

Erick Wilfredo Lahura Serrano, PhD

Contact Information

Email: elahura@gmail.com

Summary

Deputy Minister of Finance of Peru. Macroeconomist and econometrician/data scientist with a solid track record in the public sector, having served in key institutions such as the Central Reserve Bank of Peru, SUNAT, Banco de la Nación, and the Ministry of Economy and Finance. Combines academic and practical skills to address complex challenges in monetary policy, fiscal policy, banking, financial regulation, and macroeconomics. As a Renacyt-Concytec researcher, he leads innovative projects using diverse data sources to forecast and estimate causal effects. He also has extensive teaching experience in Peru and the United Kingdom, having lectured in econometrics, macroeconomics, statistics, and mathematics at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Fluent in English.

Education

2018 – PhD in Economics, University of London

2007 – Master of Research in Economics, LSE, University of London

2006 – Master of Science in Economics (Distinction), LSE, University of London

2003 – Master in Pure Mathematics (incomplete), Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

2004 – Licentiate in Economics, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

1998 – BA in Economics (Top 10%), Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

Other Studies

Jan-Feb 2002 – Summer Course in Real Analysis, Institute of Pure and Applied Mathematics (IMPA)

Jan-Mar 1999 – BCRP Summer Course (Distinction), Central Reserve Bank of Peru

Professional Experience

Nov 2024–present – Deputy Minister of Finance, Ministry of Economy and Finance

Feb 2025–present – Director, Board of Directors, Banco de la Nación

Oct 2024–Jan 2025 – Director, Board of Directors, Military and Police Pension Fund

Apr 2024–Nov 2024 – Chief of Staff of Advisors, Ministry of Economy and Finance

Jan 2019–Apr 2024 – Research Specialist, Economic Studies, Central Reserve Bank of Peru
May 2018–Dec 2018 – Advisor to the President, Banco de la Nación
Aug 2016–May 2018 – Research Specialist, Economic Studies, Central Reserve Bank of Peru
Aug 2014–Jul 2016 – National Superintendent of Economic Studies and Statistics, SUNAT
Mar 2012–May 2014 – Head of Capital Market and Financial Regulation, BCRP
Apr 2010–Mar 2012 – Economic Research Specialist, BCRP
Jun 2006–Apr 2010 – Analyst, Monetary Programme Department, BCRP
Aug 2004–May 2006 – Analyst, Monetary Analysis and Programming Department, BCRP
Mar 2003–Aug 2003 – Professional Analyst, Macroeconometric Models Unit, BCRP
May 1999–Mar 2003 – Professional Analyst, Banking Statistics Department, BCRP
May 1999 – Professional Analyst, Economic Studies, BCRP

Academic Positions

Dec 2023–present – Lead Researcher, Research Group on Economics and Finance (GIEF), Universidad Científica del Sur
2023–present – Renacyt Researcher, Level VI, Concytec (Reg. P0163559)
2022–present – Associate Researcher, Universidad Científica del Sur
2005–present – Tenured Professor, Department of Economics, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú
Oct 2007–Jul 2009 – Teaching Fellow, Department of Economics, LSE
2000–2005 – Lecturer, Department of Economics, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

Teaching Experience

United Kingdom

2006–2010 – LSE, Department of Economics

- Econometrics (EC402), Financial Econometrics (FM457), Probability and Statistics (EC400)
- Advanced Econometrics, Introduction to Econometrics (EC212)

Peru

2018–present – Universidad Científica del Sur (Applied Statistics, Econometrics, Research Seminar)

2009–present – PUCP (Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Time Series Econometrics, Mathematics for Economists)

2017–2018 – Universidad de Lima (Macroeconomics for Decision Making – MBA Programme)

2011–2012 – UPC (Time Series Econometrics)

2012 – BCRP (Time Series Econometrics – Summer School)

2003 – PUCP Sciences Department (Mathematics for Economists 1)

Selected Publications

Indexed Journals:

- Gonzales, J. & Lahura, E. (2025). *Relationship between socioeconomic status and academic performance: Evidence from the 2019 national student assessment*. *Cuadernos de Economía*. Accepted.
- Lahura, E., Santos, S., & Tapia, G. (2025). *The impact of cocoa cultivation on poverty levels: Regional evidence for Peru, 2008–2019*. *Revista Desarrollo y Sociedad*.
- Lahura, E. & Sabrera, R. (2023). *Infrastructure investment and tourism demand: A synthetic control analysis for Kuélap, Peru*. *Empirical Economics*, 65, 443–478.
- Lahura, E. & Vargas, M. (2022). *Financial development, financial inclusion and informality: New international evidence*. *Global Economy Journal*, 22(3).
- Lahura, E. & Vega, M. (2017). *Stock Market Development and Real Economic Activity in Peru*. *Empirical Economics*, 53(3), 1011–1038.

Books and Institutional Publications:

- Jimenez, F. & Lahura, E. (1999). *Comparative Advantage and Economies of Scale in International Trade Theories*. Lima: Fondo Editorial, PUCP.
- Numerous research articles published in the *Revista Estudios Económicos* and *Revista Moneda* of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru, covering topics such as monetary and fiscal policy, financial system development, informality, and macroeconomic analysis.

Awards

- 2024 – Winner, Associate Researcher Competition, Universidad Científica del Sur
- 2019–2023 – Research Promotion Award, Department of Economic Engineering and Corporate Accounting, UCSUR
- 2022 – Innovation in University Teaching Award, UCSUR
- 2021–2022 – Distinguished Professor Award, Department of Economics, PUCP
- 2019–2022 – Teaching Research Award, UCSUR
- 2011 – Researcher of the Year, Central Reserve Bank of Peru
- 2007–2009 – Teaching Fellowship, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- 2006–2007 – Research Studentship, LSE
- 2005–2006 – Postgraduate Studentship, Central Reserve Bank of Peru
- 2002 – Summer School Studentship, IMPA (Institute of Pure and Applied Mathematics)
- 1999 – Excellence Award, Unión AFP

Languages and IT Skills

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), German (basic)

Econometrics: EViews (Advanced), Stata (Advanced), R (Advanced), Python (Intermediate), WinRats (Intermediate)

Text processing: LaTeX - WinEdt (Advanced), MS Office (Advanced): Excel, Word, PowerPoint

Selected International Courses and Seminars

- **2023** – Bank of Albania, CEMLA, and Graduate Institute Geneva: Presenter on natural rate of interest in Latin America
- **2021** – Courses by CEMLA, Bank of Spain, Central Bank of Chile, and IDB on financial econometrics, macro data, and big data
- **2019** – V Meeting of the Financial Information Forum (Lima): Online real estate data and monetary policy

- **2018** – Royal Statistical Society Conference (Cardiff, UK): Poster on newspaper analytics and exchange rates
- **2016–2015** – Events organised by Bank of England, IMF, CIAT, IRS (US), and UN on monetary and fiscal issues
- **2013–2000** – BIS, IMF, and various Latin American central banks on FX operations, inflation targeting, tax policy, and forecasting

Lima, May 2025