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David Pretel was educated at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and the University of Cambridge. While pursuing his PhD, he spent time as a visiting student at the universities of Bristol, Nottingham and the UCLA Center for Economic History. Before coming to Mexico, David Pretel was a research fellow at the Institute of Historical Research (University of London), a postdoctoral research associate at Trinity Hall (Cambridge University) and a Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. More recently, he was a lecturer and researcher in economic history at Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona, as well as a visiting scholar at the University of Havana.

Current lines of research

- 1) The global politics of IPRs: Latin America and the 'international patent system' (1883-1994).
- 2) Technological change and commodity frontiers in the Yucatán Peninsula.
- 3) The governing of useful knowledge in silver refining in colonial Spanish America.

Selected recent publications

- *Institutionalising Patents in Nineteenth-Century Spain* (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2018).
- 'Global reactions: The rise and fall of three Caribbean commodities', *History of Technology*, Vol. 34 (Bloomsbury, 2018).
- 'Invenciones institucionales: El sistema de patentes en las colonias españolas durante el siglo XIX', *América Latina en la Historia Económica / Latin America in Economic History*, vol. 26, núm, 2 (2019).
- *Technology and Globalisation: Networks of Experts in World History* (Palgrave Studies in Economic History, 2017), with Lino Camprubí.
- 'La economía política del sistema español de patentes en perspectiva internacional, 1826-1902', *Investigaciones de Historia Económica-Economic History Research*, issue 13.3 (2017).
- *The Caribbean and the Atlantic World Economy: Circuits of Trade, Money and Knowledge, 1650-1914*. (Palgrave-Macmillan, Cambridge Imperial and Post-Colonial Studies Series, 2015), with Adrian Leonard.