

Neil Lee

Current Position

2013 - **Lecturer in Economic Geography**
Department of Geography and Environment, London School of Economics

Academic

2007/11 **PhD Economic Geography, London School of Economics**
Papers on innovation, diversity and urban inequality
ESRC Quota Award for Advanced Quantitative Methods
Supervisor: Andrés Rodríguez-Pose
Awarded without corrections, May 2011

2009 **Visiting Scholar, Technological Change Lab, Columbia University**

2006/7 **MSc Human Geography Research, London School of Economics**
Awarded with distinction
Economic geography cluster
ESRC Quota Award for Advanced Quantitative Methods

2004/5 **MSc Local Economic Development, London School of Economics**
Awarded with distinction
School scholarship award

1999/02 **BSc Geography, University College London**
First class

Other Education

2008 Micro-econometrics Summer School, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics
2008 Associate Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education, LSE
2008 ESRC Longitudinal Studies Programme, University of Sterling
2007 EU Urban Studies Fellowship, Bauhaus University Weimar
2005 BHPS using STATA, University of Essex
2002 Geographical Certificate, Utrecht University

Teaching / Lecturing

2011 *Independent research project.* Lectures in School of Business, Management and Economics, University of Sussex

2008/10 *GY350 Independent Research Project.* Supervision of undergraduate geography dissertations, LSE

2006/10 *GY100 Economy.* Seminars and occasional lectures on regional growth and inequality, cities and economic development, innovation, clusters and urban policy, LSE

2009/10 *LSE Choice Summer School.* Lectures on cities and unemployment, LSE

2007 *GY100 Society.* Seminar teaching on social geography and development, LSE

2006/7 *Departmental Teaching Prize.* Awarded for outstanding teaching performance, LSE

Employment

2011 – Head of Socio-Economic Research Centre, The Work Foundation

From 2011, I led the Socio-Economic Research Centre at The Work Foundation, a research centre which is part of Lancaster University and one of the most influential voices in UK policy. Clients included the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Trust for London, the Private Equity Foundation, Barclays Bank, NESTA, HEFCE, UK Trade and Investment, and the Department for Communities and Local Government. (Previously Senior Economist 2008 - 2011, Researcher, 2006 - 2008)

Previous employment

Consultant, Strategic Urban Futures, London, 2004 - 2005

Project Co-ordinator, Unipal, Lebanon, 2003 - 2004

Research Assistant, Demos, Jan - April 2003

Junior Researcher, Jill Shankleman Ltd (for World Bank), June - July 2002

Junior Researcher, Environmental Resource Management (ERM), October - April 1999

Publications

Journal articles (refereed)

Lee, N. and Rodriguez-Pose, A. (2013) "Creativity, cities and innovation" *Environment and Planning A*, forthcoming.

Cowling, M. & Lee, N. Do rural firms perceive different obstacles to growth? Evidence from UK SMEs." *Environment & Planning C: Government and Policy*, forthcoming.

Lee, N. (2013) "The creative industries and urban economic growth in the UK" *Environment and Planning A*, forthcoming.

Lee, N. & Rodríguez-Pose, A. (2013) "Innovation and spatial inequality in Europe and the United States" *Journal of Economic Geography*, 13 (1), 1- 22.

Nathan, M. & Lee, N. (2012) "Cultural diversity, innovation and entrepreneurship: Firm-level evidence from London" *Economic Geography*, forthcoming.

Lee, N. & Rodríguez-Pose, A. (2013) "Original innovation, learnt innovation and cities: Evidence from UK SMEs" Accepted by *Urban Studies*, October 2012.

Hutton, W. & Lee, N. (2012) "The City and the cities: Finance, ownership and the geography of recession" *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*. DOI: 10.1093/cjres/rss018 [Editors' choice]

Lee, N. (2012) "Grim down south? The determinants of unemployment increases in British cities in the 2008-2009 recession" *Regional Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/00343404.2012.709609

Lee, N. & Cowling, M. (2012) "Place, sorting effects and SMEs in deprived areas: Different problems or different firms?" *International Small Business Journal*, DOI: 10.1177/0266242612445402.

Lee, N. & Drever, E. (2012) "Creative industries, creative occupations and innovation in London" *European Planning Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/09654313.2012.722969.

Lee, N. (2011) "Are innovative regions more unequal? Evidence from Europe" *Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy*, 29 (1), 2 – 23. [Editors' choice for best article]

Lee, N. (2011) "Ethnic diversity and employment growth in English cities" *Urban Studies*, 48 (2), 407–425.

Working Papers

Lee, N. & Rodríguez-Pose, A. (2012) "Creativity, cities and innovation", *NESTA Working Paper*, 13/10.

Lee, N. (2011) "Free to grow? Assessing the barriers faced by actual and potential high growth firms", *NESTA Working Paper*, 11/01.

Nathan, M. & Lee, N. (2011) "Does cultural diversity help innovation in cities? Evidence from London's firms", *Spatial Economics Research Centre, LSE*, Discussion Paper 69.

Journal articles (non-refereed)

Lee, N. (2010) "No city left behind? Urban policy after the recession", *Local Economy*, 25 (8), 607-611. Invited paper for special issue on industrial policy.

Lee, N. & Nathan, M. (2010) "Knowledge workers, cultural diversity and innovation: Evidence from London." *International Journal of Knowledge Based Development*, 1 (1): 53 – 78.

Lee, N. (2010) "Obama's Urban Policy" *Journal of Urban Regeneration and Renewal*, 3 (4), 349–356.

Chapters in edited books

Bakshi, H. Lee, N. and Mateos-Garcia, J. Forthcoming. "Capital of culture? An econometric analysis of the relationship between arts and cultural clusters, wages and the creative economy in English cities." In Rushton, M. *The New Economy of the Arts*, Brookings / NEA.

Lee, N. (2009) "The creative industries as a 'distinctiveness strategy'", in Ekchard, F. and Nystrom, L. (eds.) *Culture and the City*, Berlin: BWV.

Lee, N. (2009) "The New Economy", in Monck, R. and Fagan, H. (eds.) *The Encyclopaedia of Globalisation and Security*, Oxford: ABC – Clio, pp. 257-274.

Policy Reports (Selected)

Lee, N., Sameen, H. and Martin, L. (2013) *Credit and the crisis: Access to finance for innovative small firms after the recession*. Big Innovation Centre, London.

Sameen, H. & Lee, N. (2012) *An econometric analysis of the UKTI reputation in overseas markets survey*. London: Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

Cominetti, N., Crowley, L. & Lee, N. (2012) *The business of cities: The private sector, local enterprise partnerships and growth*. London: The Work Foundation.

Crowley, L., Balaram, B. & Lee, N. (2012) *People or place? Urban policy in an age of austerity*. London: The Work Foundation.

Lee, N., Sissons, P., Balaram, B., Cominetti, N. & Jones, K. (2012) *Short-term crisis - long-term problem? Addressing the youth employment challenge*. London: The Work Foundation.

Levy, C., Lee, N. & Peate, A. (2011) *Ready, steady, grow? How the government can support high growth firms*. London: The Work Foundation.

- Lee, N., Morris, K., Wright, J., Jones, A. & Brinkley, I. (2010) *No city left behind? The geography of the recovery and the implications for the coalition*. London: The Work Foundation.
- Jones, A., Clayton, N., Lee, N. & Wright, J. (2010) *Past Recessions: What can we learn for regeneration in the recovery?* Leeds: The Northern Way.
- Lee, N., Jones, A. & Morris, K. (2009) *Recession and Recovery: How cities can respond to the recession*. London: The Work Foundation / OECD.
- Lee, N., Schneider, P. & Brinkley, I. (2007) "R&D, ICT and Productivity" London: The Work Foundation.
- Brinkley, I. & Lee, N. (2007) "The Knowledge Economy in Europe" London: The Work Foundation.
- Jones, A., Coats, D., Williams, L., Lee, N. & O'Keeffe, A. (2006) *Enabling Cities in the Knowledge Economy*. London: Department for Communities and Local Government.
- Jones, A., Williams, L., Lee, N., Coats, D. & Cowling, M. (2006) *Ideopolis: Knowledge City Regions*. London: The Work Foundation.

Professional Service

Reviewer for *Economic Geography, Environment & Planning A, Regional Studies, Environment & Planning C: Government and Policy, Urban Studies, International Small Business Journal*.

Editorial Board: *Local Economy* (2010 – present)

Media impact

Includes Today Programme (Radio 4), World at One (Radio 5), Radio 5 Live, Radio 2, BBC1, BBC2, BBC News, BBC London, Sky News and ITV News. Research featured in publications such as the FT, The Economist, The Telegraph, Daily Mail, BBC News, The Independent, Atlantic Cities and The Guardian. Comment pieces include the Sunday Telegraph, Comment is Free, Research Fortnight, the New Statesman Economics blog and the Local Government Chronicle.