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## Education

**PhD Human Geography**, University of Manchester, UK. 2016. Funded by Sustainable Consumption Institute and UK Economic and Social Research Council. European Network of Political Ecology Associate Fellow.

**MSc Development Planning, Building and Urban Design in Development** (Distinction) University College London, 2009. Commonwealth Scholar.

**BA Geography, Economics and International Development** (Great Distinction) McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 2001.

## Short biography

I am a human geographer specialising in housing financialisation and urban green inequalities as a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research Fellow at the Polytechnic of Turin's Interuniversity Department of Regional and Urban Studies and Planning (DIST). With a drive for making cities more socially just and sustainable, my work unpacks structural and lived urban (green/housing) injustices and how collective urban practices can generate more egalitarian alternatives.

According to Scopus, my h-index is 14 and I have 906 citations, built from a very strong publication record: 20 articles in international peer-reviewed journals (7 where I am sole or lead author), a book (University of Georgia Press, 2022) and 9 scientific book chapters. The widespread, international recognition of my work is evidenced through 19 invitations to speak at conferences, workshops and summer schools since 2016 and requests to participate in global research endeavours like the Housing Justice in Unequal Cities network (UCLA, USA). I am a cofounder and editorial collective member of the Radical Housing Journal since 2018, an international peer-reviewed journal publishing scholar-activist housing justice research and practice across the world.

Before starting my Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research Fellowship, I worked as a European and Spanish government funded post-doctoral researcher (2016-2022) on a European Research Council project studying urban green inequalities in European, American and Canadian cities, through quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis. As the Urban Housing and Justice studies coordinator at the UAB's Barcelona Lab for Environmental Justice and Sustainability, I coordinated and oversaw research on real estate development, urban greening and finance. My achievements were recognised and supported by Spanish government *Juan de la Cierva Formación* (2018-2020) and *Juan de la Cierva Incorporación* (2021-2023) fellowships. Finally, I have over fifteen years of experience working as a consultant in a sustainability workers cooperative, a researcher, teacher and project coordinator in Spain, Canada and internationally.

## Books

**García Lamarca, M.** *Non-Performing Loans, Non-Performing People: Life and Struggle with Mortgage Debt in Spain*. 2022. Athens, University of Georgia Press. (Forthcoming in Spanish with Bellaterra edicions in 2023)

Kotsila, P., Anguelovski, I., **García Lamarca, M.** and F. Sevloka. 2022. *Injustice in Urban Sustainability: Ten Core Drivers*. London: Routledge.

## Selected recent journal articles

**García-Lamarca, M.**, Anguelovski, I., Venner, K. 2022. Challenging the financial capture of urban greening. *Nature communications*, 13: 7132.

**García-Lamarca, M.**, Anguelovski, I., Cole, H.V.S., Connolly, J.J.T., Pérez-del-Pulgar, C., Shokry, G., Triguero-Mas, M. (2022). Urban green grabbing: Residential real estate developers discourse and practice in gentrifying Global North neighborhoods, *Geoforum*, 128: 1-10.

**García-Lamarca, M.** & Ullström, S. (2022) "Everyone wants this market to grow": The affective post-politics of municipal green bonds. *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Society*, 5 (1): 207-224.

Anguelovski, I., Connolly, J.J.T., Cole, H., **García-Lamarca, M.**, Triguero-Mas, M., Baró, F. et al. (2022). Green gentrification in European and North American Cities. *Nature Communications*, 13:3816.

**García-Lamarca, M.** (2021). Real Estate Crisis Resolution Regimes and Residential REITs: Emerging Socio-Spatial Impacts in Barcelona. *Housing Studies*, 36(9): 1407-1426.

**García-Lamarca, M.**, Anguelovski, I., Cole, H., Connolly, J., Argüelles, L., Baró, F., Loveless, S., Pérez del Pulgar, C., & Shokry, G. (2021). Urban green boosterism and city affordability: For whom is the 'branded' green city? *Urban Studies*, 58(1): 90-112.

Triguero-Mas, M., Anguelovski, I., **García-Lamarca, M.**, Argüelles, L., Pérez del Pulgar, C., Shokry, G., Connolly, JTT., Cole, H.V.S. (2021) Natural outdoor environments' health effects in gentrifying neighborhoods: disruptive green landscapes for underprivileged neighborhood residents. *Social Science & Medicine* 279, 113964.

## Competitive research funding and recognition

- María de Maetzu centre of excellence workshop funding about creating an international climate justice centre in Barcelona, from ICTA-UAB (2022). €3,000.
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellowship (2023-2025), Horizon Europe, European Commission, €188,590.
- Postdoctoral fellowship funding, *Juan de la Cierva Incorporación* (2022-2025), from the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, Government of Spain, €100,600.
- Co-PI, Antipode International Workshop Fund, Radical Housing Encounters workshop, *Radical Housing Journal* (2020-2021), £10,000.
- Postdoctoral fellowship funding, *Juan de la Cierva Formación* (2018-2021 – extra 8 months due to maternity leave and pandemic), from the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, Government of Spain, €52,600.
- Doctoral Fellowship Award, Economic and Social Research Council (ESCR) UK, North West Doctoral Training Centre funding (NWDTC) and Sustainable Consumption Institute Centre (SCI) PhD funding (2012-2016), £50,000 and tuition.
- Manchester Doctoral College Postgraduate Research Conference Fund (2015), £600.
- Best conference paper, Association of European Planning Schools (AESOP) YA conference (2014).
- University of Manchester Geography Conference support fund (2014), £1,000.
- First year PhD poster prize, School of Environment and Development (2013), £100.
- University of Manchester fieldwork bursary (2013), £600.
- Commonwealth Scholar (2008-2009), £30,000.