

# ROSER ALVAREZ KLEE

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## Research Interests

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China; Economic History and Development; Wellbeing and Inequality; Food and Demographic Crises; Anthropometrics

## Education

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University of Barcelona and University Carlos III | Spain

**PhD** in Economic History

*Nov. 2021*

University of Barcelona and OBS Business School | Spain

**MSc** in Executive Development and Leadership

*June 2019*

University of Barcelona, Autonomous University of Barcelona, University of Zaragoza | Spain

**MSc** in Economic History

*Sept. 2009*

University of The Incarnate Word | United States

**BA** in Political Science

*August 2006*

- Concentration: International Relations and Comparative Politics
- Minor: Economics and Communication Arts

## Teaching Experience

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**Universitat Oberta de Catalunya School of Social Science**

*Jan. 2023 – Current*

- Contemporary Economic History - Master's Degree
- Productive Revolutions - Master's Degree
- Research Methods - Undergrad

**Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona School of Economics and Business Administration**

*Sept. 2020 – Sept. 2025*

- Applied Economics in East Asia – Undergrad
- World Economic History – Undergrad

**Universitat Pompeu Fabra School of Economics and Business Administration**

*Sept. 2019 – Current*

- Economic and Business History – Undergrad
- Economic History – Undergrad

**Tecnocampus Mataró - UPF Higher Education Department of Social Science and Business**

*Jan. 2019 – July 2024*

- Innovation and Development in a Global Economy – Undergrad

**University of Barcelona School of Economics and Business Administration**

*Jan. 2013 – July 2023*

- World Economic History – Undergrad
- Economic and Business History - Undergrad
- Introduction to World History – Undergrad

## Research Positions and Fellowships

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### **CUNEF (Colegio Universitario de Estudios Financieros)**

Research Associate - K.I.T.F.E.M.  
(Knowledge and Innovation in, to and from  
Emerging Markets) Project  
*Jan. 2017 – Jan. 2020*

### **University of Barcelona**

Department of Economic History and  
Institutions  
Research Assistant Fellowship  
*May 2010 – August 2010*

### **United Way | United States**

Research Assistant  
*May 2006 – August 2006*

### **San Antonio City Hall | United States**

Economic Development Department  
Research Assistant  
*Jan. 2006 – May 2006*

## Research Stays

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- Jinan University, Guangzhou, China, Research Visitor - School of Management (May - Nov. 2018)
- Henan University, Kaifeng, China, Research Visitor - School of Economics (April 2017)
- The German Development Institute, Bonn, Germany, Research Visitor - Department of Sustainable Economics and Social Development (July 2016)
- Roskilde University, Roskilde, Denmark, Research Visitor - Department of Social Science and Business (Feb. -May 2016)
- Shanghai Academy of Social Science, Shanghai, China, Research Visitor (Sept. 2012 – May 2013)
- Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Shanghai, China, Research Visitor (March – April 2011)

## Member Of Research Projects

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- 'Dinámicas empresariales y variedades del capitalismo: industrialización, desindustrialización y resiliencia en el Mediterráneo noroccidental, 1889-2024 (MEDCAP-INDERE). IP: Tomás Fernández
- Cross-Regional and Multidimensional Interactions in China's Reform and Opening Up: 1968-1992 (CROSS-CHINA). Proyectos de Generación de Conocimiento 2023, Ministerio de Ciencia, Innovación y Universidades, PID2023-152947NB-I00. IP: Carles Brasó Broggi & Carles Prado-Fonts (ALTER Research Group, UOC. Jan. 2025 to Dec. 2027.
- Capitalismo mediterráneo?: Exitos y fracasos del desarrollo industrial en España, 1720-2020, 2018-2023, Ministry of Economics and Competitiveness of Spain - University of Barcelona, No. PGC2018-093896-B-I00, Dr. Jordi Catalan
- Knowledge and Innovation in, to and from Emerging Markets, 2018-2022, European Union Horizon 2020, No. 734447, Dr. Sylvia Rohlfer
- Research Group in Globalisation, Economic Inequality, and Public Policies in Historical Perspective, 2012-2016, Reference in Economics and Public Policies, Generalitat de Catalunya, Dr. Alfonso Herranz

- Economic History and Development (industry, business, and sustainability), 2012-2016, University of Barcelona, Dr. Carles Sudria
- Agrarian Sustainable System and Transitions in Social Metabolism: Inequality and Institutional Change in Spain, 2012-Present, Ministry of Economics and Competitiveness of Spain - University of Barcelona, Dr. Enric Tello

## Awards and Grants

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- HREC Research Grant (Collaborative Research Project), Holodomor Research and Education Consortium, Canada, (2022)
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE), European Union Horizon 2020, (2018)
- Mobility Grant for Researchers, Henan University, (2017)
- Research and Teaching Fellowship, University of Barcelona, (2016)
- Scholarship for International Students, Beijing Institute of Technology, (2012)
- International Scholarship for Ph.D. Candidates on Economics, International Forum of Public Universities (IFPU) and Nankai University, (2012)
- Assistant Fellowship, University of Barcelona, Department of Economic History and Institution (01/2008 - 12/2009)
- General Mobility Grant, University and Research Financial Aid Agency - Generalitat de Catalunya, (2009)
- Scholarship for International Students, University of Jinan, (2008)

## Publications

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- Alvarez-Klee, R. & Skubii, I. (2025). Spain, Spread of Socialism, and the Soviet Famines of the early 1930s: Towards a Global History of the Holodomor in Ukraine, in *The Holodomor in Global Perspective. How the Famine in Ukraine Shaped the World*. Edited by Daria Mattingly and John Vseteck, ibidem Press.
- Alvarez-Klee, R. & Ramon-Muñoz, R. (2024). Demographic crises during the Maoist period. A case study of the Great Flood of 1975 and the forgotten famine. *European Historical Economic Society Working Paper*, No. 269 (October 2024)
- Alvarez-Klee, R. (2022). Health System in Maoist China, in *The Business of Health. New Approaches to the Evolution of Health Systems in the World*, Pierre-Yves Donz and Paloma Fernandez Perez, Routledge
- Alvarez-Klee, R. (2019). China: The development of the health system during the Maoist period (1949-76), *Business History*, 61, 3, 518-537, 10.1080/00076791.2018.1480611
- Alvarez-Klee, R. (2015). China: State and Famines. A case study of Henan province (1978-2010), *Haciendo Historia Económica: nuevas investigaciones, nuevos investigadores*, Garrús-Irurrzun, J. and Rubio-Mondjar, J.A., Univ. de Granada

## Work in Progress

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- The decay of the Central Flower in China during the Guangxu Empire (1875-1908). Agriculture, natural disasters, and famine.
- The long-term health consequences of the humanitarian crisis in Henan Province, China (1949-78).
- Gender Inequality in Maoist China.
- Inequality in Maoist China. Evidence from Anthropometric measures.
- New evidence from the Great Flood of 1975 in Henan province, China. State and Coping Strategies.

## Book Reviews

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- Jessica Dijkman and Bas van Leeuwen (eds.). 'An economic history of famine resilience., *Investigaciones de Historia Económica*' – Economic History Research, May 2021
- Rosenthal, J. and Bin Wong, R., 'Before and Beyond Divergence: The Politics of Economic Change in China and Europe.', *Investigaciones de Historia Económica - Economic History Research*, 09, 03, Oct. 2013

## Referee For

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- Economics and Human Biology
- Investigaciones de Historia Económica
- Australian Economic History, AEHR Excellence in Refereeing Award for 2018-2019

## Congresses Seminars and Workshops

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- Economic History Seminar Series, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 11/17/25
- BSE Summer Forum, Barcelona School of Economics, 06/03-04/25
- Development Economics Workshop, University of Barcelona, 10/16-10/17/23
- Universitat Pompeu Fabra- EH Seminar Series, 06/26/23
- Round Table on the History and Future of Taiwan, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 04/20/23
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona - EH Seminar Series, 03/14/23
- The Holodomor in Global Perspective Conference, University of Cambridge, 09/28-09/29/22
- International Conference European Famines: between History and Memory (19th and 20th centuries), Universidad de Granada, 09/21-09/23/22
- XIII Congreso Internacional AEHE, University of Bilbao, 08/29-09/02/22
- Center of International History Studies - Seminar Series, University of Barcelona, 05/11/22
- Economic History Society Annual Conference, 04/06-04/09/21, Virtual Convention
- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Convention, 11/14-11/15/20, Virtual Convention
- Workshop 'measuring well-being', Utrecht University, 11/14-11/15/19
- Economic History Seminar Series, University Pompeu Fabra, 10/28/19
- European Workshop on Asian Economic History, University of Barcelona, 11/29-11/30/18
- International Workshop 'Forty years of Reforms in China's long XXth century of modernization', University of Leuven, 11/22-11/23/18
- Seminars in Economics Master Class, Jinan University, 10/10/18
- Sixth Asian Economic History Congress, Hong Kong University, 09/22/18
- Economic History Seminar, Lund University, 04/04/18
- Biweekly Seminar in Economics, Henan University, 05/02/17
- Workshop of Innovation and Business in the Healthcare Industries in the Twentieth Century, University of Barcelona, 11/29/16
- Fifth Asian Economic History Congress, Seoul National University, 09/02-09/03/16
- V Foro Español de Investigaciones Asia-Pacífico (FEIAP), Casa Asia Bcn, 06/28/16
- Health and Welfare in the long run Workshop, University of Groningen, 06/16-06/17/16
- Graduate Workshop of Economic and Social History, University of Oxford, 06/15/16
- International Meeting of Ph.D. Students and Researchers in Economic History and related Social Science, Universidad Carlos III, 05/12-05/13/16
- Climate Change Debates, Policies, and Economics: Vietnam and Beyond, Roskilde University, 05/03-05/04/16
- Globalization and Europeanization Research Group Seminar, Henan University, 04/20/16
- LSE Economic History Thesis Workshop, London School of Economics, 03/09/16
- Doctoral Seminars in Economic History, University in Barcelona, 05/26/16
- A historical approach to the 1975 flood in Henan province. A forgotten famine? 12/05/14
- Famine eradication in China? A discussion of the sources and the nutritional status in China and Henan province since the economic reforms (1978-2010), 06/20/13
- The economic and demographic impact of natural disasters in Henan province during the Guangxu Empire, 06/13/12
- The Incredible famine in Henan province (1876-79), 06/11/11
- China: State and Famines. A case study of Henan province in the long-run (1875-2000), 06/21/10
- I Foro de Doctorandos Nobeles en Historia Económica, University of Granada, 02/13/13
- European Social Science History Congress, Glasgow University, 04/11/12
- ESTER Research Design Group, Evora, Portugal, 10/10/11

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## Other Professional Positions and Tasks

- Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Adviser Undergrad Final Thesis, 2020-2021, 2022-23, 2025-2026

- Tecnocampus Mataró, Jury Undergrad Thesis 2020
- Institute for the International Education of Students, Spain, 2017-2019, Administration
- University of Barcelona, 2018, Organizer with Dr. Carles Brasso of European Workshop on Asian Economic History
- University of Barcelona, 2014-2015, Responsible for the organization of Ph.D. Seminars, Dept. Economic History and Institutions
- University of Barcelona, 2013-2015, Assistance in edition of articles, Revista de Historia Industrial
- University of Barcelona, 2009-2012, Responsible for building relations with Universities and Research Institutions in China, Vice rector International Relations Office
- University of Barcelona, 2009-2012, Administrative Assistance, Confucius Institute Barcelona Foundation
- University of Jinan, 2007-2008, English Lecturer – Faculty of Economics
- Presa Community Center, United States, 2006-2007, Community Liaison - Herff Elementary School
- Diarios Rumbo de San Antonio, United States, 2005, Journalism - Internship
- Typo Ribbon Inc., United States, 2003, Administration - Dept. of Logistics - Internship
- Mecanografica S.A., Guatemala, 2000-2002, Sales Assistant - Sales Department

## Other Attended Courses

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- Asian Economic History Workshop, University of Barcelona 2017
- Natural Disaster Research methods Course, Roskilde University 2016
- STATA Introduction Course, University of Barcelona
- Statistics Course, University of Barcelona 2015
- Natural Experiments in History Workshop, University of Barcelona
- How to write a paper? And a Research Proposal? Workshop, University of Barcelona
- How students learn: learning strategies Workshop, University of Barcelona 2014
- Doctoral Summer School on Financial Crisis and Economic Growth: Challenges and Strategies, Nankai University 2012
- Chinese Language and Culture Summer School, Beijing Institute of Technology 2012
- Chinese Language Course - Advanced, University of Barcelona 2010
- Chinese Language and Culture Program, University of Jinan 2007-2009
- Chinese Language and Culture and Economics, Jinan University 2005, International Exchange Program

## Languages

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**Catalan:** C1



Advanced (C1)

**Spanish:** C1



Advanced (C1)

**Chinese (Mandarin):** B1



Upper Intermediate (B1)

**English:** C1



Advanced (C1)

**German:** A2



Intermediate (A2)

## Computer Skills

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- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point)
- STATA
- LaTeX