



Curriculum Vitae Fernando Navajas

Fernando Navajas is Chief Economist at FIEL since 1996 and has been Executive Director in 2004-2010. He is chair professor at the department of economics of the Universities of Buenos Aires and La Plata, Argentina. He is Vice-President of the National Academy of Economic Science of Argentina (ANCE); former President of the Argentine Association of Political Economy (AAEP) and Board Member of the University Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina. Previously he was senior economist at UN ECLAC and Chief of Cabinet of Advisors at the Ministry of the Economy in Argentina. He has a long experience as policy advisor for international agencies and for official and private institutions. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Oxford, UK and a BSc from the University of La Plata, Argentina. He has published papers and chapters on many areas of macro and microeconomics mainly focused on Latin America. His contributions in the last decade focus on several dimensions of energy policy, regulation and economics. In 2004 he was awarded the Repsol-YPF Prize to Applied Economic Research in Energy, Natural Resources and the Environment. He is a founding member of the Latin American Association of Energy Economists and member of the International Association of Energy Economists. In 2016 he received de Platinum KONEX Prize as the best contributor in “Applied Economic Analysis”, as part of the 20 most distinguished contributors to the field of humanities in the previous decade (2005-15) in Argentina. In 2017 he received the medal and diploma for academic excellence by the University of Buenos Aires. His trajectory has been surveyed by Juan Carlos De Pablo in his book *Diez economistas argentinos*, 2018 Buenos Aires, Grupo Unión.

Education

- Doctor of Philosophy, 1985, University of Oxford
- Master of Philosophy, 1983, University of Oxford,

- Bachelor of Science in Economics (Licenciado en Economía). 1978, University of La Plata (Universidad Nacional de La Plata), Argentina. With Honours (Best Graduate within the Faculty of Economic Science, 1978).

Experience

- Chief Economist (1996-present) and former Executive Director (2004-2010), Fundación de Investigaciones Económicas Latinoamericanas (FIEL), Argentina. www.fiel.org
- Chief of Cabinet of Advisors. Ministry of the Economy, Argentina. 2001.
- Senior Economist at the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), (1986-1994), Post: Buenos Aires Office, with monthly assignments to the headquarters in Chile (1989, 1990 and 1991) and Mexico (1992, 1993 and 1994).
- Experience as Consultant for regional and international organizations, Governments, NGOs and private sector institutions in the Latin American region. Field expertise in Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Chile, México, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Paraguay, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago on issues of Macro-Fiscal Policy, Tax Policy, Public Expenditure Review, Regulation of Infrastructure and Energy Policy.
- Experience over 20 years directing more than 20 large projects at FIEL. Recent Projects acting as Executive Director
 - 2018/19, Principal Advisor “Infrastructure and the Development in the Americas (DIA) report, 2020”, Inter-American Development Bank.
 - 2016. “Fostering Competition in Energy Markets in Argentina”, for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK Government
 - 2014/2015 “Improving the Quality and Efficiency of Public Spending on Energy and Transport in Latin America”, for the Inter-American Development Bank.
- Over 30 consultancy projects in energy and regulation with private sector firms

Academic positions, prizes, memberships

- Professor, Department of Economics, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina,
- Professor, Department of Economics, University of La Plata, Argentina.,
- President (2016-2018), Argentine Association of Political Economy, www.aaep.org.ar
- Vice President (2019-2022), Director of the Institute of Applied Economics (2013-2019) and Fellow Member (since 2007), National Academy of Economic Science. www.anceargentina.org <http://www.anceargentina.org/site/autoridades.php>
- Member of the Directive Council of the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina <http://www.utdt.edu/autoridades>
- Repsol-YPF Prize to Applied Economic Research in Energy, Natural Resources and the Environment. Fundación YPF, Buenos Aires, 2004.
- Platinum KONEX Prize 2016 in Applied Economic Analysis. Best contributor to the field in the previous decade. <https://www.fundacionkonex.org/b4878-fernando-h-navajas>

Recent Publications & papers (selected)

Recent Books

[I] Tirole J. and F. Navajas (2019), *“Que es el bien común?”*, Buenos Aires: Ed. Teseo.

[I] O. Manzano, F. Navajas and A. Powell (eds.) (2018), *The Economics of Natural Resources in Latin America*, London and New York: Routledge.

Recent papers (selected, 2009-2019)

1. “Productivity growth and infrastructure related sectors” (with H. Ahumada), IADB, Washington, June 2019.
2. “Regulation of Public Utilities of the Future in LATAM & Caribbean: The Argentine electricity sector”, (with S. Urbiztondo and D. Barril) manuscrito no publicado, BID, marzo 2019.
3. “Political energy price cycles: entry and exit”, (with W. Cont and P. Hancevic) 7th ELAEE, Buenos Aires, March 2019, <https://7elaee.aladee.org/>
4. “Subsidios a los servicios de infraestructura en LAC: Direcciones de reforma”, (with W. Cont) manuscrito no publicado, BID.
5. “Impuestos y cargos específicos en las tarifas de los servicios de infraestructura”, *Nota Técnica 1473*, Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo, Agosto. <https://publications.iadb.org/handle/11319/9032>
6. “Assessing the impact of energy efficiency standards on residential electricity consumption in Mexico” (with Hildegart Ahumada), IAEE 39th International Conference, Norwegian School of Economics <http://www.iaee2016nhh.no/> June, 2016
7. “Energy Populism and Household Welfare”, (with W. Cont y P. Hancevic), *Energy Economics*, 56, pp. 404-34, May, 2016.
8. “Natural Gas Supply Behavior Under Interventionism: The case of Argentina” (with D. Barril), *The Energy Journal*, Vol 36 N^o4, 2015.
9. “Consumo residencial de electricidad y eficiencia energética. Un enfoque de regresión cuantílica”, (with P. Hancevic) *El Trimestre Económico* (México), LXXXII, 328, 897-927, 2015.
10. “Hydrocarbons Policy, Shocks and the Collective Imagination: What Went Wrong in Bolivia?”, Chapter 10 in Hogan W. and F. Sturzenegger (eds.) *The Natural Resources Trap*, MIT Press, 2010.
11. “Engel Curves, Household Characteristics and Low-User Tariff Schemes in Natural Gas”, *Energy Economics*, vol.31, 1, January 2009, pp. 162-168 <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0140988308001540>

Recent Conferences

“Productivity growth and Infrastructure related sectors” 22nd Dynamics Econometrics Conference, Oxford University, September 8, 2019

“Whither optimal taxes for infrastructure and energy?”, keynote inaugural lecture, 52 Jornadas Internacionales de Finanzas Publicas, Universidad Nacional de Cordoba, Argentina, September 18, 2019

“Can we make a growth case for Argentina?”, Latin American Centre University of Oxford, May 17, 2019

“High frequency data on prices: Do worry, don’t be happy”, Council of the Americas, New York, May 2, 2019.

“Energy outlook in Argentina: Corsi e (but not necessarily) ricorsi”, AR Partners Energy Forum, Buenos Aires, April 11, 2019.