

# CLARE BALBONI

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## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS:**

2019-                Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Economics  
                         3M Career Development Assistant Professor of Environmental Economics

## **AFFILIATIONS:**

Faculty Research Fellow, NBER  
Faculty Affiliate, BREAD  
Faculty Affiliate, MIT Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research  
Associate Scholar, Harvard Environmental Economics Program  
Council Member, MIT Energy Initiative  
Research Fellow, Centre for Economic Research in Pakistan

## **EDUCATION:**

2019                PhD Economics, London School of Economics  
2014                MRes Economics, London School of Economics (Distinction)  
2009                MA International & Development Economics, Yale University (Honours)  
2007                BA (Hons) Natural Sciences, Cambridge University (1st Class)

## **FIELDS OF INTEREST:**

Environmental Economics, Trade, Development Economics

## **RESEARCH PAPERS:**

"In Harm's Way? Infrastructure Investments and the Persistence of Coastal Cities"  
*Revise & Resubmit (second round), American Economic Review*

"The Origins and Control of Forest Fires in the Tropics"  
with Robin Burgess & Benjamin Olken  
*Revise & Resubmit, Review of Economic Studies*

"The Economics of Tropical Deforestation"  
with Aaron Berman, Robin Burgess, & Ben Olken  
*Prepared for the Annual Review of Economics*

"Why do People Stay Poor?"  
with Oriana Bandiera, Robin Burgess, Maitreesh Ghatak & Anton Heil  
*The Quarterly Journal of Economics, 137(2), 785-844, 2022*

"Cycles of Fire? Politics and Forest Burning in Indonesia"  
with Robin Burgess, Anton Heil, Jonathan Old & Benjamin Olken  
*AEA Papers and Proceedings, vol. 111, pp. 415-19, 2021*

"Could Gentrification Stop the Poor from Benefiting from Urban Improvements?"  
with Gharad Bryan, Melanie Morten & Bilal Siddiqi  
*AEA Papers & Proceedings, vol. 111, pp. 532-37, 2021*

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“Firm adaptation in production networks: evidence from extreme weather events in Pakistan”  
with Johannes Boehm & Mazhar Waseem

“Transportation, Gentrification, and Urban Mobility: The Inequality Effects of Place-Based Policies”  
with Gharad Bryan, Melanie Morten & Bilal Siddiqi

### **HONORS, GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:**

2022 Asian Development Bank/ International Economic Association Innovative Policy Research Award  
2021 STEG Larger Research Grant (with J. Boehm & M. Waseem)  
2020 PEDL Exploratory Research Grant (with J. Boehm)  
2020 John Hicks Prize for an Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation, London School of Economics  
2019 Review of Economic Studies Tour  
2018 Conservation International PhD Student Grant  
2017 Stanford Institute for Innovation in Developing Countries (with G. Bryan, M. Morten & B. Siddiqi)  
2016 3ie Development Priority Window (with G. Bryan, M. Morten & B. Siddiqi)  
2012-2016 Economic & Social Research Council PhD Studentship  
2016 Research funding from the Global Research Program on Spatial Development of Cities, funded by the World Bank Multi Donor Trust Fund on Sustainable Urbanization and UK DfID

### **RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD:**

2014-2019 Research Assistant to Professor Robin Burgess  
2016-2017 Teaching Fellow, London School of Economics  
2015 Research Assistant to Professor Lord Nicholas Stern  
2015 Research Assistant to Professor Balazs Szentes  
2009-2012 Economist, Development Finance, Climate & Energy Team, HM Treasury  
2009 Research Intern, UK National Commission for UNESCO  
2008-2009 Research Intern, United Nations Development Programme  
2007-2008 Strategy Consultant, Accenture Development Partnerships & Strategy Practice

### **PRESENTATIONS (\* scheduled):**

2023 London School of Economics\*, CREI\*, Online Spatial and Urban Seminar Series\*, LMU Munich\*, Oxford\*

2022 UBC, University of Chicago Energy Policy Institute, Georgetown, Duke, Oxford, Yale, Aix-Marseille School of Economics, Paris School of Economics\*, Toulouse School of Economics\*, Warwick\*, Queen Mary University of London\*

2021 ASSA Annual Meetings, Southern Methodist University, UCSB, University of Zurich, NBER Summer Institute (Development), George Washington University, Berkeley/Harvard/Yale Energy and Climate Seminar, UCL

2020 ASSA Annual Meetings, NBER Summer Institute (Development), Princeton, CEPR-DFID, Boston College, Duke/ North Carolina State/ UNC Chapel Hill Resource and Environmental Economics Seminar, UCSD, Arizona State University, Boston University, Berkeley/Harvard/Yale Energy and Climate Seminar, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

2019 Yale, Northwestern, Chicago, Chicago Booth, MIT, Columbia, Columbia GSB, University of Pennsylvania, Wharton Real Estate, Wharton Business Economics & Public Policy, Warwick, Imperial College Business School, UCL, Pompeu Fabra, European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, University of Edinburgh, KU Leuven, Sciences Po, NBER Summer Institute (EEE, Urban), Harvard, Dartmouth, Penn State, University of Arizona, Brown, Toulouse

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Pre-2019 Nottingham, Institute for Fiscal Studies, NEUDC Cornell, Oxford, LSE, Trinity College Dublin, World Bank Impact Evaluation Workshop, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Conference on Urban and Regional Economics, NEUDC MIT, Université libre de Bruxelles

### **TEACHING:**

MIT:

2020-2022 Graduate Environmental Economics

2021 Undergraduate Environmental Economics

LSE:

2016-2017 Teaching Fellow for Development Economics MPA Course

2015-2016 Graduate Teaching Assistant for Development Economics Summer School Course

2014-2015 Graduate Teaching Assistant for Principles of Econometrics Undergraduate Course

2015-2018 Executive MPA/MPP Teaching Assistant (Development Economics, Empirical Methods)

Teaching Awards:

2015: Awarded LSE Class Teacher Award, Nominated for LSE Students' Union Teaching Excellence Award

### **ADVISING:**

Current PhD Student Advisees: Abigail Ostriker, Kelsey Larson, Henry Zhang

Placement of RAs: Helen Gu (MS Data Science & Statistics, Stanford), Dexin Li (PhD Economics, Princeton)

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**

Referee service: American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, Econometrica, Economica, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies

Scientific committee, Conference on Urban and Regional Economics, 2022

Scientific committee, CEPR/IFS/UCL/BREAD/TCD Workshop in Development Economics, 2022

Scientific committee, North American meeting of the Urban Economics Association, 2019, 2020

Scientific committee, Urban Economics Association PhD Student Workshop in Urban Economics, 2020

Co-chair (with Robin Burgess, Tim Dobermann, Pol Simpson, John van Reenen), LSE Environment Week, 2022

Co-organizer (with Jing Li), MIT Environmental and Energy Economics Seminar, 2020-2022

Co-organizer (with Fabian Eckert), Quantitative Spatial Economics Junior Workshop, Princeton, 2020

Co-organizer (with Fabian Eckert, Caitlin Gorback, Chris Severen), Online Spatial and Urban Seminar, 2020

Co-organizer (with Donald Davis, Fabian Eckert, Kurt Schmidheiny, Daniel Sturm, Matthew Turner), Urban Economics Association Lectures on Urban Economics, 2020