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### Education

Ph.D. in Public and Urban Policy, The New School, New York, USA, 2021.  
M.Phil. in Public and Urban Policy, The New School, New York, USA, 2018.  
M.S. in Comparative Public Policy, FLACSO-México, Mexico City, Mexico, 2014.  
B.A. in Management, University of Guadalajara, Mexico, 2004.

### Academic appointments

Visiting Lecturer, Urban Studies Department, Queens College-CUNY (2022 – current).  
Visiting Research Scholar, Observatory on Latin America (OLA), The New School (2021-2022).  
Adjunct Lecturer, Queens College-CUNY, Nueva York (2019 – 2021).  
Teaching Fellow, The New School (2018 – 2021).

### Publications

#### Peer review journals

López-García, D. & Gómez-Álvarez, D. (*approved*) “Estructura urbana del Área Metropolitana de Guadalajara, 1999-2019: Un análisis de subcentros de empleo” [Urban structure of Guadalajara, Mexico: An analysis of employment subcenters]. *Estudios Demográficos y Urbanos*.  
López-García, D. (2017) “Mediation styles and participant’s perception of success in consultative councils: The case of Guadalajara, Mexico”. *Journal of Public Deliberation*, 13(2), Article 10.

#### Authored books

López-García, D. (*in contract*) “Worker mobility and urban policy in Latin America: Policy interactions and urban outcomes in Mexico City”. *Routledge advances in Regional Economics, Science and Policy*. London: Routledge.

#### Edited books

Delgado, G. & López-García, D. (2020) “Cities and COVID-19: New Directions for Urban Research and Public Policies”. Mexico City: Knowledge Platform for Urban Transformation, International Network for Government and Science.

#### Book chapters

López-García, D. (2022) “Building Inequality: Infrastructure and Intra-Urban Inequality in the Capitalist City”, In Deljana Iossifova, Yahya Gamal and Alexandros Gasparatos (Eds.), *The Complex Dynamics of Urban Infrastructure Transitions: Health and Sustainability in the Global South*. London: Springer Nature.  
López-García, D. (*in print*) “Desigualdades en el viaje al trabajo en la Zona Metropolitana de la Ciudad de México” [Inequalities in the journey to work in Mexico City Metropolitan Zone]. In Martha Scheingart, Clara Salazar, and Jaime Sobrino (Eds.), *Desigualdades Territoriales*. México: El Colegio de México.  
López-García, D. (2019) “La Paz, Bolivia: The social construction of risk and vulnerability”. In Michael Cohen, Margarita Gutman and María Carrizosa (Eds.) *Facing Risk. New Urban Resilience Practices in Latin America*, The New School and Latin American Development Bank (CAF).

- López-García, D. (2012) “El Impacto de la Transparencia en Jalisco: Cuantificar la Transparencia para Evaluar Resultados” [The impact of transparency in Jalisco: Quantifying transparency for results assessment], in Alicia Gómez and David Gómez-Álvarez (Eds.) *Agendas nacionales implicaciones locales: ensayos sobre transparencia, democracia y rendición de cuentas*, Universidad de Guadalajara.
- López-García, D. (2011) “La Participación Ciudadana en Procesos de Democracia Directa: Un Análisis del Diseño de las Leyes de Participación Ciudadana” [Citizen participation in direct democracy: An analysis of citizen participation institutional design], in *Perspectivas Sobre la Democracia: participación ciudadana, cultura política y comportamiento electoral*, Colección Tesis y Ensayos, Instituto Electoral y de Participación Ciudadana del Estado de Jalisco.
- López-García, D. (2005) “Contaminación y Riesgos Ambientales en Áreas Urbanas: Los Límites de una Administración Tecnocentrista” [Pollution and environmental risks in urban areas: The boundaries of a technology-centered approach], in *Gobierno y Sociedad Civil*, Red Nacional de Investigación Urbana. Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla.

#### Policy reports

- Cohen, M., Simet, L., López-García, D., Orr, B., De La Cruz, M. & Issadeen, A. (2018) “The Habitat Commitment Project: Monitoring and assessing progress at the city level”. Global Urban Futures Project, The New School.
- Cohen, M., López-García, D., Jaimes, M., Simet, L., Gálvez, J., Delgado, G. & Verduzco, B. (2017) “Análisis costo-beneficio de la Ecozona-Toluca” [Cost-benefit analysis of Ecozona-Toluca]. German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), The New School.
- López-García, D. & Issadeen, A. (2017) “Habitat Commitment Index: Access to safe, clean water”. Global Urban Futures Project, The New School.
- Cohen, M., Orr, B., Simet, L., Carter, C., De La Cruz, M., Jaimes, M., Kim, Y., López-García, D. & Roberts, J. (2016) “The Habitat Commitment Project: Assessing the past for a better urban future”, Global Urban Futures Project, The New School.
- Tonda, E., Ozuna, S., Cortés, M., Alatorre, J. & López-García, D. (2012) “Global outlook in sustainable production and consumption policies: Latin America and the Caribbean”. In *Global Outlook on Sustainable Consumption and Production Policies: Taking Action Together*, United Nations Environment Program (UNEP).
- López-García, D., Cortés, M., Silva, M. & Sandoval, M. (2010) “Inventario Ciudadano de Emisiones Contaminantes de los vehículos automotores de la Zona Metropolitana de Guadalajara” [Citizen’s report on vehicle pollution emission in Guadalajara Metropolitan Area]. Colectivo Ecológico Jalisco (CEJ).

#### Working papers

- López-García, D. (2021) “The journey to work as observed accessibility to jobs in Greater Mexico City: Elements for a comparison of policy approaches”.
- López-García, D. & Heathcott, J. (2021) “Showcase Politics: The production and distribution of new public space in Mexico City”
- López-García, D. & Baker, D. (2021) “Diverging Mobility Situations: Measuring Relative Job Accessibility and Differing Socioeconomic Conditions in New York City”
- Whitney, R. & López-García, D. (2021) “Fast-track institutionalization and the collision between global urban politics and local governance in Mexico City’s Best Practice Agencies”.

## **Courses taught**

Urban Politics. Queens College – CUNY (undergraduate).  
Urban Research Methods. Queens College – CUNY (graduate).  
The Just City in Theory and Practice. Queens College – CUNY (graduate).  
Economics for Public Policy. The New School. (graduate).  
Senior Capstone Project 1. Parsons School of Design (undergraduate).  
Masters Thesis Workshop. Parsons School of Design (graduate).  
Doctoral Research Seminar. University of Guadalajara (graduate).

## **Selected conference presentations**

*Mobility Situations and Urban Policy in Greater Mexico City: What shapes the mobility experience of workers?* XVIII Encuentro de Geografías de América Latina (EGAL 2021). Geography Network of Argentinian Public Universities, November 30-December 4, 2021 (virtual).

*Economic development and infrastructure in mid-size cities: Towards an urban policy for infant industries development.* Keynote speaker. 5<sup>th</sup> Ecuadorian Congress of Urban Studies. November 18-20, 2021. Manta, Ecuador (virtual).

*Post-travel frictions within Best Practice Agencies (BPAs): An exploration of urban planning and institutionalism in Mexico City.* Conference of the Latin American and the Caribbean Research Institute (IEALC). Panel presentation. October 27-19, 2021. Buenos Aires, Argentina (virtual).

*Interactions between economic development, housing, and transport policies and the mobility experience of workers in Greater Mexico City.* 5th International Conference on Public Policy (IPPA). Panel presentation. July 5-9, 2021. Barcelona, Spain (virtual).

*The political economy of accessibility: Housing, jobs, and public transport Policies in Mexico Valley Metropolitan Zone.* Annual Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). Panel presentation and Chair. May 26-29, 2021. Vancouver, Canada (virtual).

*The spatial distribution of public and common mobility resources in the Mexico Valley Metropolitan Zone.* Urban Imaginaries, Annual Research Conference of the Indian Institute of Human Settlements (IIHS). Panel presentation. January 14-16, 2020. Bangalore, India (virtual).

*Tracing displacements of expertise in urban planning: The Public Space Authority of Mexico City.* Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference (ACSP). Panel presentation. November 5-8, 2020. Toronto, Canada (virtual).

*Fast-track institutionalization and the uptake of urban planning best practices in Mexico City's Best Practice Agencies (BPAs).* Seminar: Policy transfer, diffusion and translation in territorial governance and spatial planning in the Global South. TU Delft and University of Torino. Panel presentation. Oct 26-27, 2020. Delft, Netherlands (virtual).

*Urban Productivity at the Household Level: Access to Economic Opportunities and Public Transport Policy in Mexico City Metropolitan Area.* 2019 Regional Studies Association (RSA) Latin America Division Conference. Panel presentation. October 1, 2019. Bogotá, Colombia.

*Access to public transport and inequality of urban productivity at the household level in Mexico City.* American Association of Geographers (AAG) 2019 Annual Meeting. Panel presentation. April 3, 2019. Washington D.C., USA.

*The political economy of infrastructure and inequality in Mexico City.* Annual Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). Panel presentation. May 26, 2018. Barcelona, Spain.

## Research Grants

*Mexican Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT)*. Holder of a fully funded scholarship for doctoral studies in the United States, 2015 – 2019. (\$100,700 USD)

*Student Research Award (SRA)*, The New School. Doctoral field research grant by The New School Student Senate and the Provost Office, 2018 & 2019. (\$6,000 USD)

*India-China Institute (ICI)*. Travel fund to conduct field research in China, 2018. (\$3,000 USD)

*Mexican Ministry of Public Education (SEP)*. Holder of a complementary scholarship to conduct doctoral studies in the United States, 2015 & 2016. (\$7,000 USD).

## Research projects

*Research associate* (Nov 2016 - Feb 2018). The Habitat Commitment Index 2.0 – Measuring urban performance at the city level. Funded by the Ford Foundation. Global Urban Futures Project (GUF), The New School.

*Research associate* (Nov 2015 - Nov 2016) The Habitat Commitment Index (HCI) – Country Level. Funded by the Ford Foundation. Global Urban Futures Project (GUF), The New School.

*Research associate* (Sep 2011 - Mar 2012) Latin American & Caribbean chapter for the Global Outlook on Sustainable Consumption and Production Policies: Taking action together. Funded by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). Jalisco Environmental Collective (CEJ).

## Research stays

*Mexican National Autonomous University (UNAM)*. Research stay at the Sciences and Humanities Interdisciplinary Research Center. Mexico City, Mexico (Fall 2018).

*East China Normal University (ECNU)*. Research stay at the School of Public Administration. Shanghai, China. This included Field Research in Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen, and Hong Kong (Summer 2018).

## Work with graduate students

### Doctoral Dissertation supervisor

*Karla Bañuelos* (in progress) “The production of mobility corridors from an urban governance perspective”. Doctoral Program in City, Territory, and Sustainability, University of Guadalajara.

### Master thesis supervisor

*Luisa Lazo* (2019) “Local Governments' Accountability: An Exploration of the Determinants of Reelection in Mexico, 2014-2018”. University of Guadalajara.

*Manuel Bazán* (2017) “An Analytical and Implementation Analysis of Transparency: The Case of the Indigenous Languages National Institute”. University of Guadalajara.

*Jaime Gómez* (in progress), Local Government Accountability in Urban Development Policy: The Case of San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato. University of Guadalajara.

*Miguel Echave* (in progress) “Institutional Capacity in Subnational Governments and the Implementation of Global Development Agendas at the local level”, Latin American School of Social Sciences (FLACSO-Mexico).

### Master thesis co-supervisor

*Maha Al-Khater* (2020) “Non-sustainable egosystems: Golf futurism & Qatar”. MA Theories of Urban Practice, Parsons School of Design.

*Obianozo Jessica Chukwuma* (2020), “Urban Beauty: Equity Entrepreneurship and Black Womanhood”, MS in Design and Urban Ecologies, Parsons School of Design.

*Sana Akram* (2020), “Engendering (In)migrant space: Exploring Collaborative Storytelling to Rediscover Little Pakistan”, MS in Design and Urban Ecologies, Parsons School of Design.

*Jessica Schwartz* (2020), “Life Above Buildings: Rooftop Agriculture and the Creation of a Sustainable New York”, MA Theories of Urban Practice, Parsons School of Design.

*Mariana Kiwi Mouro Barros* (2020), “Resilience Plan for Marginal Protection Strips in Risk of Flood, Erosion and Landslide, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil”, MS in Design and Urban Ecologies, Parsons School of Design.

*Saba Aregai* (2020), Remittances Impact on the Urban Fabric of Adigrat, Ethiopia, MA Theories of Urban Practice, Parsons School of Design.

### **Professional affiliations**

*Member* of the Latin American chapter of the International Network for Transport and Accessibility in Low-Income Communities (INTALInC-LAC).

*Member* of the Policy Mobilities Working Group (PMGW) organized by the Interdisciplinary Center for Development Studies at Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia.

*Member* of the following professional associations: Latin American Studies Association (LASA), American Association of Geographers (AAG), Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), Regional Studies Association (RSA).

### **Consultancy**

*Principal Investigator.* The Just City in Africa: Democracy, Social Justice, and Sustainability in A Post-COVID-19 World. Commissioned by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) to write a working paper on transport in Dar es Salaam (Tanzania), Kampala (Uganda), and the Gauteng Region (South Africa). October 2021 – April 2022.

*Urban Indicators Specialist* for the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UN-ECA). Pilot of the Voluntary Local Reviews (VLR) in African Local Governments: Accra (Ghana), Harare (Zimbabwe), Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe), Yaoundé (Cameroon), and Ngora District (Uganda). December 2019 – October 2020.

*Policy Analyst* for the Latin American Development Bank (CAF). Study of urban resilience best practice policies in Latin American cities. September 2017 – December 2018.

*Principal Investigator and Project Manager* for the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ). Cost-benefit analysis of the low-carbon emission zone program ECOZONA, in Toluca, Mexico. September 2016 – February 2017.

### **Governmental appointments**

*Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor* for the Secretary of Planning and Evaluation. Jalisco State Government, Mexico (Mar 2013 - May 2015).

*Head of the Citizen Participation Program*, Electoral College of the State of Jalisco, Guadalajara, Mexico (Feb 2011 - Feb 2013).

*Advisor to the Council President*, Electoral College of the State of Jalisco, Guadalajara, Mexico (Jan 2010 - Jan 2011).

*Advisor* to the Mayor of Tonalá, Municipal Government, Mexico (May 2009 - Dec 2009).

*Advisor* to the Council President, Institute of Transparency of the State of Jalisco, Guadalajara, Mexico (Sep 2008 – Apr 2009).

## **Volunteer activities**

*Seminar Coordinator.* Ongoing research seminar of the Urban Practice Working Group (UPwg), The New School. Aug 2019 - May 2021.

*Chair of the Research Committee.* Public and Urban Policy Doctoral Student Association (PUP-DSA), The New School. Aug 2016 - May 2018.

*Seminar Coordinator.* Doctoral Research Colloquium at the Public and Urban Policy PhD program. Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment, The New School. Jan 2017 - May 2018.

*Research coordinator.* Lab for Democratic Innovations (LID), research network on democratic innovations. Aug 2015 - Present.

*Member.* Jalisco Environmental Collective (CEJ), non-governmental organization. 2009 – 2013.

*Member.* Inter-American Development Bank's (IDB) Civil Society Consultative Council for Mexico. 2010 - 2013.

*Weekly Columnist.* Political section of the Newspaper El Diario NTR. Apr 2015 - Dec 2018

## **References**

### **Michael Cohen, PhD.**

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The New School.

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