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## Appointments

2024-25	Visiting Scholar Department of Sociology Berkeley Economy and Society Initiative	UC Berkeley, USA
2022-25	Urban Studies Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellow School of Geography and the Environment	University of Oxford, UK
2021-22	Research Associate in Finance and Geography ERC Project <a href="#">Cities in Global Financial Networks</a> School of Geography and the Environment	University of Oxford, UK
2017-2021	Lecturer Department of Geography	Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, FR

## Education

2020	PHD in Geography, <i>summa cum laude</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advisors: Pr Myriam Houssay-Holzschuch and Pr Renaud Le Goix.</li><li>• Committee: Dr Fauveaud, Dr Desiree Fields, Pr Marianne Morange, Pr Sophie de Ruffray.</li><li>• Dissertation: <i>A city to sell. Digitalization and financialization of the housing market in Cape Town: stratification and segregation in the emerging global city.</i></li></ul>	University Grenoble Alpes, FR
2013	AGRÉGATION in geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Competitive examination for the highest teaching degree in France.</li><li>• Rank: placed 1<sup>st</sup> nation-wide.</li></ul>	Ministry of Education, FR
2012	MA in Geography and Planning, <i>first class honors</i> STUDENT FELLOW - Élève normalien (2008-2014)	École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, FR
2006-2008	CLASSES PRÉPARATOIRES AUX GRANDES ÉCOLES Preparatory School in Humanities and Social Sciences	Lycée Henri-IV, Paris, FR

## Publications

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2024	Migozzi, J. (2024) "The good, the bad and the tenant: Rental platforms renewing racial capitalism in the post-apartheid housing market", <i>Environment and Planning D: Society and Space</i> , 42(4), 534-558. Migozzi, J., Urban, M. & Wójcik, D. (2024) "You should do what India does: FinTech ecosystems in India reshaping the geography of finance", <i>Geoforum</i> , vol 151.	
2023	Migozzi, J. (2024) "Is Apartheid Still Inscribed in South Africa's Spatial Reality?", <i>Pouvoirs</i> , 191, 73-94. Migozzi, J. (2023) "Digital Technology and the City: New Forms of Urban Segregation in Cape Town?", <i>Metropolitics</i> . Migozzi, J., Urban, M. & Wójcik, D. (2023) "Urban geographies of financial convergence: situating Indian financial centres across global production and financial networks", <i>Economic Geography</i> , 99(5), 499-525	

- 2022 Migozzi, J. (2022) "Ville et numérique : vers un renouveau de la ségrégation urbaine au Cap ?", *Métropolitiques*.
- 2020 Migozzi, J. (2020) "Selecting Spaces, Classifying People: The Financialization of Housing in the South African City", *Housing Policy Debate*, 30(4), 640-660.
- Le Goix, R., Casanova Enault L., Bonneval L., Le Corre T., Benites-Gambirazio E., Boulay G., Kutz W., Aveline-Dubach N., **Migozzi J.** & Ysebaert R. (2020) "Housing (In)Equity and the Spatial Dynamics of Homeownership in France: A Research Agenda", *Tijdschrift voor economische en sociale geografie*, 112(1), 62-80.
- 2019 Le Goix, R., Giraud, T., Cura, R., Le Corre, T. & **Migozzi, J.** (2019) "Who sells to whom in the suburbs? Home price inflation and the dynamics of sellers and buyers in the metropolitan region of Paris, 1996–2012", *PloS one*, 14(3).
- 2017 Prinsen, G., Lafoy, Y. & **Migozzi, J.** (2017) "Showcasing the sovereignty of non-self-governing islands: New Caledonia", *Asia Pacific Viewpoint*, 58, 331–346.
- 2012 Migozzi, J. (2012) "L'école des Springboks : le rugby scolaire au Cap entre ségrégation et déségrégation", *M@ppemonde*.
- 2010 Migozzi J. (2010) "Le rugby en Afrique du Sud face au défi de transformation : jeu de pouvoir, outil de développement et force symbolique", *Les Cahiers d'Outre-Mer*, 250, 253-274.

#### BOOK

- 2024 Wójcik D., Iliopoulos P., Ioannou S., Keenan L., **Migozzi J.**, Monteath T., Pažitka V., Torrance M., Urban M., Cheshire J. & Uberti O., *Atlas of Finance*, Yale University Press.  
Website: <https://atlasoffinance.com/>  
Translation: Dutch, French, Greek, Polish, Slovak, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Taipei, Thai, Vietnamese.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2025 Migozzi, J., "Follow the data: computing the algorithmic periphery with credit scores and property values", in Datta A. & Hoefsloot F. (eds.), *Informational Peripheries: Rethinking the urban in a digital age*, UCL Press. [forthcoming].
- 2024 Migozzi, J., "Le township"; "Le stade", in Bussi M., Drozd M. & Argounès F. (eds.), *Nos Lieux communs*, Editions Fayard.
- 2022 Migozzi, J. "L'investissement immobilier à l'heure du numérique : création d'un marché locatif et renouvellement des inégalités urbaines au Cap", in Drozd M. & Souami T. (eds.) *Financement de l'aménagement urbain*, Éditions du Moniteur.
- 2018 Migozzi J., Shaban A. & Soares Gonçalves R., "Urban national parks and housing markets in emerging cities: places of exclusiveness, places of opportunities", in Landy F. (ed.), *Whose Naturbanity? Urban National Parks in emerging cities*, Springer: New Delhi.
- 2012 Migozzi J., "Le quartier Tuband", in Bonvallet J., Gay J.-C. & Habert E. (eds.), *Atlas de la Nouvelle-Calédonie*, Marseille-Nouméa, IRD-Congrès de la Nouvelle-Calédonie.

#### SHORTER PEER-REVIEWED CONTRIBUTIONS (FORUM/SYMPOSIUM/EXCHANGE/COMMENTARY)

- Migozzi, J., (2025) "From the subprime to the premium, from California to fascism?" Forthcoming in *Journal of Cultural Economy*.
- Migozzi, J. (2024) "Maps, Apps and Race: The Market as a Theoretical Machine", *Tijdschrift voor economische en sociale geografie*, 115(3), 346-352.

#### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- Migozzi, J., "Scoring high, paying up, gating in: middle-class formation and asset inequalities under digital capitalism in South Africa". Accepted with minor revisions at *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*.

- Fields, D. & Migozzi, J., "Captive freedom: financial subjectivities, and real estate assets under the platform logic". Submitted to *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*.
- Migozzi, J. & Wójcik D., "FinTech in global financial networks: the changing geography of financial centers in Africa". Submitted to *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*.
- Abella D., Martínez JH., Mazzoli M., Migozzi J., Le Corre T., Alonso-Paulí E., Crespí-Cladera R., Louail T., Ramasco J., "Exploring the spatial segmentation of housing markets from online listings." Major revisions at *EPJ Data Science*.

#### PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 2024 "L'Afrique du Sud : sortir des townships ?", *Cultures Monde*, série "Crises du logement", France Culture. Main national radio station in France.
- 2023 Migozzi, J., "La coupe du monde de 1995 et la transformation du rugby sud-africain", Public conference at the Musée d'Aquitaine, Bordeaux.
- 2023 Migozzi, J., "Mapping the 2023 Rugby World Cup: Rugby, a global game?", *Personal blog*.
- 2023 Migozzi, J., "Géographie du XV de France: Les Bleus, une équipe du monde entier", *Personal blog*.
- 2022 Migozzi, J., "Apartheid by Algorithm", *Logic*, Issue 17.
- 2022 "Interview with Julien Migozzi, recipient of the 2021 PhD dissertation award", *Diagonal*, vol 215.
- 2019 Migozzi, J., "When real estate financialization filters people out", *ideas4development*.
- 2019 Migozzi, J., "'L'Afrique du Sud : le rugby, un sport de blancs ?", *L'Histoire*, n°85.

### Other Professional Experiences

- 2014-2017 *Teaching Assistant* University Grenoble Alpes  
Department of Geography and Urban Planning
- 2011 *Research Assistant* Victoria University of Wellington  
Marsden Fund Project "The inverse sovereignty effect: The new aid agenda in Pacific Island States"

### Awards and Honours

- 2024 Nominated for the Early Career Keynote Lecture by the Economic Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers.
- 2022 Gold Standard Host Award, Internship Office, University of Oxford.
- 2021 *Winner*, Doctoral Prize in Urban Studies. Prize jointly awarded by the Secretariat of Urbanism, Planning and Architecture (PUCA), the Ministry of Ecology Transition, the Ministry of Territorial Cohesion and Relations with Local Authorities, the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, the Ministry of Culture, and the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations.
- 2021 *Winner*, Prize for the Best Dissertation in Geography, French National Committee of Geography.
- 2021 *Special Mention of the Jury*, Humanities and Social Sciences Dissertation Prize, PSL University.

### Grants & Fellowships

- 2024 *Summer Institute in Economic Geography* (fully funded, highly competitive summer school for early-career researchers in economic geography), Singapore.
- 2021 *Urban Studies Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellowship* (£180,000) for "Real estate platforms and racial capitalism in post-apartheid South Africa".
- 2021 *Research grant*, Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations (€3,000).
- 2021 *Research grant*, French National Committee of Geography (€1,000).
- 2020 *Teaching grant*, ENS-PSL University (€20,000).
- 2019 *Research Grant*, International Emerging Action for "Modeling Housing markets dynamics thanks to emerging and heterogeneous data Sources", with T. Louail, CNRS (€18,000).
- 2018 *Research Grant*, Russell Sage Foundation (\$1,500).
- 2018

- 2017 *Summer Institute in Computational Social Science* (fully funded, highly competitive summer school for early-career researchers in social data science), Duke University.
- 2014 *Fieldwork Grant*, French Research Institute of South Africa (€1,000).
- 2008 *National Doctoral Fellowship*, Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (€65,000).
- Student Fellowship*, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon (€65,000).

## Talks and Presentations

- 2024 - "Recoding racial capitalism: platforming the post-apartheid housing market", Colloquia Series, Department of Geography, UC Berkeley, October 30<sup>th</sup>. *Invited speaker*.
- "PropTech is RentTech: (re)coding housing into an asset class", Workshop *The Data Politics of Housing and Planning*, Maynooth University, Ireland, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Invited speaker*.
- "(Re)coding housing inequalities: uploading the post-apartheid city into property portals", RGS-IBG Annual International Conference, London, August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- "Situating African FinTech in Global Financial Networks", with Dariusz Wójcik, RGS-IBG Annual International Conference, London, August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- "Building real estate platforms under financial subordination: (re)coding housing to create value from post-apartheid Cape Town", Seminar "Capitalization and the Start-Up Economy", University of Lausanne, 21<sup>st</sup>.
- "Segregation "bit by bit": digital technologies reshaping inequalities in the post-apartheid housing market", Southern Centre for Inequality Studies, Johannesburg, University of the Witwatersrand, April 24<sup>th</sup>. *Invited speaker*.
- 2023 - "Uploading racial capitalism: credit scoring and "segregation 2.0" in South Africa", 2023 Colloquium: Data Practices and Digital Social Worlds, *Big Data & Society*, November 9<sup>th</sup>. *Invited speaker*.
- "Old wine in new bottles?' the emerging geographies of real estate data and property technology", RGS-IBG Annual International Conference, Session organized with Prof Thomas Wainwright (Royal Holloway University of London), August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- "Segregation "bit by bit": digital technologies, housing market and the remaking of post-apartheid Cape Town", African Center for Cities, University of Cape Town, April 19<sup>th</sup>. *Invited speaker*.
- "The good, the bad, and the data: Credit scoring and the remaking of the post-apartheid city", *HUMA interdisciplinary research seminars-Ataya*, University of Cape Town, April 6<sup>th</sup>. *Invited speaker*.
- "Regional futures 2: The politics of digitalisation-as-urbanisation in the global south", Panelist, *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographer*, Denver, March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie's lecture by Pr Desiree Fields, Discussant, *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographer*, Denver, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- "Global real estate networks and the securitization of townships: the global assembling of mortgage-backed securities in South Africa", *Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographer*, Session "Spatial histories of real estate data", Denver, March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 2022 - "The good, the bad, and the data: Credit scoring, real estate investments and the remaking of the post-apartheid city", *Africa's Urban Futures International Conference*, University of Geneva, September 15-16<sup>th</sup>. *Invited speaker*.
- "The good, the bad, and the data: Real estate technologies, corporate landlords and the remaking of the post-apartheid city", *Global Conference in Economic Geography*, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Dublin.
- "Digital Transformations in Global Land, Housing, and Property", Social Science Matrix, UC Berkeley, April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- "Looking for India's capital: mapping the FinTech ecosystem across Indian cities", with Dariusz Wójcik, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Session *The emerging spaces of FinTech*, New York.
- 2021 - "Good tenant, bad area: credit scoring and housing segregation in Cape Town", KU Leuven, March 10<sup>th</sup>. *Invited speaker*.
- 2020 - "The financialization of housing and urban segregation in South Africa", LATTs, University Gustave Eiffel, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. *Invited speaker*.
- 2019

- "Why real-estate matters in spatially analyzing inequalities of wealth and assets. Interpreting Inequalities Induced by Price Inflation in France", 21<sup>st</sup> European Colloquium on Theoretical and Quantitative Geography, September 6<sup>th</sup>, Luxembourg.
- 2018 - "Housing finance, credit scoring and social stratification in Cape Town metropolitan area", Institute for Housing & Development Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam. *Invited speaker*.
- "Rentals are back in town: financialization of housing and the rise of corporate landlordism in South Africa", Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Session *The Political Economy of Renting*, New Orleans.
- 2017 - "The financialization of the housing market and the remaking of the South African class structure", *Real-Estate-Finance Complex Seminar*, September 20<sup>th</sup>, KU Leuven.
- "The financialization of the housing market: the making of the South African middle classes", *Conference RC21*, session *Reconstructing the real estate-finance link: Housing financialization after the crisis*, Leeds.
- "The filtering mechanisms of the property market and the remaking of the South African class structure", Conference *Experimenting the city/Experiencing the city*, May 18<sup>th</sup>, University of the Witwatersrand.
- 2016 - "Property market and social change in Cape Town: mapping and conceptualizing the urban middle class in South Africa", Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Session *Middle-class cities in the Global South*, San Francisco.

## Teaching

I have taught a total of 820 hours at undergraduate and graduate levels. I briefly describe each course.

### OXFORD UNIVERSITY (2021-)

Guest lectures:

- Credit scoring and the remaking of the post-apartheid city, Department of Urban and Regional Studies, Politecnico di Torino, November 19<sup>th</sup> 2024.
- "Quantitative methods to study housing inequalities", Cornell Architecture Art and Planning, October 29<sup>th</sup> 2024.
- "Rental platforms and housing inequalities in South Africa", Department of Geography, University of Washington, October 16<sup>th</sup> 2024.
- "The Atlas of Finance: mapping money across finance and the environment", W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation, University of Montana, October 10<sup>th</sup> 2024.
- "Platform capitalism and racial capitalism", Department of Geography, UC Berkeley, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024.
- "Towards a cashless, automated city? Urban governance in the era of the platform economy", MSc in Sustainable Urban Development, University of Oxford, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2023.

### Masterclass: Digital Technologies in the African city

I secured funding and organised in March 2023 a 10-day graduate masterclass in partnership with the Ecole Normale Supérieure and the African Center for Cities. The event brought together 20 selected students from Nigeria, France and South Africa to research how digital technologies transform cities, focusing on Cape Town, one of Africa's major tech hubs. The [program](#) featured guest lectures, collective workshops, site visits, and participant-led research projects. Guest speakers included leading local scholars and representatives from the tech industry.

### ECOLE NORMALE SUPÉRIEURE (2017-2021)

#### Quantification in social sciences: mapping and spatial analysis with R [graduate level]

Class for students enrolled in the MA "Quantitative Social Sciences" at the Department of Sociology. Each session involved a 50-minutes lecture, followed by one-hour lab session.

### **Introduction to urban studies: key concepts** [undergraduate level]

This class introduced 3<sup>rd</sup>-year students to the main theories in urban sociology and urban geography. Working in pair, students presented and discussed papers, before opening the discussion to the classroom, using questions submitted as prompts by the teacher.

### **Introduction to fieldwork: city-based research project**[undergraduate and graduate level]

Three-day fieldwork organised each year in a different city (Bordeaux, Grenoble, Marseille, Marne-La-Vallée *etc.*) My role involved determining a list of key research topics, reaching out to representatives from local governments and the private sector to prepare site visits, and organising accommodation and transport. Split in small groups, students undertook a research project for the rest of the semester. The final report was uploaded on the department's [website](#).

### **Advanced fieldwork: researching urban public spaces** [graduate level]

Elective course structured on in-depth fieldwork in Nigeria. This 10-day program was organized by the Ecole Normale Supérieure (France), the Universities of Lagos (Nigeria) and the French Institute for Research in Africa (Nigeria). Aside lecturing, I supervised student's fieldwork for their research projects.

### **Lectures in Human Geography** [graduate level]

Lectures for students who prepare the [agrégation](#), the most selective examination for the recruitment of high-school teachers and university lecturers in France.

### **Tutoring** [undergraduate and graduate levels]

I have tutored a total 12 students for the department of Geography. The tutor's role is to provide guidance on students' academic journey and professional projects, and support for their general well-being.

### **Introduction to statistics and mapping with R** [undergraduate level]

I created this course for students with a background in humanities and limited exposure to statistics and mapping. Using R, each session involved a 50-minute lecture, followed by a one-hour lab session. The evaluation involved weekly exercises and a final report based on two datasets and a series of questions.

### **Introduction to GIS** [undergraduate level]

This course introduced students to GIS. Each class involved a 50 minutes lecture and a one-hour lab session on QGIS, with the goal to develop student's autonomy in data collection and visualization for their fieldwork and master thesis.

## **INSTITUTE OF URBAN PLANNING AND ALPINE GEOGRAPHY, UNIVERSITY GRENOBLE ALPES (2014-2017)**

### **Urban geographies of globalisation** [undergraduate level]

Two-hour tutorials based on document analysis and student-led research projects. After two sessions of collective site visits, students chose a research topic and conducting autonomous fieldwork.

### **Initiatives for local economic development** [graduate level]

Through readings, lectures and field trips, students analyzed mainstream policies and alternative initiatives that promote local economic development in the city of Grenoble, featuring guest speakers and case studies from the Circular Economy, Community-Supported Agriculture Networks, or start-up incubators.

## Geographic Information Systems [undergraduate level]

Two-hour lab sessions on QGIS for 3<sup>rd</sup>-year students. The evaluation consisted in weekly assignments and a final exam.

### SUPERVISION

#### PhD students

- 2023 Voglino, Michela, "The digitalization of the housing market in Italy, Milan. Real estate portals, new technologies and access to housing.", PhD candidate in Urban Studies, University of Milano-Bicocca. Role: Discussant for the Formal Progression Review.

#### Master students

- 2022 Fuchs, Pascal, *Financialization of housing, social policy and inequality. A case study of South Africa*, University of Cape Town. Role: external examiner.
- 2021 Chantal, Anne-Claire, *Une autre géographie de l'Ovalie : explorer le développement de la pratique féminine du rugby en France*, University of Paris. Role: co-supervisor with Pr P. Pistre (University of Paris).
- 2020 Alami Badissi, Bilal, *Analyser l'impact de la plateformes du marché immobilier parisien: étude des pratiques des agents immobiliers dans le 14<sup>e</sup> arrondissement de Paris et Malakoff*, University Panthéon Sorbonne. Role: co-supervisor with Dr T. Louail (CNRS).
- 2020 Meyer, Apolline, *Mal-logés, délogés, relogés. Monographie d'un immeuble évacué rue d'Aubagne à Marseille (2018-2020)*, ENS-EHESS. Role: co-supervisor with Pr I. Coutant (CNRS).

#### Research internships

- 2021-2022 Micro-Internship Programme, Oxford University. I supervised a total of 25 students. Our team received the Gold Standard Host Award by the Internship Office.

## Professional service

### ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE

- 2019-2021 Head of Studies, Department of Geography, Ecole Normale Supérieure.
- 2019-2022 Jury at the entrance exam for preparatory classes, Department of Geography, Ecole Normale Supérieure.
- 2019-2021 PhD admissions committee, Department of Geography, Ecole Normale Supérieure.
- 2018-2020 Jury at the entrance exam for International Students, Department of Geography, Ecole Normale Supérieure.
- 2018-2020 Head of International Relations, Department of Geography, Ecole Normale Supérieure.

### REVIEWER

*African Geographical Review, Antipode, Competition and Change, City and Community, Cybergeo, Development and Change, EchoGéo, Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space, European Journal of Sociology, Finance and Space, Housing Policy Debate, Housing and Society, Housing Studies, International Sociology, Journal of Planning Literature, Journal of Cultural Economy, Justice Spatiale/Spatial Justice, Social Sciences, Tijdschrift voor economische en sociale geografie, Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers, The International Journal of Housing Policy, Urban Geography, Urban Studies.*

## Affiliations

*Visiting Scholar*, African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town (February-April 2023).  
*Associate Member*, St Peter's College, University of Oxford.  
*Research Associate*, UMR Géographie-Cités, CNRS, Paris.  
*Member*, Social Science Matrix Global Working Groups, UC Berkeley (2021-2022).  
*Early-Career Representative*, Global Network on Financial Geography (FinGeo).  
*Member*, American Association of Geographers.

## Skills

### SOFTWARE & PROGRAMMING

- R, QGIS, Shiny: advanced level
- GitHub: intermediate level
- Python: elementary level

### LANGUAGES

- French: native speaker
- English: advanced
- Italian, Spanish: elementary - intermediate

## References

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