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Carmen Sánchez Retana is an economist graduated from the University of Costa Rica. After obtaining her bachelor's degree in economics, she conducted post-graduate studies to obtain a licentiate degree- with honors. Actually, she is statistical student, at the same university. She is also a researcher at the Economics Research Institute at the University of Costa Rica (IICE). From this position, she has been working and serving as an advisor to government authorities. Originally born in Costa Rica, she is fluent in Spanish, English (second language), and a basic level of Portuguese.

Educational Background

- B.A. Degree in Statistics, University of Costa Rica. Second year approved.
- Licentiate (*Licenciatura*) Degree in Economics, University of Costa Rica. Honor Graduation.
Thesis, “Impacto de la educación en la pobreza de la zona rural en Costa Rica”. Specifically, impact evaluation of the education on the probability of falling into poverty, by national level and by zones. Using national survey of households and quasi-experimental econometric techniques.
- B.A. Degree in Economics, University of Costa Rica.
- Secondary Education, Experimental Bilingual High School José Figueres Ferrer.

Areas of Interest

Financial Economics, Financial System, Banking, Risk Management, Business Economics, Development Economics.

Work Experiencie

February 2015- Present Economics Research Institute at the University of Costa Rica. Researcher and consultant.

Impact evaluation of Development Banking System (SBD) in Costa Rica.

System evaluation of social programs financed by FODESAF (institution that serves as the main financial instrument of selective social policy of the country) -Ministry of Labour and Social Security.

December 2013- January 2015 Economics Research Institute at the University of Costa Rica. Research assistant of the economist Juan Diego Trejos Solórzano, IICE sub-director.

Participation in the project System evaluation of social programs financed by FODESAF

May 2012- January 2013 University of Costa Rica. Community Work "Supporting SMEs". Recipient institution CINDEA. Consultant in the economic area.

Consulting evaluation of efficiency and effectiveness of CINDEA.

January 2012- April 2012 Insurance Superintendence (SUGESE) of Costa Rica's Central Bank. Assistant of the economist Javier Cascante Elizondo, Insurance Superintendent at that moment.

Support and work in the Main Office, Management Quality Department and in Regulations and Authorizations Division.

Courses and congresses

December 2015 Congress "ALAS 2015". Latin American Sociological Association. Exhibitor of the article "*Evaluación de impacto de la educación en la pobreza: Costa Rica*" and congress participant.

January 2013- March 2013 University of Costa Rica. School of Economics. Course "Paquete Estadístico STATA Básico".

November 2012 Congress "*Congreso de Estudiantes de Economía (CEEC 2012)*".

Publications

Sánchez, Carmen (2015). "*Evaluación de impacto de la educación sobre la pobreza en Costa Rica (Un análisis para educación secundaria y post-secundaria)*". San José, Costa Rica: Revista de Ciencias Económicas, Universidad de Costa Rica. Available only in Spanish at <http://revistas.ucr.ac.cr/index.php/economicas/article/view/22608/22785>

Sánchez, Carmen (2015). "*Evaluación de impacto de la educación en la pobreza: Costa Rica*". San José, Costa Rica: Asociación Latinoamericana de Sociología. Congress ALAS 2015. Congress Report.

Research in progress

Sánchez, Carmen; Leiva, Rolando. "*Factores incidentes en el uso de métodos anticonceptivos en la población joven: Costa Rica*". San José, Costa Rica.

Sánchez, Carmen. "*Evaluación de impacto de la educación en la pobreza con énfasis en la zona rural: Costa Rica*". San José, Costa Rica.

Mata, Catherine; Sánchez, Carmen. "Does scholarship program for primary education has any impact in Costa Rica?" San José, Costa Rica.

Languages

Spanish: Native Language.

English: Advanced level certified by "*Marco Común Europeo de la Lengua*".

Portuguese: Basic high. University of Costa Rica.

Computer skills

Stata, Eviews, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint.