June 28, 1978
Citizenship Dominican

EDUCATION **HARVARD UNIVERSITY, John F. Kennedy School of Government and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences** Cambridge, MA

PhD in Public Policy. Fields of specialization: economic development and public economics
Coursework includes: public economics, trade, organizational analysis, development, analytic methods
Dissertation: "Essays on Natural Disasters and Household Welfare"

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, John F. Kennedy School of Government Cambridge, MA

Master in Public Administration in International Development (MPA/ID). Graduated June 2004
Coursework includes: advanced micro and macroeconomics, statistics, policy analysis
Second Year Policy Paper: "Budgetary Institutions in the Dominican Republic: Is There Need for Reform?" – nominated for best policy paper in 2004

PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA MADRE Y MAESTRA (PUCMM) S.D., Dom. Rep.
B.A. with summa cum laude in Economics, GPA 4.00. May 2001

STAED GYMNASIUM OCHTRUP (August 1996 – August 1997). Exchange Program Ochtrup, Germany

HONORS & AWARDS

- **First Place Research Competition**, Central Bank of the Dominican Republic, 2006
- **Allyn Young Award** - for excellence in teaching Ec-10, 2006
- **First & Second Place Research Competition**, Central Bank of Nicaragua, 2005
- **Fellowship from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University**, 2002 – 2007
- **Levenson Memorial Teaching Prize** – for excellence in teaching in Harvard College, 2004, 2005, 2006
- **Fulbright Scholarship** – 2002-2004
- **Inter-American Development Bank Scholarship** - 2002-2004

EXPERIENCE **BRUEGEL** Brussels, Belgium
2007- **Research Fellow**

- Project leader, Reform of EU Budget

Fall 2006 **BRUEGEL** Brussels, Belgium
Research Assistant, Part-time

- RA in project on Higher Education in Europe and partially on others
- Prepared reports on different workshops

2003-2006 **HARVARD UNIVERSITY** Cambridge, MA
Section and Group Leader. "Social Analysis 10", Department of Economics, 2003-2007

- Teach Microeconomics and Macroeconomics to college students
- Teaching Fellow.** "Development Policy Strategy", 2005
- Development class at the Master's level at the Kennedy School of Government

Summer 2003 **CENTRAL BANK OF TURKEY** Ankara, Turkey
Researcher. Research Department

- Studied and prepared presentation on “Fiscal Adjustment: Comparative Analysis of Argentina, Costa Rica and Turkey” together with other two colleagues

2001 – 2002	ECONOMIC RESEARCH CENTER OF THE ANTILLES (CENANTILLAS) Chief Researcher. Economic research center of PUCMM University	S.D., Dom. Rep.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forecasted the main economic variables of the DR and the rest of Latin-America • Edited and prepared <i>Carta Económica</i>, Cenantillas’ monthly international newsletter • Oversaw economic and financial consulting work for public and private firms 	
2001-2002	PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA MADRE MAESTRA (PUCMM) Adjunct Professor “Introduction to Economics” in the Department of Economics	S.D., Dom. Rep.
2000-2001	MINISTRY OF FINANCE, National Office Head of the Economic Analysis & Research Division (May 2001 - November 2001) Research Assistant to Economic Advisory Committee (June 2000- May 2001)	S.D., Dom. Rep.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyzed impacts on public finances of specific economic policies (i.e. tax breaks) • Prepared the Ministry’s fiscal bulletin and official reports for international organizations • Coordinated the work of two units and 8 staff members 	
Summer 2001	DEMOCRATIC AND ECONOMIC REFORMS PROJECT AND USAID Researcher. Program aimed at educating Dominican civil society	S.D., Dom. Rep.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Authored a Dollarization paper for an international seminar held in S.D. 	
2001	PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA MADRE MAESTRA (PUCMM) Program Assistant to the Dean of the Department of Economics	S.D., Dom. Rep.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed a new curriculum for the Department’s Bachelors in Economics • Supervised the formation of the PUCMM Economics Students’ Committee 	
PUBLICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Domestic Violence and Child Nutrition in Latin America: A Bargaining Power Approach”. (with Maria Davalos). Banco Central de la Republica Dominicana (Spring 2007) • “Equity in Public Transfers and Crowding Out of Private Transfers. Evidence from Nicaragua”. (with Carmen Lazo). Banco Central de Nicaragua (Spring 2006) • “Fiscal Sustainability in the Dominican Republic.” <i>Carta Económica</i>, (August 2002) • “Interest Rates Spreads in the Dominican Republic.” <i>Carta Económica</i>, (June 2002) • “New Financial Sector Law in the Dominican Republic.” <i>Carta Económica</i>, (May 2002) • “Dominican Mutual Funds. Evolution and Perspectives.” <i>Carta Económica</i>, (Feb. 02) • “Housing Policy in the Dominican Republic.” <i>Carta Económica</i>, (Dec. 01) • <u>Dollarization. Theoretical and Practical Evaluation</u> (Megabyte Editor, August 2001) • “Determinants of Dominican Bank Revenues”. Applied Mathematics Fair. (August 1999) 	
WORKING PAPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Disentangling the Effects of Natural Disasters on Children: 2001 Earthquakes in El Salvador”. April, 2007 • “Children’s Vulnerability to Weather Shocks: A Natural Disaster as a Natural Experiment”. April, 2007 • “Risk-Sharing and the Role of Inter-Household Transfers: Evidence from Hurricane Mitch in Nicaragua”. April, 2006 • “Is It Always Smart to Pursue the “Integrationist” Dream? Evidence of Trade Diversion in Central America Trade Agreement” (with Carmen Lazo). May, 2005 • Budgetary Institutions in the Dominican Republic: Is There Scope for Reform”. February, 2004 	
SKILLS/ RESEARCH INTERESTS	Language skills: Spanish (native). Fluent in English. Studied German, French and little Italian Computer skills: Statistical packages: E-Views, STATA; Excel, Power Point, Word Research Interests: Economic development, natural disasters, econometrics, trade, taxation and social programs	