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Education

2020 - 2026 (*expected*) **PhD Candidate in Economics**
Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) Barcelona

Advisors:

Albrecht Glitz
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01/2025-05/2025	Visiting Scholar University of California Berkeley (Host: Enrico Moretti)
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2021-2022 **MRes in Economics**
Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)

2020-2021 **Master of Economics**
Barcelona School of Economics (BSE)

2016-2020 **BSc Economics and BA Political Science**
Ludwig-Maximilians Universität (LMU) Munich

Research Interests

Labor Economics, Urban Economics

Research Projects

Cities with Benefits (*Draft available soon*)
BeNA Innovative Research Award 2024

Abstract: Unemployment rates differ substantially across regions within many developed economies. This raises the question of how unemployment benefits should be designed across space, which I address theoretically and empirically in this paper. I develop a framework that characterizes how benefit levels should vary across locations and estimate its key sufficient statistics using quasi-experimental evidence from Germany's *Hartz IV* reform, which tied benefit levels to local rents for long-term unemployed individuals. Using administrative data, I show that higher benefits attract jobseekers through in-migration and that moving imposes additional fiscal costs. I further find stronger responses in job-finding to local benefit increases in high-rent locations, which amplifies the case against more generous benefits in cities. Taken together, the results suggest that while higher benefits in high-price locations can be justified to insure jobseekers against higher cost of living, the associated fiscal externalities can be large enough to overturn the case for higher benefits in high-rent areas.

Incumbents' Cost of Living Advantage (with [Albrecht Glitz](#) and [Joan Monras](#))

Abstract: Households become less geographically mobile as they accumulate tenure in a location. In this paper, we quantify how much renting households can save on their cost of living by not moving and estimate its effect on the spatial distribution of households and housing supply. By matching market housing units to a panel of renting households in Germany, we estimate that incumbent households pay rents that are 31% higher than the market rent. While tenant rent control can explain around half of this gap, we show that landlords adjust rents infrequently and do not set rents at their legal maximum, which is especially prevalent among non-professional owners. Finally, we embed this rent gap in an overlapping-generations spatial equilibrium model to quantify its role for the spatial allocation of households and variation in housing supply across locations.

The Effects of Tourism on Young Workers (with [Nathan Jones](#))

Abstract: Tourism is an important economic force in many economies and supports many millions of jobs. However, recent work has suggested potentially worse economic outcomes in regions that specialize in tourism in the long-run. In this project, we attempt to reconcile the conflicting evidence on the short- and long-run effects of tourism by studying its effects on the education, sector and location choices of young workers. By combining Spanish labor force survey data with a hotel occupancy survey, we show that tourism pushes young people out of education and into employment. Moreover, our preliminary evidence suggests that even ten years after high school graduation, young workers from tourism-intensive regions have lower tertiary education rates and are more likely to remain in their birth region.

Research Assistance Experience

2020	Part-time Research Assistance for Dominik Grothe LMU, Chair for Organizational Economics
2018	Part-time Research Assistance for Christoph Trebesch LMU, Chair for Macroeconomics

Presentations

2025	UC Berkeley Labor Seminar, UC Berkeley Public Finance Seminar, IRLE Visiting Scholar Seminar, UEA European Meeting (Berlin), CREI International Lunch Workshop, 3rd Summer School in International Economics (ifo Institute), RF Berlin Brownbag Seminar, Workshop on Regional Economics Inequalities (Berlin), VfS Jahrestagung* (Cologne), Workshop Urban Labor Markets and Local Income Inequality (IAB Nürnberg)*
2024	BeNA Winter Workshop, RF Berlin Brownbag Seminar, IZA Summer School of Labor Economics, UPF Internal Applied Seminar, CREI International Lunch Workshop, BSE Jamboree
2023	CREI International Lunch Workshop (2x), UPF PhD Applied Student Seminar, BSE Jamboree *scheduled

Teaching

2024	Teaching Assistance for Labor Economics (undergraduate)
2023	Teaching Assistance for Labor Economics (undergraduate)

2022 Teaching Assistance for Modern Statistical Computing (undergraduate) and Public Economics (undergraduate)

Scholarship & Distinction

2023-	FPI Scholarship Ph.D. scholarship from Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation
2021-2023	Severo Ochoa BSE-UPF Ph.D. track fellowship
2020	BSE Master Tuition Fee Waiver
2019-2022	German National Academic Foundation German merit-based scholarship
2018-2020	Honors Program in Economics Mentoring program for 15 BSc Economics students at LMU
2016-2021	Max-Weber-Program Bavarian merit-based scholarship
2015	Georg-Dax Foundation 500 EUR for excellent high school graduation (best of cohort)

Skills

Languages	German (native), English (fluent), Spanish and French (intermediate)
Programming	Stata, R, Python, Latex

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