

# Milena Almagro

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## Employment

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- 07/2021 – › **The University of Chicago, Booth School of Business**  
Assistant Professor of Economics  
Liew Family Junior Faculty Fellow  
George G. Rinder Faculty Fellow
- 05/2022 – › **CEMFI**  
Associated Faculty

## Appointments

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- 07/2022 – › **Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago**, Visiting Scholar
- 05/2023 – › **NBER**, Faculty Research Fellow, Industrial Organization

## Past Appointments

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- 09/2020 – 06/2021 › **Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute, FRB of Minneapolis**  
Visiting Scholar

## Research Interests

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- › Industrial Organization, Urban and Spatial Economics

## Education

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- 2014 – 2020 › **PhD Economics, New York University**  
*Committee:* G. Fréchet, A. Lizzeri, E. Manresa, T. Salz
- 2013 – 2014 › **MSc Econometrics & Mathematical Economics, London School of Economics**
- 2011 – 2013 › **BA in Economics, University of Cambridge**
- 2006 – 2011 › **Licentiate degree in Mathematics, Universidad Complutense de Madrid**

## Professional Service

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- 2024 – › Journal of Urban Economics, Editorial Board

## Publications

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- › The Construction of National Identities, with D. Andrés-Cerezo (2020), *Theoretical Economics*, 15 (2), 763-810
- › The Determinants of the Differential Exposure to COVID-19 and their evolution over time, with A. Orane-Hutchinson (2022), *Journal of Urban Economics: Insights*, Volume 127, 103293
- › Disparities in COVID-19 Risk Exposure: Evidence from Geolocation Data, with J. Coven, A. Gupta, and A. Orane-Hutchinson (2023), *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 103933
- › Location Sorting and Endogenous Amenities: Evidence from Amsterdam, with T. Domínguez-Iino, Conditionally Accepted at *Econometrica*

## Working Papers

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- › Optimal Transportation Policy: Evidence from Chicago, with F. Barbieri, J.C. Castillo, N Hickok, and T. Salz, R&R at *Econometrica*
- › Urban Renewal and Inequality: Evidence from Chicago's Public Housing Demolitions, with E. Chyn and B. Stuart, *Submitted*

## Work in Progress

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- › Data-Driven Nests in Discrete Choice Models, with E. Manresa
- › Sorting by Choice? Separating Preferences from Discrimination in Housing Markets, with A. Sood
- › Can Real-Time Patient Information Improve Physician Decision-Making? Evidence from a Digital Health App, with J. T. Elliott

## Seminars and Conferences (+ scheduled, D discussant)

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- 2025 › ASU<sup>+</sup>, Texas A&M<sup>+</sup>, USC<sup>+</sup>, UCL<sup>+</sup>, UAB/CSIC<sup>+</sup>, FGV Rio<sup>+</sup>
- 2024 › Northwestern Transportation Center, Columbia Spatial Conference, Berkeley IO Brownbag, University of Washington, NYU Spatial Conference, Mannheim, CREI/UPF, TSE, UC3M, UCM, SED Meeting, NBER SI ITI, NBER SI Urban, EEA-ESEM, NUS
- 2023 › U Toronto, Georgetown Brownbag, Johns Hopkins U, U Maryland, Wharton Real Estate, Yale + Yale SOM, UCSD, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Universidad de la Plata, Wash U + St Louis Fed, LSE, Oxford, Warwick, UCL/LSE/IFS IO Workshop, World Bank + GWU Sustainable Cities Workshop, Chicago Fed, UEA Summer School Lecture, ERWIT/CURE, EnergyEcoLab UC3M, Barcelona Summer Forum Public Workshop, CEMFI Trade Conference, SED Meeting, Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Conference, Sciences Po, Chicago-Princeton Spatial Conference, Stanford Cities Workshop, Northwestern Interactions Conference, UEA North American Meeting, George Washington University, Duke, PUC Chile, Universidad de Los Andes
- 2022 › ASSA Meetings, ASSA-AREUEA<sup>D</sup>, Bureau of Economic Analysis, MIT, Boston University, Princeton, University of Virginia, UT Austin, U Western Ontario, Carey Business School Brownbag, CEMFI, EIEF Applied Micro Junior conference, Geography and Trade Barcelona Summer Forum, IEB Urban Workshop, Applied IO Barcelona Summer Forum, Bank of Greece Tinos IO Conference, SED Meeting, NBER SI Real Estate + Urban, Chicago-Princeton Spatial Conference, Cleveland Fed, UEA North American Meeting, Columbia, Columbia + Sciences Po + HEC Paris Spatial Conference, Berkeley (joint Trade + Haas RE), LACEA-LAMES, Richmond Fed, Philadelphia Fed, Berkeley (IO), U Di Tella Conference
- 2021 › ASSA Meetings, ASSA-AREUEA<sup>D</sup>, CEPR Virtual IO Seminar<sup>D</sup>, UBC Sauder, UW Madison, Cornell, Dallas Fed, CAF, OIGI Seminar, HCEO (U Chicago), Notre Dame Spatial Workshop, OIGI Fall Conference, American UEA Meeting, UCLA, Atlanta Fed, Microsoft, Rochester, SMU, SEA, Northwestern, Georgetown, Central Bank of Colombia
- 2020 › UCLA Anderson, WashU, Toronto, Tilburg, CEMFI, UCL, MIT Sloan, Wharton RE + BEPP, Chicago Booth Microeconomics, Berkeley, Stanford GSB, New York Fed, UPenn, Yale, Yale SOM, Duke, Columbia, LSE, 3Ms (Minnesota + Minneapolis Fed), QSE Junior Workshop, MD4SG20, University of Oxford, UEA Virtual Meeting, APPAM, SEA, University of Georgia, CUNEF, Center for Spatial Data Science (U Chicago), CURE<sup>D</sup>
- 2019 › YES, American UEA Meeting, Econometric Society European Winter Meeting

## Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

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- 2025 › Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and Arnold Ventures Grant, with J.C. Castillo & T. Salz
- 2021 › Russell Sage and Gates Foundations Pipeline Grant, with A. Sood
- › NBER/DOT Transportation in the 21st Century Grant, with J.C. Castillo & T. Salz
- 2019 – 2020 › NYU Economics Department Dissertation Fellowship
- 2019 › Best Student Paper, Urban Economics Association, with Tomás Domínguez-Iino
- › Best Job Market Paper, European Job Market & Unicredit, with Tomás Domínguez-Iino
- 2014-2019 › NYU MacCracken Fellowship
- 2013-2014 › Postgraduate Studies Fellowship, Obra Social La Caixa

## Conference and Seminar Organizing

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- 2025 › Chicago BFI Trade and Spatial Seminar, Co-Organizer
- 2024 › ASSA-AREUEA, Scientific Committee
- › Chicago BFI Trade and Spatial Seminar, Co-Organizer
- › EIEF Junior Conference on Applied Microeconomics, Co-Organizer
- › SED Meeting, Scientific Committee
- › EARIE, Scientific Committee
- › BFI IO+ Conference, Co-Organizer
- › Conference in Urban and Regional Economics, Scientific Committee
- › Symposium of the Spanish Economic Association, Scientific Committee
- › SED Winter Meeting, Scientific Committee
- 2023 › Chicago BFI Trade and Spatial Seminar, Co-Organizer
- › UEA Summer School, Scientific Committee
- › Annual Congress of the European Economics Association, Scientific Committee
- › BFI IO+ Conference, Co-Organizer
- › BFI Spatial Junior Conference, Co-Organizer
- › Booth Applied Economics Seminar, Co-Organizer
- › Annual Universidad Torcuato Di Tella Conference, Scientific Committee
- 2022 › Conference in Urban and Regional Economics, Scientific Committee
- › BFI IO+ Conference, Co-Organizer
- › BFI Spatial Junior Conference, Co-Organizer
- › Equity & Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms & Optimization Conference, Area Chair
- › UEA European Meeting, Scientific Committee
- › Online Spatial and Urban Economics Seminar, Co-Organizer
- › Chicago BFI Trade and Spatial Seminar, Co-Organizer
- 2021 › Online Spatial and Urban Economics Seminar, Co-Organizer
- › Student Prize UEA European Meeting, Scientific Committee
- › UEA PhD Workshop, Scientific Committee
- 2020 › Online Spatial and Urban Economics Seminar, Co-Organizer
- › UEA PhD Workshop, Scientific Committee

## Refereeing

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American Economic Journal: Applied, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Economic Letters, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of Urban Economics: Insights, National Science Foundation Grants, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Regional Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Research Grants

## Teaching

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Winter 2025 › Competitive Strategy, Booth

Winter 2024 › Competitive Strategy, Booth

## PhD Advising or Co-Advising (graduation year, PhD institution, initial placement)

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- › Zhonglin Li (2022, Booth, National University of Singapore)
- › Angelo Orane-Hutchinson (2022, NYU, Cornerstone)
- › Olivia Bordeu (Expected 2024, Booth, Princeton IES Postdoc + Berkeley Haas)
- › Giorgio Pietrabissa (Expected 2024, CEMFI, LSE Geography)
- › Camilla Schneier (Expected 2025, Chicago Econ, -)
- › Jeanne Sorin (Expected 2025, Chicago Econ, -)
- › Franco Calle (Expected 2026, Booth, -)
- › Chanwool Kim (Expected 2026, Chicago Econ, -)
- › Rachel Bryant (Expected 2027, Chicago Econ, -)
- › Tyler Jacobson (Expected 2027, Booth, -)