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RESEARCH FIELDS

Economic Geography, Urban Economics, Housing Economics

EDUCATION

Sciences Po

PhD, Economics; Advisor: Pierre-Philippe Combes, Clara Santamaria (September 2025 -)

Princeton University

MPA Economics & Public Policy (May 2025)

University of California, Berkeley

B.A. Political Economy; Magna Cum Laude (May 2019)

PUBLICATIONS

1. Stefanova, S., Bandarkar, S., & Yotov, Y. V. (2025). [A reassessment of the impact of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development on international trade](#). *Applied Economics*, 1–18.

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. "The Economics of *Abundance*" with [Max Buchholz](#) and [Tahir de Noronha](#) (City & Regional Planning, University of California, Berkeley)
2. "Housing Instability and High School Completion" with [Peter Hepburn](#) ([Eviction Lab](#), Princeton University)
3. "Corporate Residential Transactions and Socioeconomic Change: Evidence from the Rural South" with [Carl Gershenson](#) ([Eviction Lab](#), Princeton University)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

l'Union sociale pour l'habitat, Economic and Financial Studies

Affiliated Researcher (November 2023 -)

The Eviction Lab

Affiliated Researcher (October 2025 -)

Graduate Researcher (August 2023 - October 2025)

OECD, Directorate Employment, Labour, & Social Affairs

Graduate Intern (May 2024 - August 2024)

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

2025 - 2026: Urban and Spatial PhD Workshop (CREST), Urban & Public Economics Workshop on Housing (ISEG)

TEACHING

1. Econometrics and mathematical statistics for policy evaluation, Graduate Grader (Fall 2025)
Prof Clément de Chaisemartin, Sciences Po (Collège Universitaire)

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

1. The Economics of Rent-Stabilized Housing Production in New York City. [The Architect's Newspaper](#). Winter Issue 2026.
2. [The Rise of Institutional Investors in the U.S. Rental Housing Market](#). Journal of Public & International Affairs (Princeton University). July 2025.
3. Designing policies to end homelessness: [The OECD Toolkit to Combat Homelessness](#). December 2024. (with OECD ELS Social Policy team)

AWARDS & INVITED TALKS

- \$185,000, SPIA Fellowship, Princeton University (covering full tuition & living stipend)
- Invited Talk: Financialization & the University, Panteion University Athens, April 2025.
- Moderator: Equity Unfinished. Students & Alumni of Color Association, Princeton University, March 2025.
- Panelist: Beyond the Ballot. Students & Alumni of Color Association, Princeton University, November 2024
- Invited Talk: Property Technology in NYC Apartments, Landlord Research Mapping Collective, October 2024
- \$10,900 Graduate Summer Research Funding, Princeton University, Summer 2024
- Invited Talk: The New Politics of Housing and Social Movements. Urban Hosts, Berlin, March 2023
- Co-facilitator: Housing Activist Film Workshop in Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin & European Action Coalition's Housing Action Days, Co-produced film shorts with Bloque Latinoamericano Berlin, March 2023
- \$2,000, Alumni Leadership Award, U.C. Berkeley, 2018-2019
- "[7 College Activists Fighting Food and Housing Insecurity on College Campus](#)" *Teen Vogue*. November 2018.
- Nomination to Order of the Golden Bear Fellow, U.C. Berkeley, April 2018.
- Henry A. Wallace Public Scholarship Fellow (formerly Next Leaders), Institute for Policy Studies, Summer 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Via Transportation

Strategy Associate (September 2021 – February 2023)

Deloitte, Government & Public Service

Strategy Consultant (September. 2019 – September 2021)

SKILLS

Programming: R, Stata, Python, LaTeX, QGIS

Language: English (native), French (native), Spanish (intermediate)