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### Principal Employment

- 1998-present **THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS** **LONDON, ENGLAND**  
**Department of International Development**
- 2014-present Professor of the Political Economy of Development  
2010-2013 Reader in the Political Economy of Development  
2002-2010 Lecturer in the Political Economy of Development (tenured from 2007)  
Programme Director, MSc in Development Management, 2003-present
- lead MSc core course that uses institutional economics and broader institutional theory to analyze comparative statics and dynamics of international development.
- 1998-2002 **Centre for Economic Performance & Economics Department**  
Director of Studies, MSc Global Market Economics & MSc Public Financial Policy
- designed and launched two new interdisciplinary MSc degrees in applied economics and economic policy-making.
  - designed and co-taught Current Economic Issues core course.
- 1991-1994 **THE WORLD BANK** **LA PAZ, BOLIVIA**  
**Bolivia Resident Mission**  
Project Officer - Social Sectors Expert
- carried out in-country supervision for projects in: Social Investment Fund, Health, Transportation, Environment, Education Reform, and Civil Service Reform.
  - played a key role in the creation of new institutions, and the reform of existing ones, to improve social policy implementation.
  - worked closely with sectoral and Planning Ministries to develop sectoral investment priorities and design policies in health, education, nutrition, rural development and the environment.
  - participated in a team of two that prepared and approved a credit to Bolivia (FIS II) in record time, and was commended by the Department.
  - helped appraise Social Investment Funds in Peru and Ecuador.
  - wrote chapters for the Bank's Public Sector Investment Review (Transport and Health), and sections of Staff Appraisal Reports for the Education Reform, Social Investment Fund, Environment, and PIDI projects.
  - represented the World Bank at numerous seminars and conferences.
  - *Search & Rescue* - headed Bank's search & rescue effort after a small aircraft carrying two staff members was lost over the northern jungle; co-ordinated finance and logistics with the Commander-in-Chief of the Bolivian Armed Forces, US and Canadian Ambassadors, US Embassy Military Group, and the Bolivian Search and Rescue Center.

### Other Appointments

- 2008-2009 **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY** **BERKELEY, CA**  
**Center for Latin American Studies**  
Visiting Professor

**Chair – Decentralization Task Force**

IPD was founded by Nobel laureate Joseph Stiglitz to help developing countries explore policy alternatives, and enable wider civic participation in policymaking. I serve as Chair (since 2006) of a team of prominent economists and political scientists who seek to enhance the quality of policy dialogue on decentralization.

## Publications

**Books and Special Journal Issues**

1. Faguet, J.P. and C. Pöschl (eds.). Forthcoming 2015. *Is Decentralization Good for Development? Perspectives from Academics and Policy Makers*. Edited volume with chapters written by the leading lights in the field, including Nobel laureates Roger Myerson and Joseph Stiglitz. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2. Faguet, J.P. (ed.). 2014. [“Decentralization and Governance.”](#) Special Issue of *World Development* I guest edited. 53: 1-112.
3. Khan, Q., J.P. Faguet, C. Gaukler and W. Mekasha. 2014. [Improving Basic Services for the Bottom Forty Percent: Lessons from Ethiopia](#). Washington, D.C.: World Bank.
4. Faguet, J.P. 2012. [Decentralization and Popular Democracy: Governance from Below in Bolivia](#). Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
  - Awarded the Political Studies Association’s W.J.M. Mackenzie Prize for best book published in 2012.
5. Zuazo, M., J.P. Faguet, and G. Bonifaz (eds.). 2012. [Descentralización y democratización en Bolivia: La historia del Estado débil, la sociedad rebelde y el anhelo de democracia](#). La Paz: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.

**Journal Articles**

6. Faguet, J.P. 2014. “Decentralization and Governance.” Lead paper of a special issue on Decentralization and Governance. *World Development*, 53: 2-13. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2013.01.002>
7. Faguet, J.P. 2014. “Can Sub-National Autonomy Strengthen Democracy in Bolivia?” *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, 44(1): 51-81; [doi: 10.1093/publius/pjt020](https://doi.org/10.1093/publius/pjt020).
8. Faguet, J.P. and F. Sánchez. 2014. “Decentralization and Access to Social Services in Colombia.” *Public Choice*, 160(1-2): 227-249. Winner of the Corporación Andina de Fomento International Research Paper Prize. [DOI 10.1007/s11127-013-0077-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11127-013-0077-7).
9. Faguet, J.P. 2009. “Governance From Below in Bolivia: A Theory of Local Government With Two Empirical Tests.” *Latin American Politics and Society*, 51(4): 29-68. [DOI: 10.1111/j.1548-2456.2009.00063.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1548-2456.2009.00063.x)
  - Reprinted in Spanish as “Gobernabilidad desde abajo en Bolivia: Una teoría del gobierno local y dos pruebas empíricas”, chapter 6 in Zuazo, Faguet and Bonifaz (eds.). 2012. *Descentralización y democratización en Bolivia: La historia del Estado débil, la sociedad rebelde y el anhelo de democracia*. La Paz: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.
10. Faguet, J.P. and Z. Ali. 2009. [“Making Reform Work: Institutions, Dispositions and the Improving Health of Bangladesh.”](#) *World Development*. 37: 208–218.
11. Faguet, J.P. 2009. [“Mejorando la educación y la salud de los pobres: Descentralización y reformas de política en Colombia.”](#) *Perspectivas*, 7: 73-88.
12. Faguet, J.P. and F. Sánchez. 2008. “Decentralization’s Effects on Educational Outcomes in Bolivia and Colombia.” *World Development*, 36: 1294–1316. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2007.06.021>
13. Faguet, J.P. 2008. [“Decentralization’s Effects on Public Investment: Evidence and Policy Lessons from Bolivia and Colombia.”](#) *Journal of Development Studies*, 44: 1100–1121.
14. Faguet, J.P. and F.B. Wietzke. 2006. [“Social Funds and Decentralization: Optimal Institutional Design.”](#) *Public Administration and Development*, 26(4): 303-315.

15. Faguet, J.P. 2004. [“Does Decentralization Increase Responsiveness to Local Needs? Evidence from Bolivia.”](#) *Journal of Public Economics*, 88(4): 867-894.
16. Faguet, J.P. 2000. [“Decentralization and Local Government Performance: Improving Public Service Provision in Bolivia”](#), *Revista de Economía del Rosario*, 3(1): 127-176. [Colombian Academic Journal]

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

17. Faguet, J.P. and C. Pöschl. 2015. “Is Decentralization Good for Development? Perspectives from Academics and Policy Makers.” Chapter 1 in J.P. Faguet and C. Pöschl (eds.). *Is Decentralization Good for Development? Perspectives from Academics and Policy Makers*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
18. Sánchez de Lozada, G. and J.P. Faguet. 2015. “Why I decentralized Bolivia.” Chapter 2 in J.P. Faguet and C. Pöschl (eds.). *Is Decentralization Good for Development? Perspectives from Academics and Policy Makers*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
19. Faguet, J.P., A. Fox and C. Pöschl. 2015. “Does Decentralization Strengthen or Weaken the State? Authority and social learning in a supple state.” Chapter 6 in J.P. Faguet and C. Pöschl (eds.). *Is Decentralization Good for Development? Perspectives from Academics and Policy Makers*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
20. Faguet, J.P. 2015. “Decentralization and Popular Democracy: Governance from Below in Bolivia... and Bangladesh? Lessons for South Asia.” In A. Sultan, M. Mahmud, T. Safdar and S. A. Rana (Eds.). *Institutions and their Discontents: Rethinking Economic Development in South Asia*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
21. Zuazo, M., J.P. Faguet, and G. Bonifaz. 2012. [“Introducción General.”](#) Chapter 1 in Zuazo, M., J.P. Faguet, and G. Bonifaz (eds.). 2012. *Descentralización y democratización en Bolivia: La historia del Estado débil, la sociedad rebelde y el anhelo de democracia*. La Paz: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
22. Faguet, J.P. 2008. [“The Determinants of Central vs. Local Government Investment: Democracy and Development in Bolivia.”](#) Chapter 7 in Ghosh, S. and S.S. Mishra (eds.). *Decentralization and Development*, Hyderabad, India: Icfai University Press.
23. Faguet, J.P. 2006. [“Decentralizing Bolivia: Local Government in the Jungle.”](#) Chapter 4 in P. Bardhan and D. Mookherjee (eds.). *Decentralization and Local Governance in Developing Countries: A Comparative Perspective*, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
24. Faguet, J.P. 1999. [“Experiencias Internacionales en Descentralización”](#) in G. Manga, (ed.), *Descentralización de Verdad: Soluciones Para Colombia*, Bogotá: Imprenta Nacional. DOI: 10.13140/2.1.1233.8244
25. Boone, P. and J.P. Faguet. 1998. [“Multilateral Aid, Politics and Poverty: Past Failures and Future Challenges”](#), chapter 2 in R. Grant and J. Nijman (eds.). *The Global Crisis in Foreign Aid*, Syracuse: Syracuse University Press.

### Work In Progress

26. Faguet, J.P., A. Fox and C. Pöschl. “Does Decentralization Strengthen or Weaken Democracy? Authority and social learning in a supple state.” Under review at the *Journal of Democracy*.
27. Faguet, J.P., F. Sánchez and J. Villaveces. “Land Reform, *Latifundia*, and Social Development at the Local Level in Colombia, 1961-2010.” For the *American Journal of Political Science* or *Comparative Political Studies*.
28. Shami, M. and J.P. Faguet. “Decentralization as Political Problem Solving: Vicious and Virtuous Cycles of Reform in Pakistan and Bolivia.” For the *American Political Science Review* or *Comparative Politics*.
29. Channa, A. and J.P. Faguet. “Decentralization of Health and Education in Developing Countries: A Quality-Adjusted Review of the Empirical Literature.” [LSE/STICERD Working Paper No. EOPP 38](#). Under review at the *World Bank Research Observer*.
30. Faguet, J.P. “The Local Roots of Political Collapse: When Bolivia's Parts Swallowed the Whole.” Paper in preparation for *Comparative Politics*.

31. Faguet, J.P. 2013. [“Federalism and Industrial Policy: Competing Away Government Failure?”](#) Conference paper, *Making Growth Happen: Implementing Policies for Competitive Industries*, World Bank, Washington, D.C.
32. Khan, Q., J.P. Faguet, C. Gaukler, and W. Mekasha. “Decentralization’s effects on education, health and agriculture outcomes, and on distribution: Evidence from Ethiopia.” Conference paper for the first Annual Bank Conference on Africa, Paris, June 2014.
33. Khan, Q., J.P. Faguet, and C. Gaukler. “Does the Ethiopian block grant system promote vertical and horizontal equity in access to basic services? An Empirical Analysis.”
34. Faguet, J.P., M.A. Fernández and F. Sánchez. “The Republican Origins of Comparative Development in Colombia’s Regions”. For the *Journal of Political Economy* or *American Political Science Review*.
35. Faguet, J.P. and E.A. Brett. *Institutions for Development: A Theoretical Approach*. Book manuscript that intends to re-make Development Management as a theoretically rigorous field based on institutional theories of development from political science, economics and sociology. For Princeton University Press.
36. Besley, T., J.P. Faguet and M. Tommasi. [A Synoptic Guide to Decentralization and Intergovernmental Relations](#). Book manuscript under preparation for the Initiative for Policy Dialogue’s series with Oxford University Press.
37. Faguet, J.P. “Residual Power.” A significant revision of STICERD Development Economics Discussion Paper No. 43, 2004. For *Comparative Politics*.
38. Faguet, J.P., C. Mejía and F. Sánchez. [“El Impacto de Variables Políticas Sobre Resultados Presupuestales Y Sociales en un Marco de Descentralización: El Caso de Colombia.”](#) Crisis States Programme Conference Paper, 2004. For *Ensayos de Política Económica* [Latin American political economy journal].

### Policy Literature

39. Faguet, J.P. 2013. “The Sub-National Effects of Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers in Ethiopia.” World Bank, Africa Region.
40. Faguet, J.P. 2011. [“Impacts and Consequences of the New Regime of Autonomies in Bolivia: Elements for a Discussion.”](#) Inter-American Development Bank Policy Brief No.122.
41. Faguet, J.P. 2008. [“Colombia: Seizing the Peace.”](#) *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*, Fall issue. Also available at: <http://www.clas.berkeley.edu/Publications/articles/fall2008/other/BRLAS-Fall2008-Faguet.pdf>
42. Faguet, J.P. and M. Shami. 2008. [“Fiscal Policy and Spatial Inequality in Latin America and Beyond.”](#) World Bank Policy Research Working Paper.
43. Faguet, J.P. 2008. “Maldives Integrated Human Development Project: Review of Project Objectives and Components.” World Bank, South Asia Region.
44. Faguet, J.P. 2007. “To the MDGs and Beyond: Accountability and Institutional Innovation in Bangladesh.” World Bank, Bangladesh Development Series, No. 14.
45. Faguet, J.P. 2007. “Accelerating Social Development Through Improved Local Governance in Bangladesh.” World Bank, South Asia Region.
46. World Bank. 2006. “Ethiopia: Enhancing Human Development Outcomes Through Decentralized Service Delivery.” World Bank, Africa Region. (Principal contributor)
47. Faguet, J.P. 2004. “Building Democracy in Quicksand: Altruism, Empire and the United States.” *Challenge: The Magazine of Economic Affairs*, 47: 73-93.
48. World Bank. 2004. “Maldives Integrated Human Development Project PAD.” Report No. 27710, South Asia Region. (Principal contributor)
49. World Bank. 2002. “Nepal: Towards a Sustainable Approach for Poverty Reduction and Decentralization.” Report No. 25019-NEP, Private Sector Development Department, South Asia Region, November 2002. (Principal contributor)

## Education

- 1994-2002 **THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS** **LONDON, ENGLAND**  
**PhD Political Economy (Development Studies Institute), MSc Economics**  
 Dissertation: *Decentralizing the Provision of Public Services in Bolivia: Institutions, Political Competition and the Effectiveness of Local Government*  
 Coursework in: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Public Economics, Economics of LDCs, Topics in Economic Analysis
- 1989-1991 **HARVARD UNIVERSITY** **CAMBRIDGE, MA**  
**John F. Kennedy School of Government**  
 Master of Public Policy  
 Areas of Concentration: International Development, Political Economy  
 Thesis: *Government Regulation and the Argentine Railroads After Privatization*
- 1984-1988 **PRINCETON UNIVERSITY** **PRINCETON, NJ**  
 Bachelor of Arts, Politics, *Magna cum laude*  
 Certificate, Program in Latin American Studies  
 Thesis: *Argentine Democratization - Party Politics and Stability*

## Affiliations, Awards and Other Professional Activities

### Affiliations

Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economics and Related Disciplines (STICERD) – Research Associate, since 2002  
 Government Department (LSE) Faculty Affiliate, since 2013  
 University College London Institute of the Americas – Research Fellow, since 2012  
 Institute for Latin American Studies, U. of London – Associate Fellow, since 2002  
 National University of Colombia – Member, International Advisory Council, 2002-06

### Awards and Research Grants

#### While at the LSE

W.J.M. Mackenzie Prize for the best political science book published in 2012, for *Decentralization and Popular Democracy*.  
 PI, *Local Governance, Violence, and Comparative Regional Development in Colombia: A Political Economy Approach*, Ongoing project (£80,155). Funded by DFID, STICERD, and the British Academy.  
 PI, *The Role of Behavioural biases in Constraining Smallholder Farmers' Demand for Insurance and Savings Products* (€120,000), 2012-2015. Funded by the AXA Research Fund.  
 Niko Vardapetyan Award for Research into the Evolution and Reform of Economic and Political Systems (£20,000), 2011-2013.  
 Co-PI, *Descentralización y democratización en Bolivia: La historia del Estado débil, la sociedad rebelde y el anhelo de democracia*, 1/2011-8/2012 (US\$100,000). Funded by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.  
 Leader, *Decentralization and Governance*, Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Columbia University (US\$40,000).  
 Senior Researcher, *Civic Engagement and Local Government Reform in Rural Russia: A Dynamic Randomized Evaluation*, 2006-11 (US\$ 600,000). Funded by World Bank trust funds and the Russian government.  
 LSE Historic Theses Project – selected as an LSE PhD thesis “of historic significance”, 2010  
 Corporación Andina de Fomento International Research Prize, 2008 (US\$10,000).



STICERD New Researcher Award, 2004-06 (£20,000).

PI, World Bank Research Committee Award for *Participatory Planning and Decentralization in Bolivia*, 1997-2001 (US\$26,000).

William Robson Memorial Prize for best PhD dissertation at the LSE, 2002

Overseas Research Scholarship - national (UK) PhD award, 1996-98

### **While at Harvard**

National Science Foundation Fellowship, 1988-91

Kennedy Fellowship, John F. Kennedy School of Government, 1989-91

### **While at Princeton**

Fulbright Scholarship, 1988

Woodrow Wilson Research Award, 1987

Latin American Studies Program Research Award, 1987

Picard Award for Excellence in the Politics Department, 1987

## **Policy Analysis and Advice**

### **Inter-American Development Bank**

- *Impacts and Consequences of Regional Autonomies in Bolivia*, 2009-2010 – I compiled a database of municipal characteristics, identified the determinants of success in the provision of municipal public services and policies aimed at spurring economic growth, and identified deficiencies in the realms of fiscal policy, institutions and governance resulting from Bolivia's decentralization reform. This paper, and a series of public presentations I did based on it, had a powerful effect on the public debate, leading to significant improvements in the final version of Bolivia's Framework Law of Decentralization and Autonomies.

### **World Bank**

- *Poverty and Social Impact Assessment for the Ethiopia Promotion of Basic Services Project*, 2013. I supervise a team building and analyzing a database to establish to what extent access to publicly-provided health and education services is inequitable amongst different regions and ethnicities in Ethiopia, and what can be done to remedy this.
- *Decentralization of Health and Education Service Delivery in South Asia*, 2010-2012 – Principal researcher on a multicountry team investigating the impacts of decentralization of health and education service delivery on technical efficiency, allocative efficiency and equity. We first analyzed the gaps in existing knowledge of decentralization's effects on intergovernmental relations, fiscal flows and specific issues in public financial management. We then collected huge amounts of data on six countries in South Asia and analyzed the effects that decentralization of service delivery has had there.
- *Civic Engagement and Local Government Reform in Rural Russia: A Dynamic Randomized Evaluation*, 2006-10 – Senior researcher in a study of the outcomes of decentralization and the determinants of good governance in randomly selected treatment and control villages in 3 Russian provinces, using household and municipal level data. Funded and administered by the World Bank Research Committee, worth US\$ 480,000. Lead researchers are Maria Amelina and Stephen Knack. Other senior researchers include Branko Milanovic, Paul Gertler and Anwar Shah. Junior researchers collect data in Russia.
- *Bangladesh Urban Poverty and the Millennium Development Goals*, 2006 – economic advisor helping the World Bank and Bangladeshi government to operationalize the MDGs for Bangladesh in light of its heavy rural-urban migration.
- *Ethiopia Decentralized Service Delivery Study*, 2006 – provide technical (economic and econometric) analysis to measure the effects of decentralization on subnational investment, expenditure, and service delivery in education, health,

and water and sanitation. Determine how such outcomes have affected poverty indices and food security. Measure the effects of decentralization on final outcome indicators such as educational achievement, disease incidence, and access to water and sanitation.

- *Maldives Integrated Human Development Project, 2003-04 & 2008* – economist and social development specialist working on a project that seeks to promote the concentration of the Maldives dispersed population on a number of “focus islands” in order to strengthen education, health and IT services, broaden and deepen markets, spur private sector development, and ultimately promote economic growth.
- *Poverty Alleviation Fund and Decentralization in Nepal, 5/02-10/02* – decentralization and social funds specialist working on a team analyzing institutional constraints in Nepal and developing a framework for possible implementation of a Poverty Alleviation Fund.
- *Social Funds and Decentralization, 7/00-8/01* – consultant responsible for writing an operational manual for World Bank staff on how to implement Social Funds in a decentralized context.
- *Social Fund Projects: An Evaluation, 10/99-3/00* – consultant responsible for the design of the institutional component of a World Bank study of the effectiveness and cost-efficiency of social funds in 51 countries; main activities are: literature review, theoretical and conceptual framework, research design, and questionnaires.
- *Social Capital in Bolivia, Indonesia and Burkina Faso, 5/98-7/00* – World Bank study of social organization patterns and local government effectiveness, involving extensive analysis of an original dataset.
- *Romania Social Development Fund, 1/98* – completed all financial projections, reviewed sub-project assessment criteria, and aided with general design of the Fund.

#### **University of Fribourg, Institute of Federalism**

- *Practitioner’s Course on Decentralisation and Local Governance, 2013-present*. Lecturer and module leader to mid-career Swiss Development Corporation and LDC ministerial staff.

#### **United Nations System Staff College**

- *Decentralized Governance and Conflict Prevention & Peacebuilding, 2010-present*. Design and teach module on “Fiscal Decentralization and Accountability” for recurring high-level course for UN field staff.

#### **UNDP**

- *Mexico 2004 Human Development Report: “The Challenge of Local Development”*. Wrote a paper comparing decentralization and local development in Bolivia and Colombia, and presented it at an international seminar hosted by the UNDP Mexico reviewing the substance of the 2004 report.

#### **DFID**

- Designed and taught decentralization module for “Developments in Development” course for mid-level DFID and private sector professionals.

#### **LSE Executive Education**

- Designed and taught full-day modules on “Privatization” and “Fighting Corruption Through Political Accountability” for a bespoke course on *Modern Politics* for senior Kazakh government officials.

#### **National Audit Office (UK)**

- Occasional external reviewer of NAO reports via the LSE Public Policy Group.

#### **Other**

board	<i>Desarrollo y Sociedad</i> <i>Journal of South Asian Studies</i>	
peer reviewer	<i>Many journals in economics, political science, public policy, public health, area studies and development studies.</i>	
media	<b>Newspapers and Magazines</b> Agencia Estado (Brazilian newswire) Cámara Española de Comercio e Industria República Dominicana Chittang Moncho (Bangladesh) Daily Agadi (Bangladesh) Daily Karnafully (Bangladesh) Daily Purbakon (Bangladesh) The Economist (UK) El Espectador (Colombia) O Globo (Brazil) The Guardian (UK) The Independent (UK) IFPRI Forum (USA) El Pais (Dominican Republic) La Razón (Bolivia) RBC Daily (Russia)	Samakal (Bangladesh) Shuprobhat Bangladesh (Bangladesh) Times Higher Educational Supplement (UK) Tribuna da Imprensa (Brazil) Valor Econômico (Brazil) La Voz del Interior (Argentina)
		<b>Television and Radio</b> ATN Bangla (Bangladesh) BBC Mundo (radio and online) Canal 9 Universitario (Bolivia) Canal 11 Institucional (Colombia) Channel 1 (Bangladesh) Channel i (Bangladesh) NTV (Bangladesh) STV (Bangladesh)
university service	Graduate School Board of Examiners (LSE-wide), 2015-2017 Academic Nominations Committee (LSE-wide), 2010-2016 Chair of Departmental Examination Board, 2012-2015 Departmental Liaison, MSc Social Research Methods – International Development stream, 2010-2015 MPA Steering Group member representing DESTIN, 2006-08 Programme Director, MPA International Development, 2005-2008 (development phase) Graduate Studies Subcommittee correspondence member, 2005-2008 Advisory Board, Political Science & Political Economy Group, Government Department Advisory Board, MSc Programme in Political Science and Political Economy Head, Crisis States Programme's Latin American research, 2001-05. Faculty mentor to 7 junior colleagues, 2004-present. Mentor to Leverhulme Early Career Fellow Mahvish Shami. Editor, ID departmental blog. ID website revamp semi-benevolent dictator.	
personal	Married with one child Fluent in Spanish and English Nationalities: France, United States	