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# ABBREVIATED CURRICULUM VITAE (CVA)

| **Completion date** | 15/10/2026 |
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## Part A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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| First name | Simón Guillermo | | |
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### A.1. Current position

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| Position | Full Professor | | |
| Start date | 26/06/2026 | | |
| Institution | Complutense University of Madrid | | |
| Department/Center | Department of Geography | Faculty of Geography and History | |
| Country | Spain | Phone number | 913945954 |
| Keywords | Urban and regional development, employment, urban innovation and resilience, urban policy. | | |

### A.2. Previous positions (include any research activity interruptions and the total number of months)

| Period | Position/Institution/Country/Reason for interruption |
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| 18/04/2017-26/06/2026 | Associate Professor. Complutense University of Madrid. Spain |
| 01/03/2017-18/04/2017 | Visiting professor. Complutense University of Madrid. Spain |
| 01/03/2010-01/03/2017 | Ramon y Cajal research fellow. Complutense University of Madrid. Spain |
| 04/10/2009-01/03/2010 | Associate professor (Interim). Complutense University of Madrid.Spain |
| 15/04/2006-04/10/2009 | Postdoctoral researcher (I3 program). Institute of Economy, Geography and Demography. CSIC- Spain |

### A.3. Education

| PhD, Master's, Bachelor's | University/Country | Year |
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| Licensed in Geography | Complutense University of Madrid | 1995 |
| MSc in Applied Statistics | Complutense University of Madrid | 2003 |
| PhD in Geography | Complutense University of Madrid | 2004 |

## Part B. CV SUMMARY

The scientific contributions can be organized along three thematic lines: (1) Regional development processes, with special attention to the evolution of metropolitan economies (i.e. Madrid) in contexts of globalization and crisis. We work with the hypothesis of the greater resilience and contribution to territorial development of knowledge-intensive activities and creative industries in the current productive context (e.g. Environment & Planning C, 2016). Similarly, we have studied the response of firms during the pandemic through diversification and innovation strategies, from the evolutionary economic geography hypothesis that relates the capacity for regional diversification with the existence of regional preconditions, including the existence of thin Regional Innovation Systems and the agency of the actors (Regional Studies, 2025; Papers in Regional Science, 2024). This line was developed during the Ramón

y Cajal contract (2009-2013), the project IMADCOVID (2021-2025) and the competitive grant MeRSA of Regional Studies Association (2021-2022). In the current INNOMET-MAD project (2025–2028), this approach is extended to the diversification processes in the context of the green and digital transitions.(2) Study of skilled employment and talent attraction processes, as key factor of regional and urban development. We analyze the labor trajectories of skilled workers and their differential spatial behavior (e.g. Urban Geography, 2013; Environment & Planning A, 2018; Growth and Change, 2026), including remote work strategies (Cities, 2021; 2024). I have obtained funding as PI for this line of work in the CITiTALENT (2016-2020) and IMADCOVID (2021-2025) projects; (3) Studies on the role of social innovation and urban governance in fostering territorial resilience in different crisis contexts, such as productive restructurings pandemics and environmental crisis (e.g. European Planning Studies, 2016; Edward Elgar, 2021). The studies date back to the COST CIRES Action (2009-2013) continuing to the present for example in the H2020 Startup project (2024-2028).
In summary, the scientific contributions demonstrate the acquisition of scientific and technical competences for the coordination of competitive projects (obtaining funding as PI, in international consortia and through competitive individual grants), the use of quantitative and qualitative methods, the preparation of high impact publications and presentations at national and international conferences, and for the establishment of international collaborative networks. I have 3 recognized six-year research periods.

From the point of view of contributions to society, the professional career developed between the private sector (CAP-Afi), a public research institute (IEGD-CSIC) and the university (UCM), has facilitated collaboration with the industrial sector and public administrations, highlighting the direction and participation in several contracts with the Madrid City Council such as the “Industrial Observatory of Madrid city” (2006-2009) or “Identification of strategic sectors for Madrid city” (2016) or “Collaboration agreement for Urban Innovation Climate Actions within the framework of EU Mission Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities” (2024). I have one recognized six-year transfer period. CEI Campus Moncloa Scientific Dissemination Award (2012)(https://acortar.link/qKdrdL).

Among the contributions to the training of young researchers, it is worth mentioning the coordination of the PhD Program in Geography at UCM (since 2023). In addition, I have been director of the thesis of Dr. Pareja (2023), manager of Transparency and Regional Participation, USAID Program Together for Transparency, Colombia-Bogota. I am co-supervisor of Lucia Cobos’s thesis (FPI researcher program), assistant professor at UCM, and three more in progress. Also, as coordinator of the Geography subarea within the AEI (2019-2021) I coordinated the evaluation of Juan de la Cierva and Ramón y Cajal calls. I have participated in fourteen doctoral thesis tribunals. I have been invited as a lecturer for the program “RECITY ITN: Reviving contracting cities- innovative paths and perspectives towards habitability for contracting cities in Europe” (Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Horizon 2020). I am co-director of UCM research group “Territory, Development and Culture”, in which FPI, Ramón y Cajal, Maria Zambrano and Margarita Salas researchers have been trained.

## Part C. LIST OF MORE RELEVANT CONTRIBUTIONS

### C.1. Most important publications in peer-reviewed journals, books, and conference proceedings

SÁNCHEZ-MORAL, S.; PABLO-MARTÍ, F. ARAUZO-CAROD, J.M. (2026): Understanding the Diffusion of Knowledge and Creativity and Its Impact on the Innovative Performance of Large Cities. *Growth and Change*: e70136. https://doi.org/10.1111/grow.70136.

SÁNCHEZ-MORAL, S.; VALE, M.; ARELLANO, A.; MORENO, D. (2025): Diversification strategies for manufacturing essential COVID-19 products: a dialogue between regional preconditions and change agency. Regional Studies. https://doi.org/10.1080/00343404.2024.2435526.

SÁNCHEZ-MORAL, S.; SOLIS, E.; MÉNDEZ, R.; MOHINO, I. (2024): The evolution of employment and workplaces in metropolitan regions during the pandemic: The case of Madrid. Cities, 154, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2024.105373.

SÁNCHEZ- MORAL, S.; VALE, M.; ARELLANO, A. (2022): Skill-Relatedness and Regional Economic Development in Spain during the International Crisis and the Post-Crisis Period. Papers in Regional Science, 101(3), 573–602.

SÁNCHEZ- MORAL, S.; ARELLANO, A.; DÍEZ- PISONERO, R. (2022): Understanding the role of neighbourhood characteristics and distance to workplace in the residential location patterns of knowledge workers in large cities, Cities, 127, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2022.103764.

PALLARES-BARBERA, M.; SÁNCHEZ-MORAL, S.; VICENTE-SALAR, R.; ARELLANO, A. (2022): Health geography of COVID-19: An exploratory analysis of the pandemic at the first period in compact cities of Barcelona and Madrid". In S. Brunn and D. Gilbreath (Ed): COVID-19 and a World of Ad Hoc Geographies. Springer Cham, 327-344. ISBN: 978-3-030-94349-3.

SÁNCHEZ- MORAL, S.; ARELLANO, A.; DÍEZ- PISONERO, R. (2018): Interregional mobility of talent in Spain: The role of job opportunities and qualities of places during the recent economic crisis. Environment and Planning A: Economy & Space, 50(4), 789-808.

MÉNDEZ, R.; SÁNCHEZ-MORAL, S.; MALFEITO, J. (2016): The employment in knowledge-based industries in Spanish Large Urban Areas: the impact of the economic crisis and the austerity policies. Environment and Planning C: Government & Policy, 34(5), 963-980.

SÁNCHEZ-MORAL, S.; MÉNDEZ, R.; PRADA, J. (2015): Resurgent cities: local strategies and institutional networks to counteract shrinkage in Avilés (Spain). European Planning Studies, 23(1), 33-52.

SÁNCHEZ-MORAL, S.; MÉNDEZ, R.; ARELLANO, A. (2013): Creative economy and employment quality in large urban areas in Spain. Urban Geography, 35(2), 264-289.

**C.2. Conferences**

"Telework and internal migration patterns in the metropolitan region of Madrid" (oral communication). Authors: S. Sánchez-Moral and A. Arellano. 7th Global Conference on Economic Geography (GCEG). 4-8 June 2025, Clark University. Worcester, Massachusetts (United States).

"Teleworking and Internal Migration Patterns in the Metropolitan Region of Madrid during the Pandemic (oral communication). Authors: S. Sánchez-Moral, A. Arellano and R. Díez-Pisonero. Annual Conference of Regional Studies Association. 11/6/2024, Florence.

"An Exploratory Analysis of the Teleworking Options in the Metropolitan Region of Madrid" (oral communication). Authors: S. Sánchez-Moral and A. Arellano. 7th Geography of Innovation Conference-GEOINNO2024. 10-12 January 2024, Manchester.

"Skill-relatedness and regional development in Spain: an approach through administrative registers" (invited speaker). Author. S. Sánchez-Moral. Seminar of Economic Geography. Utrecht University. 1 November 2023, Utrecht.

**"**Understanding the diffusion of knowledge and creativity and their impact in the economic performance of firms in the metropolitan region of Madrid" (oral communication). Authors: S. Sánchez Moral, F. Pablo-Marti and J. Maria Arauzo Carod. Annual Conference of Regional Studies Association, 14-17 June 2023, Ljubliana.

"Exploring path development mechanisms during the pandemic: the case study of the production of essential COVID-19 products in Spain" (oral communication). Authors: S. Sánchez-Moral, M. Vale, A. Arellano and D. Moreno. Winter Conference of Regional Studies Association, 10-11 November 2022, London.

"COVID-19 and regional diversification: exploring path development mechanisms in turbulent times" (oral presentation). Authors: S. Sánchez-Moral, M. Vale, A. Arellano and David Moreno. 6th Global Conference on Economic Geography, 7-10 November 2022, Dublin.

"Skill-relatedness and regional development in Spain: from the financial crisis to the COVID crisis" (invited speaker). Author: S. Sánchez-Moral. International Seminar: "Inovação, Desenvolvimento e Regiões", IGOT- Instituto de Geografía y Ordenación del Territorio. Universidad de Lisboa, 22 September 2022, Lisboa.

"Processes of dissemination of knowledge and creativity in polycentric urban networks: a methodological proposal based on the location of workers in the metropolitan region of

Madrid" (invited speaker). Conference "Conceptualising, Identifying and Analysing Polycentric Urban Regions" - RSA Research Network on 'Polycentric Urban Regions' (PURs) and Delft University of Technology, 28-29 January 2019.

"Exploring patterns of labour mobility and skill-relatedness within regional economies in Spain" (oral presentation). Author: S. Sánchez-Moral, M. Vale and A. Arellano. 5th Global Conference on Economic Geography. 24-28 July 2018, Cologne.

**C.3. Research projects or lines of research in which you have participated**

Ref. 101178523. Title: "Sustainable transitions. Action research and training in urban perspective" (SART-UP). Horizon-CL2-2024-Heritage-01-01. Dates: 1/1/2025-1/1/2028. Funding: 323,000€. IP: Andrés Walliser. Participation: researcher.

Ref.: PID2024-156170OB-C31. Title: "Socioeconomic innovation and metropolitan governance in response to environmental change in the region of Madrid" (INNOMET-MAD). Spanish Ministry of Science,Innovation and Universities. National R&D Program. Dates: 1/9/2025-31/8/2028. Funding: 71.250€. PI: Simón Sánchez Moral and Rosa de La Fuente.

Ref. PID2020-112734RB-C33. Title: "Economic, social and political innovation in Madrid in the context of the (post) pandemic: strategies and territorial dimensions" (IMADCOVID). Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities. National R&D Program. Dates: 1/9/2021-31/8/2025. Funding: 42,350€. PI: Simón Sánchez Moral.

Ref. MeRSA21. Project title: "Disentangling COVID-19 as a driving force of path development processes in Spain". Membership Research Grant (MERSA) of Regional Studies Association. Dates: 1/6/2021-30/11/2022. Funding: 5,000£. PI: Simón Sánchez Moral.

Ref. Prog.H2019/HUM-5761. Project title: "Attraction of innovative and job-creating economic activities in Madrid" (DITECAM). Autonomous Government of Madrid. R&D activities between research groups in Social Science and Humanities. Dates: 1/1/2020-31/12/2021. PI: Inmaculada C. Álvarez Ayuso (UAM). Participation: associated researcher.

Ref. CSO2016-74888-C4-4-R. Project title: "Attraction of talent, innovation and creativity for the intelligent development of the city-region of Madrid" (CITiTALENT). Spanish Min. Science & Innovation. Nat. R&D Program. Dates 1/1/2017-31/12/2020. Funding:14,520€.PI: Simón Sánchez Moral.

Ref. CSO2012-36170. Project title: "Socio-territorial effects of the economic crisis on Spain's urban areas: public policies and resilience strategies". Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation. National R&D Program. Dates: 1/1/2013-31/12/2015. Funding: 50,300€. PI: Ricardo Méndez (CSIC). Participation: Researcher.

Ref. Programme COST-TU0803. Project title: "Cities Regrowing Smaller. Fostering Knowledge on Regeneration Strategies in Shrinking Cities across Europe. European Commission" (CIRES). Dates: 1/2/2009-22/9/2013. Funding: 320,000€ (approx.). PI: Thorsten Wiechmann (BTU Cottbus). Participation: Researcher and Management Committee.

**C.4. Participation in technology/knowledge transfer activities and the exploitation of research results**

"Bases para la identificación de sectores estratégicos en la ciudad de Madrid". Madrid City Council. Dates 1/12/2016 - 31/12/2016. Funding: 16,000€. PI: Simón Sánchez Moral.

"Collaboration agreement among the Complutense University and Madrid City Council for Urban Innovation Climate Actions within the framework of EU Mission: Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities (2024)", to engage students in the neutral climate compromises of the city of Madrid. Funding: 66,600€ (yearly) Date 2024-2026 (academic co-coordinator).