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Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain
B.S. in Economics 2014–2018

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Secondary: Housing, Migration, Public

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RESEARCH **Spatial Effects of the Minimum Wage (Job Market Paper)**

Abstract: I study how a uniform national minimum wage affects employment and migration when local labor markets differ in productivity and are connected through costly mobility. I show that Spain's 22 percent minimum-wage increase in 2019 triggered a relocation of workers toward more productive locations, concentrated among jobs at the new minimum wage. To interpret this reallocation, I build a spatial search and matching model with heterogeneous locations, migration costs, and a national minimum wage. In the model, the minimum wage affects employment by making some jobs too costly to sustain but also raises the value of low productivity employment in productive areas, making migration worthwhile for workers who previously found these opportunities unattractive. I estimate the model using pre-reform administrative data and simulate the 2019 reform as a counterfactual exercise. National unemployment rises only modestly, from 12.9 to 13.7 percent, because nearly half of the job losses are absorbed through migration toward productive locations. The minimum wage thus acts not only as a wage floor but also as a reallocation policy that polarized employment, widening spatial gaps in job opportunities.

The Joint Role of Housing and Labor Market Frictions

Abstract: Does homeownership trap workers in declining regions? This "lock-in" effect has been long debated, but we lack evidence on how it varies across different labor markets. To address this, I construct a novel linked dataset merging French housing tax records with employee panels, allowing me to track the joint history of housing and labor decisions. I document a stark divergence in mobility: in low-wage zones, renters migrate out at high rates, while homeowners remain immobile. I estimate that homeownership is associated with a 3.7 percentage point lower annual probability of migration and 4.2 percentage points fewer job transitions. Consequently, owners experience 1.6 percentage points lower annual wage growth. These findings suggest that housing frictions anchor workers in declining areas, preventing them from accessing better economic opportunities.

TEACHING ASSISTANT	Public Economics (Graduate) Topics in Macroeconomics (Undergraduate)	2024, 2023 2024, 2023, 2021
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PRESENTATIONS	2026: American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (Washington, D.C.), Urban Economic Association (Barcelona) 2025: European Economic Association (Bordeaux), Trade Workshop (UiO), Macroeconomics Workshop (TSE), TSE Yinghua He Empirical Micro Workshop, TSE PhD Workshop 2024: UCL Enter Seminar, ENTER Jamboree, Macroeconomics Workshop (TSE), Public Economics Workshop (TSE), PhD Workshop (TSE) 2023: Macroeconomics Workshop (TSE), Public Economics Workshop (TSE), PhD Workshop (TSE) 2022: Macroeconomics Workshop (TSE), Public Economics Workshop (TSE) 2021: Macroeconomics Workshop (TSE), Public Economics Workshop (TSE)	
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