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Academic positions

Department of Economics. Universitat de Barcelona
Full Professor (2019-)

ICREA Academia
Research Fellow (2023-)

Department of Economics. University of California Irvine
Visiting Scholar (2010-2011)

Research Program 'Cities'. Institut d'Economia de Barcelona (IEB)
Director (2009-)

Chair UB on Urban Economics City of Barcelona (funded by the Barcelona City Council)
Director (2018-)

Other affiliations

CEPR (Center for Economic Policy Research): Research Fellow (2016-)
CEMFI: Research Fellow (2020-)
BSE (Barcelona School of Economics): Research Fellow (2025-)
CESifo: Research Network Fellow (2007-)

Visiting research

University of California Irvine. US. 2012-2014 (June-September); 2015-2019, 2022 (June-August), 2023-2026 (July-August)
London School of Economics. UK. December 2022
University of California Irvine. US. September 2010-June 2011
Scholarships: *Programa Salvador de Madariaga* PR2010-270 (Ministry of Education) & *AGAUR* 2010 BE1 00154 (Generalitat de Catalunya; declined for incompatibility)
Universita di Ferrara. Italy. May 2009
Uppsala University. Sweden. April 2008
CESifo-Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität. Munich. Germany. May-June 2007
Université Rennes I. France. January-February 2005
University of Birmingham. United Kingdom. January-July 1999 (PhD student visiting abroad)

Publications: Referred Journal Articles

Transportation and housing markets in cities (with Rosa Sanchis-Guarner & Miquel-Àngel Garcia-López) *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 104224 (2026)
The political economy of coastal development (with Pierre Magontier & Albert Solé-Ollé) *Journal of Public Economics*, 238, 105178 (2024)

The role of historical amenities in shaping cities (with Miquel-Àngel Garcia-López) *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 109, 104042 (2024)

Transportation and suburbanization in European cities (with Miquel-Àngel Garcia-López & Ilias Pasidis) *Journal of Economic Geography* 24(6), 843–869 (2024)

Paving the way to modern growth. Evidence from Bourbon roads in Spain (with Miquel-Àngel Garcia-López, Alfonso Herranz & Filippo Tassinari) *Explorations in Economic History* 90, 101544 (2023)

Congestion in highways when tolls and railroads matter: Evidence from European cities (with Miquel-Àngel Garcia-López & Ilias Pasidis) *Journal of Economic Geography*, 22/5, 931-960 (2022)

Building(s and) cities: Delineating urban areas with a machine learning algorithm (with Dani Arribas-Bel & Miquel-Àngel Garcia-López). *Journal of Urban Economics*, 125, 103217 (2021)
 Open-source implementation of our algorithm, A-DBSCAN, available at [Github](#). The urban area and employment center boundary delineations are available for download at [Figshare](#).

Calling from the outside: The role of networks in residential mobility (with Konstantin Buchel, Max v. Ehrlich & Diego Puga) *Journal of Urban Economics*, 119, 103277 (2020)

Can urban renewal policies reverse neighborhood ethnic dynamics? (with Nicolás González-Pampillón & Jordi Jofre-Monseny) *Journal of Economic Geography*, 20/2, 419-457 (2020)

Housing booms and busts and local spending (with Albert Solé-Ollé) *Journal of Urban Economics*, 113, 103185 (2019)

Big plant closures and local employment (with Jordi Jofre-Monseny & Maria Sánchez-Vidal) *Journal of Economic Geography*, 18, 163-186 (2018)

Next train to the polycentric city: The effect of railroads on subcenter formation (with Miquel-Àngel Garcia-López & Camille Hémet), *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 67, 50-63 (2017)

How does transportation shape intrametropolitan growth? An answer from the Regional Express Rail (with Miquel-Àngel Garcia-López & Camille Hémet) *Journal of Regional Science*, 57, 758-780 (2017)

Market potential and city growth: Spain 1860-1960 (with Rafael González-Val and Daniel Tirado) *Cliometrica*, 11, 31-61 (2017)

Suburbanization and highways: When the Romans, the Bourbons and first automobiles still shape Spanish cities (with Miquel-Àngel García-López and Adelheid Holl) *Journal of Urban Economics*, 85, 52-67 (2015)

Does zoning follow highways? (with Miquel-Àngel Garcia-López & Albert Solé-Ollé) *Regional Science and Urban Economics*. 53, 148-155 (2015)

Sequential city growth in US. Does size matter? (with Rafael González-Val and Maria Sánchez-Vidal). *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 44, 29-37 (2014)

Localization and urbanization economies. Evidence from the location of new firms in Spain. (With Jordi Jofre-Monseny and Raquel Marín-López) *Journal of Regional Science*, 54, 313-337 (2014)

Do political parties matter for local land use policies? (with Albert Solé-Ollé) *Journal of Urban Economics*, 78, 42-56 (2013)

Lobbying, political competition and local land supply: recent evidence from Spain (with Albert Solé Ollé) *Journal of Public Economics*, 96, 10-19, (2012)

Can a knowledge-based cluster be created? The case of the Barcelona 22@district (with Josep M Arauzo-Carod) *Papers in Regional Science* 91, 377-400 (2012)

The mechanisms of agglomeration: Evidence from the effect of inter-industry relations on the location of new firms, (with Jordi Jofre-Monseny and Raquel Marín-López) *Journal of Urban Economics* 70, 61-74 (2011)

Industrial Location at the Intra-metropolitan Level: The Role of Agglomeration Economies (with Josep M Arauzo) *Regional Studies*, 43, 545-558 (2009)

Cities and the Internet: The end of distance? (with Jordi Pons) *Journal of Urban Technology*, 13, 109-131. (2006)

Agglomeration economies and industrial location: city-level evidence, *Journal of Economic Geography* 4, 565-582 (2004)

Central cities as engines of metropolitan area growth (with Albert Solé Ollé) *Journal of Regional Science* 44, 321-350 (2004)

The location of new firms and the lifecycle of industries (with M.Teresa Costa & Agustí Segarra) *Small Business Economics*, 22, 265-281. (2004)

Kaldor's laws and spatial dependence. Evidence for the European Regions (with Jordi Pons) *Regional Studies*, 33, 443-451. (1999)

The district effect and the competitiveness of manufacturing companies in local productive systems (with M. Teresa Costa) *Urban Studies*, 36, 2085-2098. (1999)

Working Papers

When developers hold office: Shaping housing supply through local politics (with Ghizlen Ouasbaa & Albert Solé-Ollé) DP20151 R&R *Journal of Political Economy. Microeconomics*

The electoral effects of banning cars from the streets: Evidence from Barcelona's superblocks (with Cèlia Estruch, Albert Solé-Ollé & Filippo Tassinari) CEPR DP19915 R&R *American Journal of Political Science*

Best Paper Award. 11th Environmental Politics and Governance Conference. 2025

Media Coverage: [CEPR VoxTalk Economics](#) & [Weekendavisen](#)

Here come the bikes: cycling infrastructure and housing prices (with Miquel Angel Garcia-López & Marianna Magagnoli) IEB WP 2026/12 *Under review*

Media Coverage: [El País](#)

Work in Progress

The impact of chain collapses on retail agglomeration (with Julia McGee & Rosa Sanchis-Guarner)

Local Housing Supply Spillovers (with Antoine Grimaud, Ghizlen Ouasbaa & Albert Solé-Ollé)

The housing hangover: Post-Crisis constraints, political fragmentation, and weak housing supply responses (with Albert Solé-Ollé)

Financial access and population decline (with Pere Arqué, Nadal Perales & David Zuchowski)

Books, book chapters and other publications

Cities in Catalonia: What can we say after 40 years? (with Miquel Garcia-López) *Revista Econòmica de Catalunya*, 93, 174-185 (2026) (*in Catalan*)

Featured in:

a. [Diari Ara](#) (*in English*)

Territory, economics and the role of place-based policies in *Promoció econòmica: Politiques públiques per a la prosperitat del territori*. Transformem. Diputació de Barcelona (2026) (*in Catalan*)

Industry and social cohesion, in Condom i Castany (eds) *What Does Catalan Industry Need? The Response from 60 Experts*. Generalitat de Catalunya (2025) (*in Catalan*)

Industrial Specialization and the Reduction of Inequalities in Catalonia, in *Memòria Econòmica de Catalunya 2024* (2025) (*in Catalan*)

Geography of the industry and social cohesion - Geografia de la indústria i cohesió social (with Jaume Magre) Papers de l'Observatori de la Indústria. Generalitat de Catalunya. (2023) (*in Catalan*)

Featured in:

- a. Europa Press (*in Spanish*)
- b. El Punt Avui. (*in Catalan*)
- c. La Vanguardia (*in Catalan and Spanish*)
- d. Público (*in Catalan and Spanish*)

Spain once-substantial rental market is now one of the smallest in Europe (with Ghizlen Ouasbaa) In J. Schuetz and S. Crump (Eds) *What the US can learn from rental housing markets across the globe*. Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program. Washington DC (2021)

Working from home and the future of cities (with Jordi Jofre-Monseny) In Bosch, N., Esteller, A. and Sorribas, P. (Eds) IEB Report (2021)

The Mechanisms of Agglomeration: Evidence from the Effect of Inter-Industry Relations on the Location of New Firms (with Jordi Jofre-Monseny and Raquel Marín) In W.C Strange (editor) *The Economics of Agglomeration*. Edward Elgar (2019)

Les effets du RER sur la localisation et la croissance de l'emploi : une analyse économétrique. (with Miquel Àngel Garcia-López and Camille Hémet) In J.C. Prager (Ed) *Le Grand Paris Express. Les enjeux économiques et urbains*. Economica. Paris (2019)

Taxation, tourism and housing speculation in big cities (With Albert Solé-Ollé) In Bosch, N., Esteller, A., and Sorribas, P. (Eds) *Tourism and Gentrification in Global Cities: Could Fiscal Policy be Useful?* IEB Report. (2018)

The influence wielded by land developer lobbies during the housing boom: recent evidence from Spain (With Albert Solé-Ollé) CESifo DICE Report. (2013)

Mature Industrial regions: The Spanish case (with Josep M Arauzo) In McCann P. Farshchi, M. and Janne, O.E.M (ed) *a Technological Change and Mature Industrial Regions: Firms, Knowledge, and Policy* Edward Elgar. London. (2009)

Globalisation and Urban Strategies, M. Parellada and E. Viladecans-Marsal (eds). Torino Internazionale. Barcelona. (2008)

Book reviews

The well-tempered city: What modern science, ancient civilizations, and human nature teach us about the future of urban life. Jonathan F.P. Rose (2019) *Papers in Regional Science*, 98 (2), 1261-1262.

Conferences' Presentation

2026: Workshop on Urban Planning and Livability. Aalborg University, Copenhagen; 2nd Zurich–Bern–Wisconsin Conference on Real Estate and Urban Economics. Bern; UCI Miniconference on Urban, Public and Transportation Economics, University California Irvine; 20th North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, Chicago (scheduled); CESifo Munich Lectures Workshop 2026 (scheduled).

2025: CRED Workshop on Urban and Regional Economics, Bern; 14th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, Berlin; Catalan Economic Society Conference, Barcelona; Lisbon

Urban and Public Economics Workshop; 11th Environmental Politics and Governance Conference Lausanne; AREUEA International Conference, Barcelona; UCI Miniconference on Urban, Public and Transportation Economics, University California Irvine; Conference of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Nairobi, NBER's Summer Institute Urban Economics Workshop. Boston. 19th Meeting Urban Economics Association. Montreal; Spanish Economic Association Symposium, Barcelona.

2024: Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago. 13th European Meeting Urban Economics Association, Copenhagen. European Political Science Association, Cologne. American Political Science Association, Philadelphia. CESifo Workshop on big data in urban and regional economics. Munich. CEPR Spatial Disparities Workshop, LSE. 18th Meeting Urban Economics Association. Georgetown. 3rd FDZ Ruhr Regional Disparity Workshop, Essen. Spanish Economic Association Symposium, Palma.

2023: Catalan Economic Society Conference. Barcelona; Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (CURE)-CEPR, Torino; International Transportation Economics Association Conference, Santander; Public Policies, Cities and Regions” workshop, CNRS Lyon. First UniCatt Political Economy Workshop, Milan.

2022: American Economic Association-AERUEA Conference (Online). Economic History Society Conference. Cambridge. Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago. Public Choice Conference Braga. 11th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, London. Economic History Society Conference, Groningen. European Political Science Association, Prague. AREUEA International Conference, Dublin. APSA Conference Montréal. 16th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. Washington DC. Spanish Economic Association Symposium. Valencia.

2021: Syracuse University Urban Economics Conference (online); HSE Conference Saint Petersburg (online), 10th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association (online); 3rd Urban and Regional Economics Workshop; Policy making, institutions and regional development. Theory and Evidence; WWU Münster and TU Dortmund. European Political Science Association Conference (online); ERSA; European Economic Association Congress; 15th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association (online); CREI-IPEG-PF Workshop on Political Economy. Barcelona; CURE-CEPR Conference. Madrid; SMU Conference on Urban and Regional Economics; Spanish Economic Association Symposium. Barcelona

2020: European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, London (accepted and postponed); Workshop on ‘Firm location and economic geography’ HEC (online); 76th Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF) (online); ZEW Public Finance Conference; VI Banco de España Seminar in Economic History. Madrid; Workshop on Economics and Sustainability; Meeting of the Urban Economics Association.

2019: CESifo Area Conference on Public Sector Economics Workshop, Munich; European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, Amsterdam; Catalan Economic Society Conference, Barcelona, International Transportation Economics Association Conference. Paris; 14th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. Philadelphia; Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (CURE) CEPR, London; Workshop on Political Economy. Bruneck

2018: Kraks Fond Winter Workshop on Urban Economics ‘Gentrification’, Copenhagen; European 13th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, Düsseldorf; American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association International Conference, Guangzhou, V Workshop on Urban Economics Barcelona; NBER Summer Institute, Boston; 13th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. New York

2017: CESifo Area Conference on Public Sector Economics Workshop, Munich; European Meeting of the Urban Economic Association. Copenhagen; CESifo Venice Summer Institute. Venice; International Transportation Economics Association Conference, Barcelona; European Regional Science Association Conference/ Urban Economic Association Meeting, Groningen; Conference on

Urban and Regional Economics (CURE) CEPR, Paris. 12th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. Vancouver.

2016: ZEW Public Finance Conference, Mannheim; IV Workshop on Urban Economics IEB/UB, Barcelona; Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF) Lake Tahoe; First Bruneck Workshop. Free University of Bozen; 13th PEARL Conference, Santiago de Compostela 11th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. Minneapolis; CESifo Economic Studies Conference, Munich; SEEK-ENBI Workshop on Fiscal Governance in the Eurozone. Manheim; 41st Symposium Spanish Economic Association, Bilbao.

2015: Conference on Regional Economics and Public Policy. Bern; SERC Conference. London School of Economics; Workshop on “Social Interactions and Urban Segregation”. Rennes. European Regional Science Association/Urban Economic Association Meeting. Lisbon. Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (CURE) CEPR, Basel; Workshop ‘Infrastructure and the organization of economic activity’ CSIC, Madrid; 10th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. Portland. 40th Symposium Spanish Economic Association, Girona.

2014: Royal Economic Society Conference. Manchester (UK); 6th SERC/LSE conference London; XX Encuentro de Economía Pública. Girona, INFER Workshop in Urban and Regional Economics, Reus; NARS Conference; IEB Forum. Barcelona; 9th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. Washington; 39th Symposium Spanish Economic Association, Palma de Mallorca.

2013: World Congress of Cliometrics. Hawaii; Sixth Iberian Cliometrics Workshop. Zaragoza. ERSA Conference (Urban Economic Sessions). Palermo; Conference in Urban and Regional Economics (CURE) CEPR, London (UK); 8th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. Atlanta; 38th Symposium Spanish Economic Association, Santander

2012: Fourth Annual Conference of the SERC. London School of Economics; XIV Encuentro de Economía Aplicada. La Coruña; II Workshop on Urban Economics. Barcelona; 2nd European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. Bratislava; RCEF 2012: Cities, Open Economies, and Public Policy. University of Toronto. NARS Conference; 7th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. Ottawa; 37th Symposium Spanish Economic Association, Vigo (Spain);

2011: 6th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. Miami; 36th Symposium Spanish Economic Association, Málaga; Conference in Urban and Regional Economics (CURE) CEPR, Madrid; European Economics Association Conference. Oslo, 1st European Meeting Urban Economics Association. Barcelona. The Seventh Irvine-Japan Conference on Public Policy. University of California Irvine

2010: 5th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. Denver; I Workshop on Urban Economics Barcelona; EUNIP Conference. Reus; XIII Encuentro de Economía Aplicada. Sevilla.

2009: XII Encuentro de Economía Aplicada. Madrid.

2008: EUNIP Conference. San Sebastián; XV Encuentros de Economía Pública. Salamanca.

2007: X Encuentro de Economía Aplicada. Logroño; 2nd Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. Savannah; European Regional Science Association Conference. Paris

2006: ERSA Conference Volos. EUNIP Conference. Limerick; IX Encuentro de Economía Aplicada. Jaén

2005: L’Institute Research Workshop on Industrial Development Policy. Ferrara

2004: EUNIP Conference, Birmingham; CERTet-Università Bocconi. DISEIS-Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore. Milano; VII Encuentro de Economía Aplicada. Vigo.

2003: Workshop 'Using Spatial Data to Study the Existence, Emergence and Characteristics of Local Industrial Clusters'. Jena; Workshop on Spatial Networks and Clusters. Reus. EUNIP Conference. Porto; VI Encuentro de Economía Aplicada. Granada

2002: Workshop on Innovation and Growth. Nice. IIPF. Helsinki. V Encuentro de Economía Aplicada. Oviedo

2001: Workshop on demography of firms and industries. Barcelona; IV Encuentro de Economía Aplicada. Reus.

2000: ERSA Conference. Barcelona; III Encuentro de Economía Aplicada. Valencia.

1999: EUNIP Conference. Dublin II Encuentro de Economía Aplicada. Zaragoza.

1998: EUNIP Conference. Barcelona; I Encuentro de Economía Aplicada. Barcelona

1997: ERSA Conference. Roma

Invited seminars & Keynotes

2026: UIMP-CEMFI-Banco de España; University of California Irvine. Trinity College. Dublin (scheduled)

2025: 1st Workshop for Early Career Women in Economic Geography and Spatial Economics, LSE, Aalto University. Helsinki. University of California Irvine. Copenhagen Business School. BQSE Work in Progress Seminar. Berlin

2024: University of California Irvine. University of Southern California. Université de Luxembourg. Winter School on Urban Economics, Dijon

2023: CEMFI. UPF-Barcelona School of Economics. University of California Irvine. Online Spatial and Urban Seminar (Urban Economics Association)

2022: Bank of Spain. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. Paris School of Economics. London School of Economics.

2020: University of Duisburg-Essen (online), London School of Economics (online), CIDOB (online)

2019: 2nd Urban and Regional Economics Workshop. Bogotá. University of California Irvine

2018: Paris School of Economics. University of California Irvine; Queens College CUNY.

2017: GATE Université Lyon 2, Universität Basel, International Summer School: Smart Grids and Smart Cities, Barcelona; Sustainable Development Goals. GUNi (Barcelona)

2016: London School of Economics. University of California Irvine

2015: VU University Amsterdam. Workshop Global Trends in Cities, IESE, Barcelona. COEURE-Université Libre de Bruxelles; University of California Irvine

2014: IEB Forum. University of California Irvine. Colloque Études Economiques-Société du Grand Paris.

2013: Universitat de ses Illes Balears; ALDe. Paris School of Economics.

2012: University of Porto

2011: Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. Georgia State University. The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. University of California Irvine.

2010: University of Houston-Rice University; University of California Irvine; Institut d'Economia de Barcelona.

2009: Universidad de Zaragoza.

2008: 4 Jornadas de Macroeconomía en Castilla-La Mancha. Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha.

2007: Universidad de Alicante. Symposium on “The Economics of Land Use Regulation: Housing prices, urban sprawl and corruption”. Barcelona.

2004: Universidad Complutense de Madrid

2003: Universidad de Oviedo. Fundación de Economía Aragonesa. Zaragoza.

2002: Università dell'Insubria.

2000: Università degli studi di Firenze; Graduate School in Industrial Development Policy-Ferrara.
Universidad de Vigo.

1999: UIMP. Valencia

Research grants and awards (as principal investigator or co-investigator)

2026-2029: Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities (PID2025-169900NB-I00) *City challenges: land use, housing and urban amenities*. Co-Principal researcher (with R. Sanchis-Guarner) (37.500€)

2023-2027: ICREA Academia Award. Principal researcher (200,000€)

2023-2026: Ministry of Science and Innovation (PID2022-139878OB-I00) *Cities' challenges: inequalities, migrations and the environment*. Co-Principal researcher (with J. Jofre-Monseny) (43.000€)

2022-2025: (2021 SGR 00355). AGAUR. Grup de Recerca Institut d'Economia de Barcelona, Researcher (60.000€)

2023-2025: Ministry of Science and Innovation. *Cities at the forefront of climate change: Evidence-based policy and political backlash* (TED2021-131886B-I00). Principal researcher (116,000€)

2022-2025: UB Urban Economics Ciutat de Barcelona Chair. Ajuntament de Barcelona-Universitat de Barcelona. Principal researcher (100,000€)

2022-2024: La Caixa. Social Research Grant *Building and shaping cities for a healthy and prosperous future* (SR21-00068) Researcher (100.000€)

2020-2023: Ministry of Science and Innovation (PID2019-108265RB-I00) *Cities' challenges: inequalities, migrations and the environment*. Co-Principal researcher (with J. Jofre-Monseny) (23.600€)

2021-2022: Generalitat de Catalunya (2020PANDE00076) *Public policies for resilient societies in times of pandemics*. Researcher (189.000€)

2018-2021: UB Urban Economics Ciutat de Barcelona Chair. Ajuntament de Barcelona-Universitat de Barcelona. Principal researcher (105,000€)

2019-2021: Institut d'Estudis d'Autogovern. Generalitat de Catalunya (2018 IEA5 00004) *Understanding Intergovernmental Cooperation: The effect of Political Homophily*. Researcher (30.000€)

2017-2019: Ministry of Economics and Competitiveness (ECO2016-75941-R) *City challenges: urban mobility, employment, segregation and inequality*. Co-Principal researcher (with J. Jofre-Monseny) (17,000€)

2018-2020 Generalitat de Catalunya; 2017SGR796. *Fiscal Federalism and Urban Economics*. Researcher (36,800€)

2018: UB Smart City Chair. Universitat de Barcelona. Principal researcher (10,000€)

2016-2018: Grand Paris research grant (2016PSC032). *The heterogeneity analysis of the Grand Paris Express' effects on the spatial polarization growth of the different industries*. Co-Principal researcher (with MA Garcia-López) (31,500€)

2016: Universitat de Barcelona. Grant for International Research Projects. Principal researcher (4,000€)

2015-2017: Recercaixa Project (AQU2014ACUP00026). *What works for Urban Development?*. Researcher (78.000€)

2014-2016: Ministry of Economics and Competitiveness (ECO2013-41310-R) *Global challenges, local responses: the role of cities as engine of economic prosperity*. Principal researcher (20,300€)

2014-2017: Generalitat de Catalunya; 2014SGR00420. *Fiscal Federalism and Urban Economics* Researcher; (30,000€)

2015-2017: UB Smart City Chair. Universitat de Barcelona. Principal researcher (100,000€)

2014-2015: Grand Paris research grand (CRC2013-06). *Infrastructures' improvement and urban structure: The case of Paris*. Principal researcher (34,000€)

2014: Universitat de Barcelona. *Global challenges, local responses: the role of cities as engine of economic prosperity*. Principal researcher (1,750 €)

2011-2013: Ministry of Education (ECO2010-16934), *Thriving cities: Agglomeration economies, innovation and public policies*. Principal researcher (34,800 €)

2012-2013: Pasqual Maragall Chair-Research Grant, *Building roads and land use policies*. Co-Principal researcher (with MA Garcia-López & A Solé-Ollé) (5,000 €)

2012: Ministry of Education ECO2011-16116-E, *II Workshop Urban Economics*. Principal researcher (5,000 €)

2011-2013: Ministry of Economics ECO2011-16157. IEB/UB Seminars. Researcher (5,000 €)

2010-2011 Ministry of Education Scholarship *Programa Salvador de Madariaga* (PR2010-270. International Mobility Program) Principal researcher (33,000€)

2009-2013 Generalitat de Catalunya; 2009SGR102. *Fiscal Federalism and Regional Economics*. Researcher (40,000€)

2011 Ministry of Education. ECO2011-14191-E, *Symposium Universities, innovation and territory*. Researcher (3,000€)

2010 Ministry of Education. ECO2009-08537-E/ECON, *I Workshop Urban Economics*. Principal researcher (7,500€)

2007-2010 Ministry of Education SEJ2007-65086, *Agglomeration economies and cities: Knowledge as a competitiveness factor* Principal researcher (32,000€)

2009 Ministry of Education ECO2009-06613, *ESSID Summer School on Agglomeration Industries and Innovation*. Principal researcher (9,000€)

2009 Generalitat de Catalunya (2009 ARCS1 0057) *ESSID Summer School on Agglomeration Industries and Innovation*. TypPrincipal researcher (6,000€)

2008 Instituto de Estudios Fiscales *Urbanism and public finance: how to understand the recent changes in the urbanistic growth model and the role of the local decisions?* Co-Principal researcher (with A. Solé Ollé) (6,000€)

2004-2007 Ministry of Education SEJ2004-05860; *Agglomeration economies, cities and innovation*. Principal researcher (16,000€)

2005-2008 Generalitat de Catalunya. SGR *Fiscal Federalism and Regional Economy*. Researcher

2004 Universidad Complutense de Madrid. *Cities and the Internet: The end of distance?*. Principal researcher (1,800€)

2003 Ministry of Science and Technology. *The clustering of economic activities: concentration, specialisation and the European Integration process*. Researcher (5,200€)

2001 Ministry of Science and Technology. *Growth, economic geography and regional development in Europe* Researcher (2,700€)

2001-2004 Generalitat de Catalunya. CER *Fiscal federalism and regional economy*; Researcher

1997-2000 Generalitat de Catalunya. (1997SGR 00319) *Fiscal federalism and regional economy*. Researcher

2000-2002 Ministry of Education. SEC99-0432 *Geographic location, innovation and firm efficiency. Agglomeration effects*. Researcher (21.600€)

1996-1999 Ministry of Education. SEC96-0898. *Location patterns of economic activity*. Researcher (18,600€)

PhD Supervision

Maria Sánchez-Vidal. PhD 2016, placed at LSE, UK (co-advisor Jordi Jofre-Monseny)
Ilias Passidis. PhD 2017, placed at Bookings, The Netherlands (co-advisor Miquel À. Garcia-López)
Paola Torres. PhD 2017, placed at Universidad de la Loja, Ecuador (co-advisor Rafael González-Val)
Nicolás González-Pampillón. PhD 2018, placed at LSE, UK (co-advisor Jordi Jofre-Monseny)
Pierre Magontier. Ph.D 2020, placed at U. of Bern, Switzerland (co-advisor Albert Solé-Ollé)
Filippo Tassinari. Ph.D 2022, placed at U. Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona (co-advisor Miquel À. Garcia)
Ghizlen Ouasbaa. PhD 2024, placed at TecnoCampus/UPF, Barcelona (co-advisor Albert Solé-Ollé)
Marianna Magagnoli PhD 2025, placed at DIW Berlin (co-advisor Miquel À. Garcia-López)
Julia McGee (expected 2026), (co-advisor Rosa Sanchis-Guarner)

Thesis Committees

Miquel Àngel Garcia-López. UAB. 2006
Jorge de la Roca. CEMFI. 2012
Guillaume Chapelle. Sciences Po. 2017
Ly Tidiane. Université Lyon 2 CNRS. 2018
Hayoung Kim. London School of Economics. 2018
Federica Daniele. Universitat Pompeu Fabra. 2018
Huyen Tran. Université de Luxembourg. 2020
Mariona Segú. Université Paris Saclay. 2020
Rodrigo Martínez-Mazza. Universitat de Barcelona. 2021
Roberto Brunetti. Université Rennes. 2022
Jeffrey Groesbeck. Toulouse School of Economics. 2023
Yadira Gómez Hernández. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. 2024
Matteo Sartori. CEMFI. 2024
Aurélie Lapierre. Université de Lyon. 2025
Maria Kuznetsova. VU Amsterdam. 2025
Tânia Souza. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. 2026

Editorial work

Journal of Urban Economics: Member of the Editorial Board (2016-present)
Regional Science and Urban Economics: Associate Editor (2018-present)
Journal of Regional Science: Associate Editor (2019-present)

Guest Editor for a Special Issues *Regional Science and Urban Economics* (2020 & 2026)

Referee for *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *The Economic Journal*, *Journal of Economic Geography*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *Journal of Economics and Statistics*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Journal of Regional Science*, *Papers in Regional Science*, *Urban Studies*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, *SERIES*, *Regional Studies*, *Environment and Planning A*, *Economics of Governance*, *Revista de Economia Aplicada*, *Investigaciones Regionales*.

Research projects and grants reviewer

Spanish National Science Foundation, Spanish National Agency of Evaluation (ANEP), Catalan Agency of Evaluation (AGAUR), Catalan Agency for the University Quality (AQU), ERC European Research Council, Canadian Research Council, Aalto University, John Hopkins University, Luxembourg National Research Fund.

External Expert. Department of Geography and Environment. LSE. (2021-present)

Organization of academic activities

Organizer & Scientific Committee:

Workshop on Urban Economics. IEB. 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2022, 2024 & 2026
Conference on Urban and Regional Economics CEPR (CEMFI & IEB). 2021
UEA Summer School on Urban Economics. 2016, 2018 & 2022
ESSID- Summer School on Industrial Dynamics: Agglomeration, Ind. and Innovation. 2009

Scientific Committee:

AREUEA National Conference. Washington DC. 2026
AREUEA International Conference. 2025 & 2026
Workshop on “Public policies, cities, and regions”. GATE Lyon. 2017, 2019, 2023 & 2025
Winter Summer School on Urban Economics. Dijon. 2024
Winter Workshop. Catalan Economic Society. 2019, 2023 & 2024
Catalan Economic Society Conference. 2019, 2023 & 2025
1st Annual LAUrban Meeting. 2022
Ph.D. Student Workshop in Urban Economics. Urban Economics Association. 2020-2021
Virtual European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, 2020
European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association. 2017-2019 (Chair), 2020
Kraks Prize for Best Student Paper Jury: European Urban Economics Association Meetings 2017-2019, 2021
Paris Polytechnique/UEA Summer School on Urban Economics. 2017
Simposio Spanish Economic Association (SAEe) 2013-2017
Smart Tourism Conference. 2017-2018
Summer Institute. Regional Science Association International. 2014
Encuentro de Economía Aplicada. A Coruña 2012
Escuela de verano UB/RED UIU 2017

Other service duties

Urban Economics Association. Board of Directors (2022-2026)
Urban Economics Association. Executive Officer for the Conferences and Summer Schools Organization (2022-2026)
Member of the AREUEA Gender Committee (2020-2023)
Permanent Commission. Department of Economics. U. de Barcelona (2009-)
Member (designated by the UB Rector). Experts’ committee Next Generation Funds. (2020-)
Director. Ph.D. in Economics Program. U. de Barcelona (2015-2022)
Member (elected) of the Delegate Committee. Doctoral School. U. de Barcelona (2015-2022)
Member. Job Market committee. Department of Economics. U. de Barcelona. (2011-2013, 2015-2017, 2019, 2022-2026)
TA position committee. UBEconomics (2015-2022)
Ph.D. Scholarship committee. Barcelona Institute of Economics (2013-2019)
Ph.D. Committee. School of Economics and Business. U.de Barcelona (2012-2022)
Research Committee. School of Economics and Business. U. de Barcelona (2007-2013)

Other academic and professional activities

Elected member. *Institut d’Estudis Catalans* (2025-)
Board Member. *Societat Catalana d’Economia*. (2020-)
Board Member. Fundació Universitària Balmes (2023-)
Member CEPR Research Policy Network ‘Spatial Disparities and Policy’ (2021-2024)

Advisory Committee *Grup de Treball per la Competitivitat Territorial*. Generalitat de Catalunya (2026)
Advisory Committee *Agenda 2030*. Barcelona City Council. (2019-)
Advisory Committee *Infrastructures*. Barcelona City Council. (2024-)
Advisory Council. Barcelona Chamber of Commerce (2019-2023)

