

## **SERC Urban and Regional Economics Seminar Series**

### **2015-2016**

09 December 2016

Amenities and the social structure of cities

Speaker: Hans Koster (VU University of Amsterdam, SERC)

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02 December 2016

Housing allowance and rents: Evidence from a stepwise subsidy scheme

Speaker: Teemu Lyytikäinen (VATT/SERC)

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25 November 2016

Beauty in the Eye of the Home-Owner: Aesthetic Zoning and Residential Property Values

Speaker: Thies Lindenthal (Cambridge)

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18 November 2016

TBC

Speaker: Francois Cohen (University of Geneva)

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28 October 2016

TBC

Speaker: Chris Cunningham (Fed Atlanta)

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21 October 2016

TBC

Speaker: Guido De Blasio (Bank Italia)

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14 October 2016

Can Urban Renewal Policies Reverse Neighborhood Ethnic Dynamics

Speaker: Jordi Jofre-Monseny (University of Barcelona)

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Fri, 07 October 2016

TBC

Speaker: Luca Repetto (Uppsala)

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30 September 2016

House Price Capitalization, Taking Demand and Supply Seriously

Speaker: Raphael Parchet (Lugano)

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### **2014-2015**

29 May 2015

The Birth of Edge Cities in China: Measuring the Spillover Effects of Industrial Parks

Speaker: Matt Kahn (UCLA)

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08 May 2015

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Speaker: Antonio Bento (Cornell)

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20 March 2015

Regional policy evaluation: Interactive fixed effects and synthetic controls

Speaker: Laurent Gobillon (INED Paris)

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13 March 2015

Taking the Leap: The Determinants of Entrepreneurs Hiring their First Employee

Speaker: Rob Fairlie (UC Santa Cruz)

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06 March 2015

The persistence of local joblessness

Speaker: Michael Amior (CEP)

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27 February 2015

A New Look at the U.S. Foreclosure Crisis: Panel Data Evidence of Prime and Subprime Lending

Speaker: Fernando Ferreira (Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania)

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20 February 2015

Adjusting to Globalization - Evidence from Heterogeneous Worker-Establishment Matches in Germany

Speaker: Jens Suedekum (University of Dusseldorf)

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13 February 2015

Physician Concentration and Negotiated Prices: Evidence from State Law Changes

Speaker: Naomi Hausman (Hebrew University)

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06 February 2015

Foreign STEM workers and productivity in US cities - Joint International Economics and SERC Seminar

Speaker: Giovanni Peri (UC Davis)

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30 January 2015

JOB MARKET SEMINAR Cities in Bad Shape: Urban Geometry in India

Speaker: Mariaflavia Harari (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

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23 January 2015

JOB MARKET SEMINAR Mortgage Default with Positive Equity

Speaker: David Low (New York University)

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16 January 2015

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Speaker: Dragana Cvijanovic (University of North Carolina)

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12 December 2014

The Global Spatial Distribution of Population and Economic Activity: Effects from Nature, History, and Agglomeration

Speaker: Adam Storeygard (Tufts)

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05 December 2014

Geography, Ties, and Knowledge Flows: Evidence from citations in mathematics

Speaker: Keith Head (UBC, CEP)

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28 November 2014

Getting a First Job: Quality of the Labor Matching in French Cities

Speaker: Brahim Boualam (Geneva)

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21 November 2014

Measuring Living Standards across Space in the Developing World

Speaker: Doug Gollin (Oxford)

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07 November 2014

Income Taxes, Sorting, and the Costs of Housing: Evidence from Municipal Boundaries in Switzerland

Speaker: Maximilian Von Ehrlich (Bern)

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31 October 2014

From mine to coast: transport infrastructure and the direction of trade in developing countries

Speaker: Steve Poelhekke (VU Amsterdam)

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24 October 2014

Neighborhood Effects and the Decision of Women to Work

Speaker: Stuart Rosenthal (Syracuse U)

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17 October 2014

Peer effects in the adoption of formal property rights: experimental evidence from urban Tanzania

Speaker: Matthew Collin (Centre for Global Development)

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10 October 2014

Regulating vacancies away? The paradoxical effects of (mis)match in the housing market

Speaker: Paul Cheshire (SERC & LSE)

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## **2013-2014**

21 March 2014

Randomly in, Randomly out: unemployment effects of an unforeseen change in policy

Chiara Criscuolo (OECD)

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14 March 2014

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Coen Teulings (Cambridge University)

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07 March 2014

FDI connections: Wage and productivity effects

Dave Mare (MOTU & SERC)

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Friday 28 February 2014

Income in French Empowerment Zones: A Panel Data Approach

Sylvie Charlot (UMR-GAEL Applied Economics Laboratory, Grenoble)

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Friday 21 February 2014

Has climate change promoted urbanization in Sub-Saharan Africa?

J Vernon Henderson (LSE & SERC)

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Friday 14 February 2014

New estimates of the elasticity of substitution of land for capital

Gabriel Ahlfeldt (SERC & LSE)

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Friday 07 February 2014

The Contribution of Science to UK Productivity Growth

Jonathan Haskel (Imperial College London)

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Friday 31 January 2014

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Tom Kemeny (LSE)

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Friday 24 January 2014

Learning by working in big cities

Jorge de la Roca (NYU)

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Friday 17 January 2014

JM - Arrested development: theory and evidence of supply-side speculation in the housing market

Charlie Nathanson (Harvard)

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Friday 13 December 2013

Commuting and Search Strategies of Job Seekers

Etienne Wasmer (Sciences-Po)

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Friday 06 December 2013

Cultural Diversity, Cities and Innovation: Firm Effects or City Effects?

Neil Lee (LSE)

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Friday 29 November 2013

Do Governments Respond to Agglomeration Economies? Evidence from Regional Grants in Great Britain

Helen Simpson (Bristol University)

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Friday 22 November 2013

Foreign inventors in Europe and the US: Testing for Self-Selection and Diaspora Effects

Francesco Lissoni (Bordeaux)

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Friday 08 November 2013

City of Dreams

Diego Puga (CEMFI)

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Friday 01 November 2013

Public Guarantees to SMEs Borrowing. An Evaluation

Guido De Blasio (Bank Italia)

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Friday 25 October 2013

How to make the metropolitan area work? Neither big government, nor laissez-faire.

Jacques Thisse (CORE UC Louvain, PSE & CEPR)

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Friday 18 October 2013

Land redistribution and industrialisation: Evidence from land reform in Italy

Marco Percoco (Bocconi)

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11 October 2013

Speculators and Middlemen: The Role of Intermediaries in the Housing Market

Patrick Bayer (Duke)

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## **2012-2013**

26 June 2013

JOINT WITH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS SEMINAR Local Economic Development, Agglomeration Economies, and the Big Push: 100 Years of Evidence from the Tennessee Valley Authority

Enrico Moretti (UC Berkeley)

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22 March 2013  
Tax Reform and Sprawl  
Tom Davidoff (Saudner School of Business, British Columbia)

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15 March 2013  
Joint SERC & Labour Seminar How Parents Influence the Wealth of Their Children  
Todd Sinai (Wharton School)

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08 March 2013, 11:30-13:00 -- JOINT LABOUR/SERC SEMINAR Workplace Heterogeneity and the Rise of West German Wage Inequality  
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Speaker: Pat Kline (UC Berkeley)

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01 March 2013  
Spatial Sorting  
Kurt Schmidheiny (University of Basel)

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22 February 2013  
Fiscal Equalization and Capitalisation: Evidence from policy reform  
Wouter Vermeulen (VU University & CPB)

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15 February 2013  
Quality, student satisfaction and university choice: Evidence from the Times Good University Guide and National Student Survey  
Steve Gibbons (CEP, SERC & LSE)

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08 February 2013  
Urban Escalators and Inter-Regional Elevators: Is geographic mobility the key to career progression, or just being in the right place (or the right sector)?  
Ian Gordon (LSE)

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01 February 2013  
That's what we paid for it the Spell of the Home Purchase Price through the Centuries  
Piet Eichholtz (Maastricht University)

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25 January 2013  
The effects of unemployment benefits on migration in lagging regions  
Jordi Jofre-Monseny (University of Barcelona)

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18 January 2013  
On the Spatial Economic Impact of Global Warming  
Klaus Desmet (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

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14 December 2012  
The Effects of Public Employment: Evidence from Bonn  
Sascha Becker (University of Warwick)

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07 December 2012  
A life aquatic: flood risk and the Dutch housing market  
Maarten Bosker (Erasmus University, Rotterdam)

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30 November 2012  
Entrepreneurship and Urban Growth: An Empirical Assessment with Historical Mines  
William Kerr (Harvard Business School)

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23 November 2012

New Media, Business, and Growth: European Cities After Gutenberg  
Jeremiah Dittmar (IAS, Princeton), joint with SERC Seminar

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16 November 2012

Asymmetric Agglomeration: Do All Industries Agglomerate for The Same Reasons?  
Olmo Silva (LSE, SERC & CEP), joint with Giulia Faggio

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02 November 2012

E-Lectons: Voting Behavior and the Internet  
Oliver Falck (CESifo-Munich)

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26 October 2012

Metropolitan Land Values and Housing Productivity  
David Albouy (Michigan)

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19 October 2012

Place-Based Programs and the Geographic Dispersion of Employment  
Matt Freedman (Cornell University)

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12 October 2012

Urban wage premium and the role of education: Identification of agglomeration effects in Norway  
Jorn Rattso (NTNU, Norway)

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## **2011-2012**

16 March 2012

Agglomeration and Racial Segregation in Workplace Networks  
Steve Ross (University of Connecticut)

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09 March 2012

The Size Distribution across all Cities: A Unifying Approach  
Jens Suedekum (University of Duisburg-Essen)

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02 March 2012

The Differential Effects of Trade Liberalisation on Large and Small Towns: Theory and Evidence  
Frédéric Robert-Nicoud (University of Geneva)

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24 February 2012

Upscale Neighbourhoods: Historic Amenities, Income and Spatial Sorting of Households  
Hans Koster (VU University of Amsterdam, SERC)

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17 February 2012

Stamp duty and household mobility: Regression discontinuity evidence from the UK  
Teemu Lytikainen (VATT/SERC)

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10 February 2012

Standard time and solar time: impacts on residential electricity consumption  
Felix Weinhardt (CEP & LSE)

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03 February 2012

On the Lumpiness of Space

Giordano Mion (CEP, SERC & LSE)

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27 January 2012 13:15 - 14:45

Do Households Use Homeownership to Insure themselves? Evidence across U.S. Cities

Jonathan Halket (Essex)

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20 January 2012

The Economics of Density: Evidence from the Berlin Wall

Daniel Sturm (CEP)

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18 January 2012

TBA

Klaus Desmet (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

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13 January 2012

The Location of the British Cotton Textiles Industry in 1838

Nicholas Craft (Warwick), joint with Niko Wolf (Humboldt University)

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09 December 2011

Net city: How co-invention networks shape inventive productivity in US cities

Stefano Breschi (Bocconi University)

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05 December 2011 14:00 - 15:30

Subprime Mortgages and the Housing Bubble

Jan Breuckner (UC Irvine)

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02 December 2011

Firms Size and Judicial Efficiency in Italy: Evidence from the Neighbour's Tribunal

Carlo Menon (Bank of Italy), joint with Silvia Giacomelli

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25 November 2011

Urban Transport Expansions, Employment Decentralization, and the Spatial Scope of Agglomeration Economies

Nate Baum-Snow (Brown University)

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18 November 2011

Coalition Formation and Political Decision Making: Evidence from Finnish Municipal Mergers

Tuukka Saarimaa (VATT & SERC), joint with Janne Tukiainen

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04 November 2011

Anatomy of the beginning of the housing boom: US Neighborhoods and Metropolitan areas, 1993-2009

Joe Gyourko (Wharton School UPenn)

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28 October 2011

Does regional infrastructure investment stimulate extra housing and commercial building supply? Long-run evidence across the English regions

Anupam Nanda (University of Reading)

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21 October 2011

Proximity in university-industry research collaborations

Simona Iammarino (LSE)

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14 October 2011

Agglomeration economies in academic research

Pierre-Philippe Combes (Aix-Marseille School of Economics), joint with Clément Bosquet

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07 October 2011

Using Incentives to Manage Growth: An Assessment of Maryland's Smart Growth Program  
Gerrit Knaap (University of Maryland & Visitor, University College Dublin)

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## **2010-2011**

25 March 2011

Cities and Worker Interactions

Guy Michaels (LSE & CEP), joint with Ferdinand Rauch and Stephen Redding

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18 March 2011

Agglomeration externalities in the Netherlands. Micro evidence from wages and land rents  
Henri de Groot (VU University of Amsterdam)

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11 March 2011

Coagglomeration

Will Strange (University of Toronto)

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04 March 2011

Mixed Urban Land Use

Jan Rouwendal (VU University of Amsterdam and Tinbergen Institute)

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25 February 2011

How Wages and Employment Adjust to Trade Liberalization: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Austria  
Marius Bruehlhart (University of Lausanne)

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18 February 2011

The Effect of Government Subsidies on Private R&D: Evidence from the ERDF Population-Density Rule  
Elias Einio (SERC & LSE)

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11 February 2011

Hedonic Prices and Implicit Markets: Consistently Estimating the Marginal Willingness to Pay for  
Differentiated Products without Instruments  
Chris Timmins (Duke University)

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04 February 2011

Regional systems of innovation and value chains: An empirical assessment of the investment strategies of  
multinational corporations in Europe  
Riccardo Crescenzi (LSE), joint with Carlo Pietrobelli (IADB) and Roberta Rabellotti (Univ Piemonte  
Orientale)

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28 January 2011

The geography of Housing Market Areas in England: new analyses  
Mike Coombes (Newcastle University)

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21 January 2011

The Costs of Agglomeration: Land Prices in French Cities

Laurent Gobillon (INED Paris), joint with Pierre-Philippe Combes (GREQAM, University of Aix-Marseille) and  
Gilles Duranton (University of Toronto)

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14 January 2011

Real Earnings Disparities in Britain



Steve Gibbons (CEP, SERC & LSE)

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10 December 2010

Entrepreneurial Sorting: Facts and Determinants (joint with G. Faggio)

Olmo Silva (LSE, SERC & CEP)

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03 December 2010

Speak your weight: endogenous structure of spatial dependence

Vassilis Monastiriotis (LSE)

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26 November 2010

Spatial Frictions

Kristian Behrens (UQAM)

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19 November 2010

Does Gibrat's Law hold for all times and in all places? A study of the growth of British Cities prior to 1913

Tim Leunig (LSE), joint with Alex Klein

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12 November 2010

Geo Concentration, Observational Equivalence and Industrial Agglomeration

Colin Wren (Newcastle University)

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05 November 2010

Choose the Neighbour before the House: Agglomeration Externalities in UK Science Parks

Christian Helmers (Oxford & LSE)

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29 October 2010

Relative Accessibility and Regional Growth

Dirk Stelder (University of Groningen)

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22 October 2010 11:30 - 13:00

JOINT LABOUR/SERC Seminar: Does Gender Matter for Political Leadership? The Case of U.S. Mayors

Fernando Ferreira (Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania)

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15 October 2010

Dwindling U.S. Internal Migration: Evidence of a Spatial Equilibrium?

Mark Partridge (Ohio State)

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08 October 2010

Are compact cities environmentally friendly?

Jacques Thisse (CORE UC Louvain, PSE & CEPR)

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## **2009-2010**

19 March 2010

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Christopher Stanton (Utah)

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12 March 2010

Spatial Asset Pricing: A First Step

Francois Ortalo-Magne (Wisconsin University)

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05 March 2010

The long shadow of history: European regions

Giordano Mion (CEP, SERC & LSE)

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26 February 2010

Supply constraints and house price dynamics

Wouter Vermeulen (VU University & CPB)

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19 February 2010

Tax competition among local governments: Evidence from property taxation in Finland

Teemu Lyytikäinen (VATT/SERC)

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12 February 2010

From Periphery to Core: Economic Adjustments to High Speed Rail

Gabriel Ahlfeldt (LSE)

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05 February 2010

Do Oil Windfalls Improve Standards? Evidence from Brazil

Guy Michaels (LSE & CEP)

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29 January 2010

Immigration, Offshoring and American Jobs

Gianmarco Ottaviano (Bocconi University)

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22 January 2010

Social Housing Magnets: the impact of social housing on immigrants' location in France

Gregory Verdugo (Banque de France)

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15 January 2010

How do regions diversify over time? The importance of industry relatedness in developing new growth paths in regions

Ron Boschma (University of Utrecht)

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11 December 2009 11:30 - 13:00

JOINT CEP LABOUR SEMINAR: Rethinking the area approach - immigrants and the labour market in California, 1960-2005

Giovanni Peri (University of California Davis)

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04 December 2009

The effect of immigration on ethnic composition and occupational reallocation

Todd Sorensen (UC Riverdale)

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27 November 2009

Knowledge flows through FDI: the case of privatisations in Central & Eastern Europe

Christian Fons-Rosen (UPF Barcelona & CEP)

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20 November 2009

Does hospital competition save lives? Evidence from the recent NHS choice reforms

Steve Gibbons (CEP, SERC & LSE)

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13 November 2009

Price and Transactions in the Dutch Housing Market

Peter Englund (Stockholm School of Economics)

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06 November 2009

Moving in to the projects: social housing neighbourhoods and school performance in England

Felix Weinhardt (CEP & LSE)

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30 October 2009 11:30 - 13:00

JOINT CEE EDUCATION SEMINAR - Separate When Equal? Racial Inequality and Residential Segregation

Robert McMillan (University of Toronto), joint with Patrick Bayer (Duke) and Hanming Fang (Pennsylvania)

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23 October 2009

Sequential city growth: Empirical evidence

David Cuberes (Clemson University & Royal Holloway)

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16 October 2009

The spatial selection of heterogeneous firms

Jacques Thisse (CORE UC Louvain, PSE & CEPR), joint with Toshihiro Okubo & Pierre M. Picard

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09 October 2009

The Long Run Impact of Subsidizing Commercial Space in Deprived Neighbourhoods

Matti Sarvimäki (SERC, LSE)

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## 2008-2009

20 March 2009

School or Work or Both? The Impact of the National Minimum Wage on the Activities of Young People

Patricia Rice (Oxford University & SERC)

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13 March 2009

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Erlend Berg (LSE) and Sanchari Roy (LSE)

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06 March 2009

Aid and Village Institutions: After the Tsunami in Aceh

J Vernon Henderson (Brown University)

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27 February 2009

Local economic conditions and the nature of new housing supply

Christian Hilber (LSE & SERC)

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20 February 2009

City region governance, policy variation and economic performance

Paul Steeples (CEP, SERC & LSE)

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13 February 2009

Is angular closeness and betweenness measuring spatial agglomeration, congestion?

Alain Chiaradia (Space Syntax)

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06 February 2009

Simulating spatial variations in wages and prices using the NEG

Bernard Fingleton (University of Strathclyde & SERC)

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30 January 2009

Survival of the fittest in cities: agglomeration, selection and polarisation

Frédéric Robert-Nicoud (University of Geneva & SERC), joint with Kristian Behrens

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23 January 2009

Why nice neighbourhoods cost more: the implications for cities, citizens and welfare

Paul Cheshire (SERC & LSE)

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16 January 2009

Firms' Location under Taste and Demand Heterogeneity

Pierre Picard (University of Luxembourg)

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12 December 2008

Geography of vacancies, demand pressure and structural unemployment in England

Ian Gordon (LSE)

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05 December 2008

New Economic Geography Meets Chinese Data: The Equilibrium Allocation of Economic Activity for China

Harry Garretsen (Utrecht University)

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28 November 2008

Railways and the Raj: The economic impact of transportation infrastructure

Dave Donaldson (MIT)

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14 November 2008

Spillover and backward linkage effects of FDI

Richard Harris (Glasgow University)

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07 November 2008

English Regional Housing Dynamics: Intra or Inter Regional Adjustment?

Geoff Meen (Reading University)

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31 October 2008

The escalator region hypothesis and the regional cities of England: a research agenda

Tony Champion (Newcastle University)

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24 October 2008

What Causes Spatial Variations in Economic Development in the United States?

JunJie Wu (Oregon State University & Cambridge)

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22 October 2008

JOINT SERC / INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS SEMINAR - Productivity, Quality and Exporting Behaviour under Minimum Quality Requirements

Juan Carlos Hallak (Michigan & San Andres)

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17 October 2008

Access, choice and participation in Higher Education

Steve Gibbons (CEP, SERC & LSE), joint with Anna Vignoles (IoE & CEE)

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10 October 2008

Infrastructure endowment and investment as determinants of regional growth in the European Union

Andres Rodriguez-Pose (LSE)

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## **2007-2008**

12 March 2008

Geographic proximity and firm-university innovation linkages

Helen Simpson (Bristol University)

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05 March 2008

Vacancy rates, demand-pressure and structural unemployment in English labour market areas

Ian Gordon (LSE)

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27 February 2008

Demographics, human capital and the demand for housing

Piet Eichholtz (Maastricht University), joint with Thies Lindenthal (Maastricht University)

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19 February 2008

Diversity, growth and stability in US metropolitan areas

Jurgen Essletzbichler (UCL)

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13 February 2008

Labour pooling as a source of agglomeration: an empirical investigation

Diego Puga (CEMFI)

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14 March 2007

Housing market dynamics and regional migration in Britain

John Muellbauer (Oxford University)

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28 February 2007

Spatial Growth and industry age

Klaus Desmet (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

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21 February 2007

Urbanisation

Guy Michaels (LSE & CEP), joint with Steve Redding

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31 January 2007

Industrial location: a harmonisation of two natures

Pierre Picard (University of Luxembourg)

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