

BIO – Monica Martinez-Bravo

Monica Martinez-Bravo is an economist and Professor of Economics at CEMFI (Center for Monetary and Financial Studies) in Madrid. She has held leading roles in both academia and government. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

From 2024 to 2026, Martinez-Bravo served in the governments of Spain and Catalonia. She was Secretary General for Inclusion in the Spanish Government, at the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration, where she worked on the design and implementation of policies to combat poverty and social exclusion, including the Minimum Income Guarantee (*Ingreso Mínimo Vital*). She subsequently served as Minister of Social Rights and Inclusion in the Government of Catalonia, with responsibility for social protection, poverty reduction, long-term care and dependency, disability policy, child protection, migration, and inclusion.

Her academic career includes positions at CEMFI, where she has been a faculty member since 2013, and at Johns Hopkins University, where she served as Assistant Professor. She was also a Visiting Professor in the Department of Economics at MIT in 2018–2019. She received her Ph.D. in Economics from MIT in 2010, where her doctoral advisors were Daron Acemoglu, Abhijit Banerjee, and Benjamin Olken, and holds a degree in Economics from Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona.

Her research lies at the intersection of political economy and development economics, with a particular focus on inequality, poverty, political institutions, state capacity, and the design and evaluation of public policies. Her work has been published in leading economics journals, including the *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, and the *Journal of the European Economic Association*. She has held senior positions in the economics profession, including serving as a Director and editorial board member of the *Review of Economic Studies*, Associate Editor of the *Journal of the European Economic*

Association, and member of the Council of the European Economic Association. She also serves on the juries of several national and international awards.

Martinez-Bravo has also been closely involved in bringing rigorous economic research into policymaking. Between 2021 and 2023, she led the scientific coordination of a large-scale initiative with the Spanish Ministry of Inclusion to evaluate innovative social inclusion policies through randomized controlled trials and other rigorous evaluation methods.

In 2022, she was awarded a European Research Council Consolidator Grant. In 2023, she received Spain's National Research Award for Young Researchers "Clara Campoamor" in the field of Social Sciences, and in 2021 she received the Banco Sabadell Foundation Award for Economic Research, recognizing the best economist under the age of 40 in Spain.

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