**FERNANDA FORTES DE LENA**

Centre d’Estudis Demogràfics (CED)

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**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Demographer and economist with expertise in LGBTQ population, survey measurements, internal migration, and social stratification. Extensive experience in policy-relevant research, consulting, and academic contributions. Strong analytical skills in quantitative and qualitative research methods, with a proven track record of publications and international collaborations.

**CURRENT POSITION**

**Postdoctoral Researcher, Juan de La Cierva Fellow**  
Centre for Demographic Studies (CED), Barcelona, Spain  
*2021 – Present*

**CONSULTING & POLICY EXPERIENCE**

2025 – 2025: **Consultant, World Bank**

Lead economist on the project Estimating the Economic Cost of LGBTQ Exclusion on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Sexual Characteristics (SOGIESC) in Brazil

2024 – 2024 : **Consultant, Demographic Health Survey (DHS)**  
 Provided demographic analysis and methodological insights to improve survey implementation.

2022 – 2023: **Consultant, Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) – Gender Working Group**

Contributed to the development of SOGI questions in their demographic surveys

2017 – 2024: **Research Coordinator , NGO #VoteLGBT, São Paulo, Brazil**  
Lead researcher in collecting data in Pride parades in Brazil. Writing reports on LGBTQ+ demographics and social inequalities in Brazil.

**EDUCATION**

2016 – 2022: **PhD in Demography**, University of Campinas, Brazil  
  
Dissertation: "Internal Migration Trajectories of Sexual Minorities in Brazil"  
Advisor: Prof. Glaucia S. Marcondes

2018 – 2019: **Doctoral Visiting Researcher**, Department of Human Geography, Stockholm University, Sweden

2014 – 2016: **MSc in Demography**, University of Campinas, Brazil

2007 – 2012: **BSc in Economics**, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil

**PUBLICATIONS**

Fortes de Lena, F., & Boertien, D. (2025). A Marriage Premium for Whom? Sexual Identity, Relationship Status and Earnings. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.70005>

Rouvroye, L., Fischer, M., Rampazzo, F., van der Vleuten, M. Fortes de Lena, F. Pao, C. de Vries, L.& Jin, Y. (2025). GGS-II Wave 2 Questionnaire: User module “Sexual orientation”. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14713579>

Fortes de Lena, F. (2024). ‘Their opinion counts as far as you let it’- understanding queer migration in Minas Gerais, Brazil. *Gender, Place & Culture*, *31*(10), 1462–1483. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0966369X.2023.2298790>

Fortes de Lena, F., Balian, S., Zachary, B., MacQuarrie, K.L.D. DHS Survey Design: Collecting Diverse Gender and Sexuality Frequently Asked Questions. Technical Report, 2024. DOI:[10.13140/RG.2.2.15334.95042](http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.15334.95042)

Fortes de Lena, F. (2022). From urban to highly urban: Internal migration patterns of sexual minorities in Brazil. *Population, Space and Place*. https://doi.org/10.1002/psp.2575

Fortes de Lena, F. (2022). Setting a research agenda on sexuality and migration in demographic studies: What emerges from the literature review. *Revista Brasileira de Estudos de População*, *39*, 1–29. http://dx.doi.org/10.20947/S0102-3098a0222

Fortes de Lena, F., & Oliveira, A. M. H. C. (2015). Padrões de seletividade relacionados aos casais homossexuais e heterossexuais no Brasil. *Revista Brasileira de Estudos da População*, *32*(1), 121–137. http://dx.doi.org/10.1590/S0102-30982015000000007

**TEACHING & WORKSHOPS**

**Guest Lecturer**

* *Adapting Health Programs for Sexual & Gender Minorities*, Johns Hopkins University (July 2024, February 2025)
* *Migration and Global Processes*, Stockholm University (2019)

**Workshops & Courses**

* *Queering Demography: A Critical Overview of Demographic Studies and Methods,* Barcelona Four Seasons School of Demography, Summer 2024 and Autumn 2025.
* *Queering Demography: An Introduction to LGBTQ Population Studies*, PAA Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (April 2025)

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)**

* *Same-Sex Couples in Latin America: What Do We Know So Far?* International Conference on Same-Sex Couples, France (2021).
* *Are We Comparing Apples and Oranges? Same-Sex Couples and Sexual Orientation in the Americas.* PAA Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (2025).

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

* Population Association of America (PAA)
* International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)
* European Association for Population Studies (EAPS)
* Asociación Latinoamericano de Población (ALAP)
* European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR)

**LANGUAGES**

* Portuguese (Native)
* English (Fluent)
* Spanish (Fluent)

**SKILLS**

* Statistical analysis (Stata, R, SPSS)
* Policy analysis and research consulting
* Survey design and qualitative research
* Academic writing and public speaking

**MEDIA COVERAGE (SELECTED)**

* *"Gay, Trans Brazilians Pummeled by Coronavirus Economic Crises"*, Reuters, 2020.
* *"Pandemic Worsens Mental Health and Unemployment Among LGBTQ+ Communities"*, O Tempo, 2020.