

# Diana Van Patten

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## Fields

International Trade, Macroeconomic Development, Political Economy, Economic History

## Appointments

### **Yale University**

Assistant Professor of Economics, School of Management, 2021-  
Faculty Affiliate, Economic Growth Center, Department of Economics, 2021-  
Research Affiliate, Cowles Foundation for Research in Economics, 2021-

### **Princeton University**

IES Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Economics, 2020-21

## Education

### **University of California, Los Angeles**

Ph.D. in Economics, 2020  
M.A. in Economics, 2015

### **Universidad de Costa Rica**

B.Sc. in Economics (honors), 2013

## Visiting Positions

**Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance**, *Visiting Scholar*, June 2022

**Harvard University**, Academy for International and Area Studies, *Elected Academy Scholar*, 2020-24

**Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis**, OIGI, *Visiting Scholar*, Summer 2020

**Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta**, Research Department, *Visiting Scholar*, Summer 2019

**Dartmouth College**, Department of Economics, *International Economics Fellow*, Winter 2019

**Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis**, *AEA Research Fellow*, July - September 2018

**Federal Reserve Bank of Saint Louis**, Research Department, *Visiting Scholar*, June 2018

## Other Research Experience

**Central Bank of Costa Rica**, Research Department, *Research Affiliate*, 2013-

**The World Bank**, *Short-Term Consultant*, 2018-19

*Transport and ICT Global Practice Unit*

*Urban and Disaster Risk Management Unit*

### **Research Assistance**

*Lee Ohanian*; Fall 2016, Winter 2016, Summer 2016, Summer 2017, Winter 2018

*Pablo Fajgelbaum*; Fall 2017, Fall 2018

## Working Papers

**“Multinationals, Monopsony and Local Development: Evidence from the United Fruit Company”** with Esteban Méndez-Chacón. *Revise and resubmit at Econometrica*

**“International Technology Diffusion: Accounting for Differences in Learning Abilities”**

**“The International Consequences of Bretton Woods: Capital Controls and the Value of Geopolitical Stability”** with Lee Ohanian, Paulina Restrepo-Echavarría and Mark Wright

**“Economic Gains and Losses from Integrating Road Transport Networks”** with Matías Herrera Dappe and Mathilde Lebrand

## Work in Progress

**“Voting on a Trade Agreement: Firm Networks and Attitudes Towards Openness”** with Esteban Méndez-Chacón

**“Strategic Complementarities in a Dynamic Model of Technology Adoption”** with Fernando Álvarez, David Argente, and Esteban Méndez-Chacón

**“Enrooted Corporate Culture: The Long-Run Impact of Exposure to Multinationals on Local Trade Policy and Political Identity”** with Esteban Méndez-Chacón

## Professional Activities

### **Conferences and Presentations** (including scheduled)

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| 2022    | ASSA Annual Meetings, London School of Economics, UC Berkeley Haas, University of British Columbia, CEMFI, Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance  |
| 2021    | Princeton University, UC Berkeley, UC Berkeley ARE, University of Southern California, Harvard University (Economic History), Harvard University/MIT (Development), Southern Methodist University, Yale University, UBC Sauder, University College London, The World Bank and International Monetary Fund, Society for Economic Dynamics, LACEA-LAMES, University of Notre Dame, NBER Economics and Politics of Mega-Firms, University of Melbourne, Washington State University, Arizona State University, GEP/CEPR Summer Trade Workshop, Central Bank of Costa Rica, US Census Bureau’s Center for Economic Studies, Harvard University (Political Economy), Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, NBER Economics of Transportation in the 21st Century, Development Rookiefest (Northwestern)  |
| 2020    | Columbia Business School, New York University, NYU Stern, Dartmouth College, Tuck School of Business, Yale University, Yale SOM, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, University of Minnesota, Boston University, Duke University, Fuqua School of Business, Hoover Institute at Stanford, Quantitative Spatial Economics Workshop, XIV Foro de Inv. de Bancos Centrales del CMCA, Latin American Network in Economic History and Political Economy, Dynamic Trade Institute’s Virtual International Trade and Macro Seminar, NBER Summer Institute (International Trade & Investment), Pennsylvania State University, Virtual Economic History Seminar, UC San Diego, UC Berkeley, Brown University, North East Universities Development Consortium, Stanford University, Harvard Cities and Development Workshop, Workshop on International Economic Networks, Harvard University/MIT Workshop (Trade) |
| 2019-18 | Dartmouth College, UCLA, Workshop on Macroeconomic Dynamics, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Economic History Association Meetings (poster), Federal Reserve Bank of   |

Minneapolis, EEA Meetings, UCLA, University of Minnesota, Banco Central de Costa Rica

### **Conference Organization**

Co-organizer, Cowles Trade Summer Conference, 2022  
Program Committee, Society for Economic Dynamics Meeting, 2022  
Co-organizer, RIDGE Workshop “Towards Sustained Growth,” 2021  
Program Committee, North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, 2021  
Co-organizer, Quantitative Spatial Economics Junior Workshop, 2021  
Co-organizer, RIDGE Workshop “Towards Sustained Growth,” 2020  
Scientific Committee, PhD Student Workshop in Urban Economics, 2020

**Referee** Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Econometrica, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of International Economics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of Urban Economics

### Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

STEG Large Research Grant (Principal Investigator), 2021  
Economics of Transportation in the 21st Century Award, NBER & Department of Transportation, 2021  
Fellow, Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings, 2020-2022  
Best Student Seminar Award, Macroeconomics Workshop, UCLA, 2019-2020  
Dissertation Year Fellowship, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2019  
International Economics Fellowship, Dartmouth College, 2019  
Best Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2019  
Summer Economics Fellowship, American Economic Association and NSF, 2018  
Best Student Seminar Award, International Trade and Development Workshop, UCLA, 2017-2018  
Teaching Assistant Fellowship, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2015-2019  
Best Annual GPA of the Department of Economics, Universidad de Costa Rica, 2011-2012  
3rd highest mark, national higher educ. standardized tests, Ministry of Public Educ., Costa Rica, 2008

### Teaching Experience

#### **University of California, Los Angeles**

##### *Instructor*

Math Camp for Economics Graduate Students; Summer 2016, Summer 2017  
Principles of Macroeconomics; Summer 2017  
Intermediate Microeconomics; Spring 2018

##### *Graduate Teaching Assistant*

Macroeconomics (Prof. Lee Ohanian); Fall 2016, Fall 2018  
Macroeconomic Implications of Globalization (Prof. Ariel Burstein); Spring 2017

##### *Undergraduate Teaching Assistant*

Principles of Microeconomics; Fall 2017, Winter 2017, Spring 2019  
Principles of Macroeconomics; Spring 2016, Winter 2018

#### **Universidad de Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica**

*Teaching Assistant*, Spring 2011 - Spring 2013

### Other

**Languages:** English (fluent), Spanish (native)

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