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Personal information

First name(s) / Surname(s)	Vicente Royuela
Address(es)	Dpt. Econometrics, Statistics and Spanish Economy. Avda. Diagonal 690, 08034 Barcelona (Spain)
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Nationality	Spanish
Date of birth	July 16 th 1970
Gender	Male



Work experience

Dates	01 October 1994 →
Occupation or position held	College / university teaching professional
Main activities and responsibilities	Teaching and research
Name and address of employer	AQR-IREA. Dpt. of Econometrics, Statistics and Spanish Economy. University of Barcelona - Faculty of Economics and Business Avda. Diagonal 690, 08034 Barcelona (Spain)
Type of business or sector	Education / Research / Consultancy

Education and training

Dates	20/09/1988 - 07/07/1993
Title of qualification awarded	Graduate in Economics and Business
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	University of Barcelona Avda. Diagonal 690, 08034 Barcelona (Spain)
Level in national or international classification	ISCED 5
Dates	01/10/1994 - 29/06/2000
Title of qualification awarded	Ph. D. in Economics. Thesis title 'Real business cycles in open economies: development, illustration and testing for the Spanish economy'
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	University of Barcelona Faculty of Economics and Business, Avda. Diagonal 690, 08034 Barcelona (Spain)
Level in national or international classification	ISCED 6

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s)

Spanish

Other language(s)

Self-assessment

European level (*)

Catalan

English

German

Italian

Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user
C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user
B1	Independent User	B1	Independent User	B1	Independent User	B1	Independent User	A1	Basic User
B1	Independent User	B1	Independent User	B1	Independent User	B1	Independent User	A1	Basic User

(*) Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Social skills and competences

Communication: presenting findings and explaining complex data to a wide range of audiences in a concise and easily understood manner as well as being confident in group discussions and the preparation of written technical and non-technical materials.

Invited speaker in international conferences.

Organisational skills and competences

Time management: completing specific tasks within designated time frames.
 Editor in Chief Global Challenges and Regional Science (2024-present). Editor in Chief Investigaciones Regionales/Journal of Regional Research (2019-2024). Managing Editor of REGION (2016-2017). Associate Editor of Regional Science Policy and Practice (2015-2020). Executive Director of the 51st conference of the European Regional Science Association (1000 delegates). Member of the Local organizing Committee of several national and international conferences (2009 World Conference of the Spatial Econometrics Association – 300 delegates; 2010 and 2012 conferences of the Spanish Regional Science Association 250 delegates), 5th Spanish Stata Users Meeting- 2012. Member of the European Organizing Committee of the European Regional Science Association (2018-2022, 2024-).

Technical skills and competences

Analytical skills: analysing research methods, methodologies, data, conclusions and recommendations, critically evaluating government policy and assessing performance against home and global economies. Good knowledge of the regional policy framework and the current debate on the placed-based policy.

Problem-solving: extracting relevant information, drawing conclusions and making logical recommendations whilst considering the wider social and political influences.

Numeracy: handling complex data presented in a numerical form, using this data to draw conclusions and make recommendations as well as applying mathematical and statistical analysis methods to the data. Excellent knowledge of econometric and statistics techniques in the field of policy evaluation and impact assessment.

See publication and project participation lists in ANNEX for more details.

Computer skills and competences

Computing: using specialised software to analyse data, presenting findings using appropriate IT methods and producing visual presentation to inform and shape decisions.

Video: producing video outcomes for teaching and research purposes. (See youtube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNaC65w6qpFDXd7sRYn1K-A>)

Advanced user of different econometric and statistical packages. I have been also trainer of some of them, such as STATA and GWR, in different countries other than Spain (Colombia, Vietnam, Portugal). User of GIS software, such as ARCGIS.

Previous experience in the analysis of microdata for scientific purposes from Eurostat (under different contracts) and from National Statistics Institutes under confidentiality restrictions.

Additional information

Full Professor (Catedrático) of Applied Economics at the University of Barcelona

Member of the Research Group "Anàlisi Quantitativa Regional" (AQR-IREA) of the Universitat de Barcelona (<http://www.ub.edu/aqr/>). Member of the Board of Directors (Director 2023-2025).

Member of the "Xarxa de Referència en Economia Aplicada" (Reference Network in Applied Economics), XREAP (<http://www.pcb.ub.es/xreap>)

Member of the "Asociación Española de Ciencia Regional" (Spanish Regional Science Association), AECR (<http://www.aecr.org>)

Member of the European Organizing Committee of the European Regional Science Association, ERSA (<http://www.ersa.org>), 2010-2012 & 2016-2021

Editor in Chief of Global Challenges and Regional Science (journal of the European Association of Regional Science) <https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/global-challenges-and-regional-science> (2024-present)

Editor in Chief of Journal of Regional Research – Investigaciones Regionales (journal of the Spanish Association of Regional Science) <https://investigacionesregionales.org/en/> (2019-2024)

Member of the Editorial Team of REGION journal 2014-2019 (Managing Editor 2016-2017) <http://openjournals.wu.ac.at/region/region.html>

Associate Editor of the journal Regional Science Policy and Practice [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1757-7802](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1757-7802)

Member of the Editorial Board of Computers Environment and Urban Systems and of the Review of Regional Research (Jahrbuch für Regionalwissenschaft)

Visiting Scholar at the University of Reading (UK, 2005-2006), University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (USA, 2016), the University of Queensland (Australia, 2019), and the University of Brescia (Italy, 2024)

Referee for different academic journals and expert evaluator of research projects within the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (Ministry for Education and Science), Cariplo Foundation (Italy), the National Science Center (Poland) and Academy of Sciences (Poland) and the Romanian National Research Council.

Member of the Scientific committee of international conferences (ERSA, RSAI, AECR, APDR).

Tutor of 7 PhD Thesis dissertations, currently tutoring two more.

Current research interests:

- Agglomeration economies, economic growth and development
- Personal and spatial concentration of income (Inequality and Urbanisation)
- Urban economics and quality of life
- Regional labour markets
- Migration analysis
- Labour market policy evaluation
- Spatial econometrics
- Delimitation of urban areas, housing markets and submarkets
- Happiness and subjective well-being

Annexes

Selected publications (last years)

- Castells-Quintana, D., Gradín, C., & Royuela, V. (2025). Concentration of income and human development: The role of the middle class. *Oxford Economic Papers*, 1–21 FORTHCOMING, <https://doi.org/10.1093/oep/gpae048>
- Herrera-Catalán, P., Chasco, C., Royuela, V. (2025) Prioritising Infrastructure Investments Based on Agglomeration Externalities: A Methodological Framework with Evidence from Peru, *Papers in Regional Science*, FORTHCOMING <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pirs.2025.100104>
- Royuela, V.; Llorca, J.; Evans, C.; Díaz-Guilera, A.; Ramos, R.(2025) Fostering Interdisciplinarity and Collaboration: The Role of Challenge-Driven Research in European University Alliances through the CHARM-EU Experience. *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications* 12, 479
- Royuela, V.(2025) The existential challenge. *Scienze Regionali*. 2025(1), pp. 43–50
- Fernandez-Urbano, R., & Royuela, V. (2024). How locus of control predicts subjective well-being and its inequality: The moderating role of social values. *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 25(8), 117.
- Cuccu, L., Royuela, V., & Scicchitano, S. (2024). Navigating the precarious path: Understanding the dualisation of the Italian labour market through the lens of involuntary part-time employment. *Papers in Regional Science*, 103(6), 100061
- Cuccu, L., Royuela, V. (2024) Just reallocated? Robots displacement, and job quality, *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, 62(4), pp. 705-731.
- Royuela, V.; Belloni, C.M. (2024) Socioeconomic and territorial dynamics of bullfighting in contemporary Spain, *Regional Science Policy & Practice*, 16(7), 100077
- López Tamayo, J., Ramos, R., Royuela, V. (2023) Wage flexibility and employment resilience in the Spanish labour market over the Great Recession, *Regional Studies*, 57(12), pp. 2443-2456.
- Álvarez, M., Royuela, V. (2022) The effect of labour-market differentials on interregional migration in Spain: a meta-regression analysis, *Journal of Regional Science*, 62(4), pp. 913-937.
- Castells-Quintana, D.; Royuela, V. (2021) Ciudades y desigualdad: una mirada a las Áreas Urbanas Funcionales españolas. In *Información Comercial Española. Revista de Economía ICE*. Number 920.
- Sánchez-Rivero, M., Royuela, V., Franco Solís, A. (2021) Residents' perception and economic impact of bullfighting: the case of Feria del Toro (Olivenza, Spain), *Current Issues in Tourism*, 24(21), 3057-71
- Geelhoed, F., Royuela, V., Castells-Quintana, D. (2021) "Inequality and Employment Resilience: An Analysis of Spanish Municipalities during the Great Recession" *International Regional Science Review*, 2021, 44(1), 113–141
- Ramos, R., Royuela, V. (2021) "Introduction to the Special Issue on "Territorial Resilience: Mitigation and Firms' Adaptation"", *International Regional Science Review*, 44(1), pp. 3–9
- Obaco, M., Royuela, V., Matano, A. (2020) "On the link between material deprivation and city size: Ecuador as a case study", *Land Use Policy*, 104761.
- Melguizo, C. and Royuela, V. (2020) "What Drives Migration Moves towards Urban Areas in Spain? Evidence from the Great Recession", *Regional Studies*, 54(12), 1680-1693
- Castells-Quintana, D., Royuela, V., Veneri, P. (2020) "Inequality and city size: an analysis for OECD functional urban areas" *Papers in Regional Science*, 99(4), 1045-1064
- Matano, A.; Obaco, M.; Royuela, V. (2020) "What drives the spatial wage premium in formal and informal labour markets? The case of Ecuador", *Journal of Regional Science*, 60(4), 823-847
- Royuela, V (2020) "Construction of a Composite Index of European Identity", *Social Indicators Research*, 148(3), 831-861
- Royuela, V.; López-Bazo, E. (2020) "Understanding the process of creating a European identity: The role of Cohesion Policy", *Investigaciones Regionales*, 46, 51-70.
- Royuela, V, Sánchez-Díaz, JP, Romani, J "Migration effects on living standards of the left behind. The case of overcrowding levels in Ecuadorian households", *Habitat International*, (2020)
- López-Bazo, E.; Royuela, V. "Citizens' perception of the Cohesion Policy and support for the European Union, in *Regional Science Policy and Practice*. (2019)
- Biagi, B.; Ladu, M.G.; Meleddu, M.; Royuela, V. "Tourism and the city: the impact on residents' quality of life", in *International Journal of Tourism Research*. (2019)
- Obaco, M., Royuela, V., & Xavier, V. "Identifying Functional Urban Areas in Ecuador Using a Varying Travel Time Approach". In *Geographical Analysis*., (2019)
- Castells-Quintana, D.; Royuela, V.; Thiel, F. "Inequality and sustainable development: Insights from an analysis of the human development index. In *Sustainable Development*. (2019)
- "On the influence of foreign players on the success of football clubs", with R. Gásquez, *Journal of Sports Economics*, (2019)
- "The short-run relationship between inequality and growth: evidence from OECD regions during the Great Recession", with P. Veneri, and R. Ramos, *Regional Studies*, 53(4), 574-586, (2019)

- "Internal migration in a developing country: A panel data analysis of Ecuador (1982-2010)", with J.A. Ordóñez, *Papers in Regional Science*, 97(2), 345-367 (2018)
- "Spatially blind policies? Analysing agglomeration economies and European Investment Bank funding in European neighbouring countries", with D. Castells, *The Annals of Regional Science*, 60(3), 569-589 (2018)
- "Tracking positive and negative effects of inequality on long-run growth", with D. Castells, *Empirical Economics*, 53(4), 1349-1378 (2017)
- "Evaluation of the cohesion policy operational program 2007-2013. The case of Extremadura", with E. López-Bazo, R. Moreno, and J. Suriñach, *Investigaciones Regionales*, (38), pp. 183-203, (2017)
- "Human Development and Tourism Specialization. Evidence from a Panel of Developed and Developing Countries", with B Biagi and MG Ladu, *International Journal of Tourism Research*, 19(2), 160-178 (2017)
- "Quality of Work Life in Colombia: A Multidimensional Fuzzy Indicator", with M.S. Gómez-Salcedo and L.A. Galvis-Aponte, *Social Indicators Research*, 130 (3), 911-936 (2017)
- "Graduate migration in Spain: the impact of the Great Recession on a low-mobility country", with R. Ramos, in Corcoran, J.; Faggian, A. (eds), *Graduate Migration and Regional Development*. 159 - 172. (Reino Unido): Edwar Elgar Publishing, (2017)
- "Las ciudades españolas tras la gran recesión: una mirada a la población, el empleo y los precios de la vivienda", with D. Castells-Quintana and C. Melguizo, *Papeles de Economía Española*, 153, 23 - 33 (2017)
- "The Determinants of International Football Success: A Panel Data Analysis of the Elo Rating", with R. Gásquez, *Social Science Quarterly*, 97(2), 125-141 (2016)
- "Envisioning experiments on regional science frontiers", with Kourtit, K., Ponce-Dentinho, T., Nijkamp, P., *Investigaciones Regionales*, (36), pp. 35-61, (2016)
- "Inequality in European Regions: Recent trends and determinants", with D. Castells and R Ramos, *Review of Regional Research*, 35, 123-146 (2015)
- "Are increasing urbanisation and inequalities symptoms of growth?", with D. Castells, *Applied Spatial Analysis and Policy*, 8(3), 291-308 (2015)
- "The role of urbanisation on international migrations. A case study of EU and ENP countries", *International Journal of Manpower*, 36(4), 469-490 (2015)
- "Economic and Social Convergence in Colombia", with G.A. García, G.A., *Regional Studies*, 49(2), pp 219-239, (2015)
- "Inequality in European Regions", with Raul Ramos, in K. Wennberg, and G. Ehrling, (eds), *Inclusive Growth in Europe*, European Liberal Forum, pp. 27-50. ISBN 978-91-979041-6-2. (2014)
- "Agglomeration, Inequality and Economic Growth", with D. Castells, *The Annals of Regional Science*, 52(2), pp. 343-366, (2014)
- "Is football an indicator of development at the international level", with R. Gásquez, *Social Indicator Research*, 117-3, pp. 827-848 (2014)
- "International migrations and urbanisation: 1960-2010", with D. Castells, *International Journal of Global Environmental Issues*, 13, pp. 150-169 (2014)
- "Quality of Work and aggregate productivity ", with J.Suriñach, *Social Indicators Research*, 113(1), pp. 37-66 (2013)
- "Housi: A heuristic for the delimitation of housing submarkets and price homogeneous areas", with J.C. Duque, *Computers, Environment and Urban Systems*, 37(1), pp. 59-69 (2013)
- "Building a quality in work index in Spain", with J. López-Tamayo, and J. Suriñach in J. Sirgy, R. Phillips and D. Rahtz, *Community Quality-of-Life Indicators: Best Cases IV*, Springer. ISBN 978-94-007-6500-9. (2013)
- "Unemployment and Long-run Economic Growth: The role of Income Inequality and Urbanization", with D. Castells, *Investigaciones Regionales*, (24), 153-173 (2012)
- "Regional Science trends through the analysis of the main facts of the 51st ERS Conference", *Investigaciones Regionales*, (24), 13-39 (2012)
- "A stepwise procedure to determinate a suitable scale for the spatial delimitation of urban slums " with J.C. Duque and M. Noreña, in E. Fernández and F. Rubiera, *Defining the spatial scale in modern regional analysis: new challenges from data at the local level*, Springer, pp. 237-254. Springer. ISBN 978-3-642-31994-5 (2012).
- "Modelling quality of life and population growth. The case of the Barcelona Metropolitan Area", *Spatial Economic Analysis*, 6, 83-109. (2011)
- "Research networks and scientific production in Economics: The recent Spanish Experience ", with Juan Carlos Duque and Raúl Ramos, *Ecos de Economía*, 31, 121-132. (2011)

Participation in research projects (last years)

- Desarrollo humano y territorial sostenible (SUSTAINABLE-TERRITORIES), Spanish Ministry of Education and Science, project cicyt- PID2023-146073NB-I00, 2024-2027. Main Researcher
- INSPIRE – Supporting the inclusion, well-being, and growth of rural areas through multi-actor Smart Village labs for enhanced governance frameworks, European Commission – Horizon Europe, project 101058537, 2024–2027. Research Team Member
- The Interaction of Minimum Wages and Collective Bargaining for Low-Paid Groups, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND), project 81EUFO-230202/6497, 2023–2024. Research Team Member
- Transforming Open Responsible Research and Innovation through CHARM (TORCH), European Commission – HORIZON 2020, Science with and for Society (SWAFS), project 8SWAFS-101017229, 2021–2023. Research Team Member
- Twin transition and changing patterns of spatial mobility: a regional approach (MOBI-TWIN) European Commission. Horizon Europe (101094402). 2023-2026. Coordinator: Ioannis Kostopoulos (White Research SRL) UB Team leader: Vicente Royuela. Total budget: 2.910.125 €, UB budget: 351.250€
- Cities and Sustainable Globalization: inputs and outputs of urbanization (GLOBAL-CITIES), Spanish Ministry of Education and Science, project cicyt-PID2020-118800GB-I00 , 2021-2024. Main Researcher
- Perception and Evaluation of Regional and Cohesion policies by Europeans and Identification with the Values of Europe (PERCEIVE), H2020 project under the call identifier H2020-REFLECTIVE-SOCIETY-2015. 2016-2019. UB Team leader: Vicente Royuela.
- Territorial strategies to improve RESilience in times of crisis (TERES), Spanish Ministry of Education and Science, project cicyt-ECO2016-75805-R, 2016-2019. Main Researcher.
- Does reducing non-wage labour costs generate sustainable new employment – a review of evaluations (Eurofound) 2015-16.
- Regional inequalities, agglomeration and economic growth, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), 2014. Main Researcher.
- Wage Dispersion in the EU, European Parliament, Directorate General for Internal Policies of the Union. Framework Service Contract IP/A/ECON/2010-109. 2013-2014.
- Sharing Knowledge Assets: InteRegionally Cohesive NeighBorhoods (SEARCH), EU 7th Framework Programme. Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities, 2011-2014.
- Regional economic growth and inequality in Spain, Spanish Ministry of Education and Science, project ECO2010-16006, 2011-2013.
- Assimilation, labor integration, language knowledge and residential segregation of immigrants in Catalunya, Generalitat de Catalunya, ARAFI 00044, 2011-2012.
- Intangible Assets and Regional Economic Growth (IAREG), EU 7th Framework Programme. Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities, 2008-2010.
- Urban Growth, quality of life and human capital, Spanish Ministry of Education and Science, project J2006-07665, 2007-2009. Main Researcher.