

Joan Monras

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Current Employment and Affiliations

2024 - present	Professor of Economics at UPF
2020 - present	Associate Researcher at CREI
2018 - present	Affiliated Professor at the Barcelona School of Economics
2022 - present	Research Advisor at the FRB of San Francisco (on-leave)
2017 - present	CEPR Research Fellow (ITRE and LE)

Education

2014	Ph.D. Economics	Columbia University
2009	M.A. Economics	Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2006	M.Sc. International Relations	London School of Economics
2005	B.A. Mathematics	Universitat de Barcelona

Fields of Specialization

Labor Economics, Urban Economics, and International Trade

Past Employment

2021 - 2022	Kenen Fellow, Princeton University
2018 - 2021	Ramon y Cajal Assistant Professor of Economics at UPF
2018 - 2019	Associate Professor of Economics at CEMFI
2016 - 2018	Assistant Professor of Economics at CEMFI
2014 - 2016	Assistant Professor of Economics at Sciences Po

Academic Visits

April 2018	Visitor Clausen Center, the University of California at Berkeley
April-June 2016	Visiting Assistant Professor at UPF and CREI
March 2016	Visiting Researcher at CReAM, University College London
May 2015	Visiting Assistant Professor at University of Toronto

Editorial Service

2021 – Member of the Editorial Board at the *Journal of Urban Economics*
2021 – Associate Editor (equivalent to co-editor) at the *Journal of Human Capital*
2021 – Associate Editor at the *Journal of the Spanish Economic Association - SERIEs*
2019 – 2021 Panel member of *Economic Policy*

Publications and accepted papers

“Understanding the Effects of Granting Work Permits to Undocumented Immigrants”, with Ferran Elias and Javier Vázquez-Grenno. Accepted for publication at the *Journal of Labor Economics*.

“Why Immigration Is an Urban Phenomenon”. *FRBSF Economic Letter*, Issue 2023-16, July 2023.

“Immigration in Spain”. Published at *Papeles de Economía Española*, Volume 176. June 2023.

“Immigration and Spatial Equilibrium: the Role of Expenditures in the Country of Origin”, with Christoph Albert. Published at the *American Economic Review*, Volume 112, Issue 11, November 2022.

“Local Adjustment to Immigrant-driven Labor Supply Shocks”. Published at the *Journal of Human Capital*, Volume 15, Issue 1, Spring 2021.

“Immigration and Wage Dynamics: Evidence from the Mexican Peso Crisis”. Published at the *Journal of Political Economy*, Volume 128, no. 8, August 2020, Pages 3017-3089.

“How Segregated is Urban Consumption?”, with Donald R. Davis, Jonathan I. Dingel and Eduardo Morales. Published at the *Journal of Political Economy*, Volume 127, no. 4, August 2019, Pages 1684-1738.

“Minimum Wages and Spatial Equilibrium: Theory and Evidence”. Published at the *Journal of Labor Economics*, Volume 37, Issue 3, July 2019, Pages 853-904.

“The Labor Market Consequences of Refugee Supply Shocks”, with George Borjas. Published at *Economic Policy*, Volume 32, Issue 91, July 2017, Pages 361-413. Editor’s Choice.

Working Papers

“Economic Shocks and Internal Migration”, CEPR Discussion Paper 12977. Revisions Requested at the *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

“Industrialization without Innovation”, with Paula Bustos, Juan Manuel Castro Vincenzi, and Jacopo Ponticelli. CEPR Discussion Paper 13379.

“The Effect of Second-Generation Rent Controls: Evidence from Catalonia”, with Jose G. Montalvo. BSE Working Paper 1345. CEPR Discussion Paper 18485.

“Floating Population: Migration with(out) Family and the Spatial Distribution of Economic Activity”, with Clément Imbert, Marlon Seror, and Yanos Zylberberg. CEPR Discussion Paper 18418.

“Labor Market Stability and Fertility Decisions”, with Eduardo Polo-Muro and Javier Vázquez-Grenno. CEPR Discussion Paper 18613.

“Public Sector Pay”, with Emeric Henry and Arthur Guillouzouic. CEPR Discussion Paper 16085.

“Housing Demand and Urban Growth”, with Bryan Stuart. Mimeo.

Honors, Awards, and Grants

2023: Premio Fundación B. Sabadell a la Investigación Económica, awarded to a leading Spanish Economist under the age of 40.

2022: Excellence in Refereeing Award *Review of Economic Studies*

2022: Proyectos de Investigación Científica de la Fundación BBVA en las áreas de Matemáticas, Cambio Climático y Ecología y Biología de la Conservación, Biomedicina, Ciencias Sociales y Filosofía, with J. G. Montalvo

2021: Excellence in Refereeing Award *Review of Economic Studies*

2020: Seed grant from the Barcelona School of Economics

2019 – 2025: Ramon y Cajal Fellowship

2018 – 2020: Fundación Ramon Areces, Grants to Fund Research in Social Sciences

2016 – 2017: Best Teacher of the Year Award, CEMFI

2016 – 2018: Fundación Ramon Areces, Grants to Fund Research in Social Sciences

2016: Scientific Advisory Board – Sciences Po grant for the project “Mobility, spillovers and knowledge transferability” (joint with Emeric Henry)

2016 – 2017: Upjohn Institute Early Career Research Award (joint with Ferran Elias)

2015: EALE Young Labor Economist Prize

2015: Scientific Advisory Board – Sciences Po grant

2014 – present: IZA Research Fellow

2012: Vickrey Prize for Best 3rd Year Paper, Columbia University

2011: Harriss Prize for Best 2nd Year Paper, Columbia University

2009- 2014: Columbia Faculty Fellowship

2001-2005: UB Excellence Scholarship

Invited Seminars

*Canceled/postponed due to Covid-19

2023-24 (including scheduled): UC Berkeley; MIT; UC Irvine; IESE; NUS; SMU; University of Washington; Santa Clara University.

2022-23: UC San Diego; Michigan; Collegio Carlo Alberto; PSE; IEB - UB.

2021-22: University of Chicago; UCLA - Anderson; Northwestern; Princeton University (2x); Columbia; NYU; Boston University; University of Toronto, McGill University; Boston College; Penn State; Johns Hopkins; San Francisco Fed; Richmond Fed; Philadelphia Fed; The University of Hong Kong; Queen Mary University of London; Nuremberg.

2020-21: European Commission*; Oxford; joint Duisburg-Essen, Bochum, and Dortmund; The Economics of Migration online seminar; UC San Diego; Edinburgh Business School (Heriot-Watt University); Korea University; Online Spatial and Urban Seminar.

2015-20: Bocconi (2x); National University of Singapore*; Shanghai University of Finance and Economics*; Panthéon-Sorbonne; Bristol*; Universitat de Girona; EBRD; LSE (2x); Toulouse School of Economics; Cambridge University; University of Munich (LMU); CREST/Polytechnique; University College Dublin; Tinbergen Institute; USI – Lugano; University of Milan; UAB; UB; IESE; EUI; Stockholm University; University of Nottingham; UPF (2x); University of British Columbia; UC Berkeley – Haas; University of Mannheim; UPenn – Wharton; Universitat de Barcelona; Queens College – CUNY; Caixabank Research Department; University of Zurich; Bank of Italy; CEMFI (3x); Universidad Carlos III; Bank of Spain; Université Paris 1; Queen Mary University; Brown University; Copenhagen Business School; CReAM/UCL; IIES – Stockholm University; IEB – Universitat de Barcelona; Colegio de Mexico; ITAM; NCID – U Navarra; Sciences Po (3x); INSEAD; Collegio Carlo Alberto; USI – Lugano; EIEF; Surrey; Cleveland Fed; U of Toronto; MSU; UIUC; Columbia (2x).

Conferences and Workshops

2023-24 (including scheduled): Leuven Summer Event (LSE 2024) on Migration and Family Economics, St Louis Fed – WashU Macro Labor Conference, CEPR – STEG annual conference, Middle East Spatial and International Economics Conference (MESIE) at NYU Abu Dhabi; XVI Labour Economics Conference (Keynote Speaker) at UB.

2022-23: Workshop on Regional and Urban Economics, CRED at University of Bern, West Coast Spatial Workshop at UC Berkeley, ERWIT – CURE CEPR.

2021-22: IZA Annual Migration Meeting at Harvard Kennedy School, Workshop on Macroeconomic Implications of Migration at the Bank of Canada.

2020-21: Firm Location and Economic Geography Workshop at HEC; CEPPII-LISER-OECD Conference, CURE (Discussant).

2013-20: TCD/LSE/CEPR Workshop in Development Economics; Workshop on Labour mobility and Migration at the Bank of Italy; Hitotsubashi Conference on International Trade & FDI; VIII Workshop on Structural Transformation and Macroeconomic Dynamics, CEPR – ESSLE; NBER Economic Consequences of Trade (spring ITI Program Meeting); CEPR – ERWIT, LSE; UEA meetings, Columbia University; CEPR/IZA – Annual Symposium in Labor Economics; NBER Summer Institute – International Trade and Investment; NBER Summer Institute – Labor Studies; Workshop on International Economic Networks, University of Vienna; III Workshop on Immigration, Health, and Well-being, UPF; CEPR – CURE; Bank of Italy – CEPR workshop on labor economics; Spanish Simposio; V Workshop on Urban Economics, UB – IEB; SED; Conference in Honor of Donald Davis, Columbia University; CEPR – CURE

(participant), CEPR – Economic Policy Panel Meeting; CEPR – ECB Labour Market Workshop; Urban Economic Association, Minneapolis; Spanish Simposio; 2nd Research Workshop Banco de España – CEMFI; First Catalan Economic Society Conference (CESC); 8th Trade, Integration, and Growth Network Conference – Montevideo; 10th International Conference on Migration and Development, Clermont-Ferrand; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum – Migration; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum – Advances in Empirical Labor Economics; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum – Geography, Trade, and Growth; NBER Summer Institute – Real Estate; IV Workshop on Urban Economics, UB – IEB; CEPR/IZA – ESSLE; CEPR – CURE (discussant); EIIT – Purdue University; ETSG – Université Paris 1; Banque de France “Labor market: Institutions and Reforms”; Spanish Simposio; Urban Economic Association, Washington DC; ERID – Duke (invitation, presentation by co-author); 6th Trade, Integration, and Growth Network Conference – UCLA; RMET – FREIT; Ryerson University – Canadian Economic Association; National AREUEA, Washington DC; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum – Migration; Global Challenges, Bocconi – Cattolica – U. Milan – U. Milan-Bicocca – Politecnico; EALE/SoLE, Montreal; UC Louvain – Workshop on Labor Mobility, the Housing Market and Labor Market Outcomes; MOOD 2013, EIEF; Migration: Global Development, New Frontiers, CReAM, UCL; Applied Econ JMP Conference, Penn State University.

Selected Referee Activity

American Economic Review, Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of the European Economic Association, Review of Economics and Statistics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Economic Journal, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Public Economics, International Economic Review, Journal of International Economics, ERC, and NSF.

Conference – Workshop organization

Member of the Scientific Committee Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía. Universidad de Salamanca, December 2023.

Area coordinator for the Econometrics Society European Meeting (Empirical Economics), Milan, Italy, 22-26 August 2022.

Program Committee member for the Society of Labor Economics Meetings, Minneapolis, May 2022.

Area coordinator for the Econometrics Society European Meeting (Empirical Economics), Copenhagen, Denmark, 23-27 August 2021

Program Committee member of the 10th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association

Program Committee member of the 13th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association

Program Committee member of the 9th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association

Program Committee member Barcelona Summer Forum, Migration.

Students

Includes PhD students and Postdocs for whom I have written a letter of recommendation. *Indicates that I am the main advisor. In parenthesis, first placement.

Milan Quentel (Carlos III), Ana Moreno-Maldonado (CUNEF, now at Mannheim), András Jagadits* (Analysis Group), Christoph Albert (Collegio Carlo Alberto), Flavio Hafner (School of Business at Aalto University, Post-doc).

Teaching Experience

Fall 2021, Mini course on Labor Economics, Princeton University
Fall 2021, Mini course on Migration Economics, the University of Luxembourg
Fall 2020, Data Analysis, UPF.
Spring 2019 – Fall 2021, Graduate Labor Economics, UPF and BSE.
Fall 2016, Winter 2018, Graduate Labor Economics, CEMFI.
Spring 2016, Graduate Microeconomics, Sciences Po, School of Public Affairs.
Fall 2015, Graduate Urban public policy evaluation, joint LSE – Sciences Po Degree in Urban Policy.
Fall 2014 and 2015, Graduate Microeconomics: Public economics and public policy evaluation, PhD program, Sciences Po, Economics Department.

Service

2022: Student prize jury at the UEA 16th meeting
2018: Student prize jury at the UEA 13th meeting
2017: Member of the Recruiting Committee
2016: Member of the Scientific Council of Sciences Po
2015: Member of the Recruiting Committee