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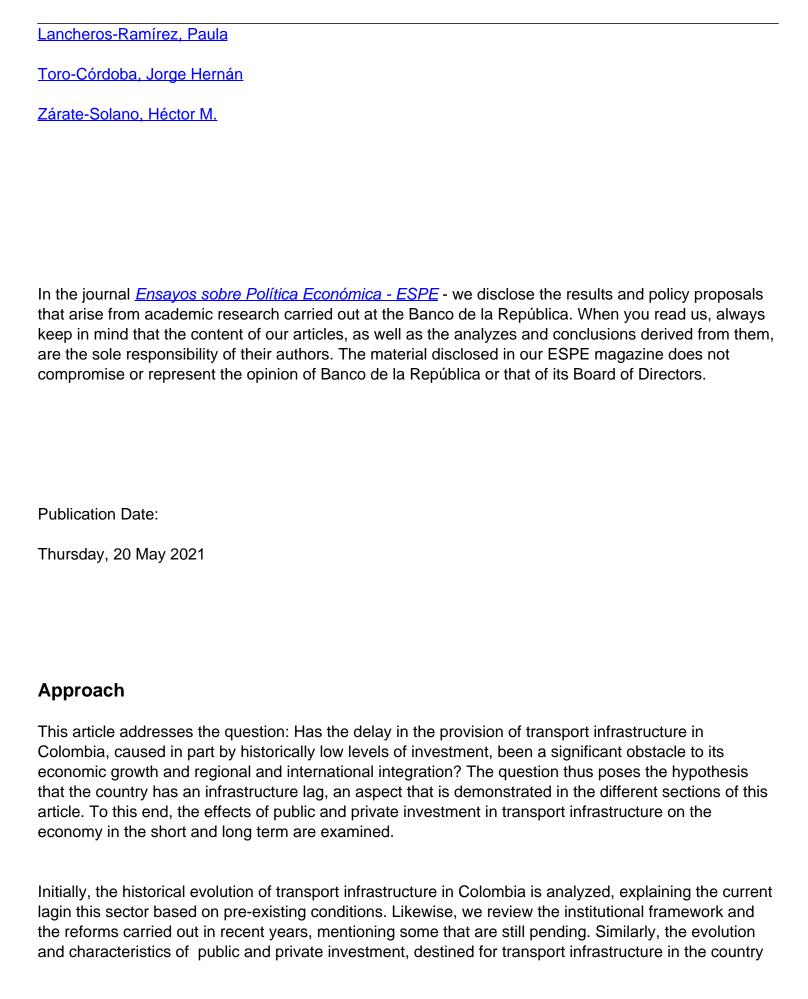
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are examined and its contribution to economic growth and technical efficiency is estimated. Finally, the evolution of port infrastructure in Colombia is described, and the short-term economic effects of regional infrastructure investments on employment, added value, and production are estimated.

## Contribution

The article analyzes the evolution of transport infrastructure in Colombia, as well as the investments made in this sector in the long term. This analysis makes it possible to determine if the lag in transport infrastructure in the country has been an impediment to achieving higher rates of economic growth. Additionally, it establishes whether infrastructure investments produce economic stimulus in the short term, especially in local economies, and examines the country's secular lag in this sector, proposing public policies to reduce it.

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## Results

Investment in transport infrastructure in Colombia has historically been low, which has limited the country's economic growth. The results indicate the presence of a bias that restricts public investment in transport infrastructure, which exhibits procyclical behavior. In addition, institutional planning, regulatory, and corporate governance failures persist that hinder the development of this sector, factors that have led to transport infrastructure in Colombia being lagging in the international context. In the long term, the contribution of transport infrastructure to economic growth has decreased and its lag constitutes a persistent barrier to both external and internal trade.