



Department of  
**Geography and  
Environment**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop of Early Career Women in Economic Geography and Spatial Economics\***

**16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

London School of Economics  
Graham Wallas Room (OLD Building)  
Houghton Street  
WC2A 2AE  
London

This two-day workshop aims to promote women-led research in the fields of Economic Geography and Spatial Economics. It is open to advanced PhD students, fellows, and postdoctoral scholars. Participants will have the opportunity to present their work, connect with peers, and receive valuable feedback from a faculty discussant.

Each presentation lasts 30 minutes and is followed by a 15-minute discussion. A faculty member leads the first 5-7 minutes of the discussion, after which the remaining time is dedicated to questions and comments from the audience.

**Organisers:** Sara Bagagli (LSE) and Elena Renzullo (LSE)

**Scientific Committee:** Sara Bagagli, Duygu Buyukyazici, Erica Pani, Elena Renzullo, Alexandra Sandu, Ana Varela-Varela

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**PROGRAMME**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

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- 09:30 - 10:00      Welcome, registration, and breakfast
- 10:00 - 11:30      **Session 1:**
- Sarah Meier** (ETH Zurich) - Forest conservation policy, additionality, and socio-environmental implications (*discussant: Ana Varela-Varela*)
- Julia Paul-Venturine** (University of Cologne) - Build at your own risk. Integrating natural hazards into land use regulations (*discussant: Marion Dumas*)
- 11:30 - 12:00      Coffee break
- 12 :00 - 13:00      **Keynote Lecture I**
- Camille Hémet** (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne & Paris School of Economics) - Neighbor Effects and Early Track Choices
- 13:00 - 14:30      Lunch in the [LSE Staff Dining Room](#) (by invite)
- 14:30 - 16:00      **Session 2:**
- Anna Kremer** (Thünen Institute in Germany) - Many names, many gains? How local diversity in Germany affects innovation (*discussant: Gabriele Cristelli*)
- Dimitria Freitas** (TUD Dresden University of Technology) - The Effect of Public Sector Relocations on Regional Development in Germany (*discussant: Henry Overman*)
- 16:00 - 16:30      Break



- 16:30 - 18:00      **Session 3:**
- Kenza Ellass** (CERGIC) - Gender Gaps in the Urban Wage Premium  
(*discussant: Felipe Carozzi*)
- Nina Glaeser** (Institute for Employment Research) - Skill Sorting,  
Gentrification, and the Labor Market (*discussant: Giorgio Pietrabissa*)
- 20:00 - 22:00      Dinner at [Brasserie Blanc \(Chancery Lane\)](#) (by invite)

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

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- 09:30 - 10:00      Breakfast
- 10:00 - 11:30      **Session 4:**
- Leonie Reher** (University of Göttingen) - Measuring drivers of innovation  
beyond R&D: The case of SMEs in lagging regions (*discussant: Andrés  
Rodríguez-Pose*)
- Ana Pastor** (Universitat Politècnica de València) - Catching the AI Wave:  
Spatial Epidemics in Firm-Level AI Adoption from LLM-Based Web Evidence  
(*discussant: Riccardo Crescenzi*)
- 11:30 - 12:00      Coffee break
- 12 :00 - 13:00      **Keynote Lecture I**
- Maryann P. Feldman** (Arizona State University) Corporate Strategy  
Externalities and Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Emergence
- 13:00 - 14:15      Light lunch (by invite)
- 14:15 - 15:45      **Session 5:**
- Sandra Kurniawati** (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences) -  
Quantifying the effects of commodity booms on regional and sectoral  
outcomes (*discussant: Vernon Henderson*)
- Chloé Beaudet** (Paris-Saclay Applied Economics) - The Dark Night Rises:  
the effect of switch-off policies on crime (*discussant: Giulia Faggio*)