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Academic Positions

2022– Assistant Professor of Economics and International Affairs, George Washington University
Parental Leave: *Fall 2023, Fall 2025*
2021–2022 Research Fellow, Department of Economics, London Business School

Affiliations

2025– Research Affiliate, International Growth Centre
2022– Affiliated Faculty, Institute for International Economic Policy, George Washington University
2021– Associate, Centre for Economic Performance, London School of Economics
2020– Affiliated Researcher, Wheeler Institute for Business and Development, London Business School

Education

2016–2021 PhD Economic Geography, London School of Economics
2013–2014 MA (Doctoral Stream) Economics, University of Toronto
2008–2013 BSc (Honours) Economics and Environmental Science, University of Toronto

Publications

[Illuminating the Global South,](#)

Chiovelli G., Michalopoulos S., Papaioannou E., and T. Regan, *Economic Journal*, forthcoming.

[Ask a local: Improving the public pricing of land titles in urban Tanzania,](#)

Manara M. and T. Regan, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 107 (1):188–203, 2025.

[Unbundling tenure security and demand for property rights: Evidence from urban Tanzania,](#)

Manara M. and T. Regan, *Urban Studies*, 61(11), 2080–2098, 2024.

[No Inventor Is an Island: Social Connectedness and the Geography of Knowledge Flows in the US,](#)

Diemer A. and T. Regan, *Research Policy*, 51(2), article 104416, 2022.

[Planning Ahead for Better Neighborhoods: Long Run Evidence from Tanzania,](#)

Michaels G., D. Nigmatulina, F. Rauch, T. Regan, N. Baruah, and A. Dahlstrand, *Journal of Political Economy*, 129(7), pp. 2112–2156, 2021.

[Building the city: from slums to a modern metropolis,](#)

Henderson J.V., T. Regan, and A. Venables, *Review of Economic Studies*, 88(3), pp. 1157–1192, 2021.

[Life in a slum: understanding living conditions in Nairobi's slums across time and space,](#)

Bird J., P. Montebruno, and T. Regan, *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 33(3), pp. 496–520, 2017.

[Building functional cities,](#)

Henderson J.V., A. Venables, T. Regan, and I. Samsonov, *Science*, 352(6288), pp. 946–947, 2016.

Research (PI or co-PI) and Event Grants

2025 IGC, *In-situ rehousing in Kigali* (£39,927), with Juliana Oliveira-Cunha and Martina Manara
2025 GWU USS, *Data Science and Urban Governance* (\$3,990)
2024 GWU USS, *Data Science and Urban Governance* (\$4,000)

2024	IHS, <i>Sustainable Cities workshop series</i> (\$5,000)
2024	IGC, <i>Progressive tax rate bands and the state of property tax in Kampala</i> (£10,043)
2023	IHS, <i>Thriving Cities workshop series</i> (\$7,000), with Remi Jedwab
2023	IGC, <i>Spatial Construction Dynamics in Sites and Services Projects</i> (£69,963), with Vernon Henderson, Martina Manara, Guy Michaels, and Francisco Libano-Monteiro
2021	IGC, <i>Zoning laws and land value capture: Evidence from Rwanda</i> (£7,950), with Paul Brimble, Guy Michaels, and Matthew Sharp
2021	Wheeler Institute, <i>Improving the Effectiveness of Formal Housing Delivery in Tanzania</i> (£20,000), with Vernon Henderson, Martina Manara, and Guy Michaels
2021	IGC, <i>Exploring interactions between national and local government taxes</i> (£4,800), with Priya Manwaring
2020	IGC, <i>Public Reporting and Property Tax Compliance</i> (£65,000), with Priya Manwaring
2020	IDS, <i>Public Reporting and Property Tax Compliance</i> (£27,000), with Priya Manwaring
2019	IGC, <i>Valuation models for property tax</i> (£8,852), with Priya Manwaring
2019	IGC, <i>Public Reporting and Property Tax Compliance in Kampala</i> (£6,300), with Priya Manwaring
2018	IGC, <i>Leveraging Informal Institutions</i> (£19,491), with Martina Manara

External Presentations

Invited Seminars († planned)

2025	University of Maryland AREC, HEC Lausanne.
2024	George Mason University Schar School, William & Mary, Syracuse University.
2023	University Pennsylvania Wharton, Institute for Fiscal Studies TaxDev.
2022	George Washington University, York University, University of Bristol.
2021	Paris Sorbonne, Nanyang Technological University, University Montevideo, University Toronto Munk School.

Conferences & Other (* discussant only, † planned, ‡ guest lecture)

2026	ASSA Conference.
2025	World Bank Land Conference, National Tax Association, NEUDC, Wharton [‡] , GWU Women's Leadership Program GEB [‡] .
2024	16th Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (CURE), Harvard Cities and Development workshop, World Bank Land Conference, AREUEA National Conference, 11 th WADES, 18 th North American Meeting of the UEA, ASSA Conference*, JHU Cities and Development*, William & Mary [‡] , GWU Women's Leadership Program GEB [‡] .
2023	15 th SIDEW at the Atlanta Fed, WB-GWU Urban Public Finance and Governance workshop, 10 th WADES, William & Mary [‡] , AREUEA National Conference*, ASSA Conference*.
2022	World Bank Climate Change and Cities Workshop*.
2021	6 th Zurich Conference on Public Finance in Developing Countries, IGC-DevLab@Duke cities workshop (faculty coach).
2020	Virtual meeting of the UEA.
2019	WEHIA at City University London, UREW at Universidad Javeriana.
2018	IDE-JETRO School, London School of Economics-NHH Conference.
2017	SERC Conference, IGC Making Cities Work, UEA Summer School, CEGA Geo4Dev Symposium.
2016	Land and Poverty Conference at the World Bank.
2015	Spatial Development of African Cities Workshop at the World Bank.

Professional Activities

Service to the Profession

2025	Program committee member, AREUEA National Meeting.
2024–	Program committee member, North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association.
2024	Scientific committee member, 16th Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (CURE).

Referee Service

Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Review, Review of Economic Studies, AEJ: Applied Eco-

nomics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Urban Economics, Regional Science & Urban Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Econometrics, World Development.

University Service at GWU and ESIA

- 2023– Co-organiser, Urbanization and Development Conference, hosted by; World Bank (2023, 2024), City of Cape Town (2025).
- 2023– Co-founder and organiser, Livable and Sustainable Cities Workshop Series, GWU ESIA and World Bank GP-URL.
- 2023– Co-organiser, Washington Area Development Economics Symposium, hosted by; GWU-ESIA (2023), Georgetown (2024).
- 2022– Chair, Organisation of the ESIA Dean's Seminar of African Economies.
- 2022– Co-organiser, Trade and Development Seminar, GWU Economics and IIEP.

PhD Advising

Jingwen Zheng (committee, 2026), Bozhen Liu (committee, 2023).

Teaching Experience

Course Instructor at George Washington University

- 2024– ECON8351 Development Economics I (PhD)
- 2022– ECON2151 Economic Development (undergraduate)

Workshop Instructor at London Business School

- 2022–2024 GIS for Quantitative Spatial Data Analysis (Open course)
- 2021 GIS Methods in Business Research (PhD)
- 2021 Geospatial Analytics for Business (MBA)

Teaching Assistant (GTA) at London School of Economics

- 2019–2020 GY210 The Economics of Cities (undergraduate)
- 2018 GY209 The Economic Geography of Trade, Production and Development (undergraduate)
- 2018 GY499 Dissertation Methods Surgeries (graduate)
- 2017–2018 GY201 Urban and Spatial Economic Analysis I (undergraduate)

Honors, Scholarships & Fellowships

- 2025 LSE Impact Prize for Outstanding Research Culture
- 2019 David Jones Prize for inter-cluster research, Department of Geography and Environment, LSE
- 2016 PhD Studentship, LSE
- 2013 Doctoral Stream Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Toronto
- 2012 T-Holder's Academic Excellence Award, University of Toronto
- 2010 Bronze T Award - Varsity Water Polo, University of Toronto
- 2008 Cmolik Foundation Scholarship

Previous Positions & Consulting

- 2019–2020 Data Science Consultant, Beekin
- 2014–2016 Research Assistant, Centre for Economic Performance, LSE
- 2012–2014 Research Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Toronto
- 2011–2012 Analyst, Environment Canada