

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## PERSONAL DETAILS

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Date of Birth: 13th October 1970

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## BIOG

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Henry Overman, BSc. (Bristol), Msc. (LSE), PhD. (LSE), AcSS, FRSA is Professor of Economic Geography in the department of Geography and Environment at the London School of Economics. From 2008 to 2013 he directed the BIS/ESRC/WG funded Spatial Economics Research Centre. From September 2013 he is director of the new BIS/CLG/ESRC What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth. His current research interests include the causes and consequences of spatial disparities and the impact of urban and regional policy. His research has been published in leading economics journals (The Review of Economics Studies and The Quarterly Journal of Economics) and leading economic geography journals (Environment and Planning and Journal of Economic Geography). He continues to publish in journals from both disciplines. He has provided policy advice to, amongst others, the European Commission, Department for International Development, Department for Business Innovation and Skills, Department for Communities and Local Government and the Department for Transport, HM Treasury, the Manchester Independent Economic Review, the North East Independent Economic Review and Cambridgeshire County Council. He is also affiliated with the Centre for Economic Performance and the Centre for Economic Policy Research.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### *Current Positions:*

Professor of Economic Geography, Dept of Geography and Environment (Aug 2009 on)

Director, What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth (Sept 2013 on)

### *Previous Positions:*

Director, Spatial Economics Research Centre (April 2008 to September 2013)

Reader, Department of Geography and Environment, LSE (Oct 2005- Aug 2009)

Lecturer, Department of Geography and Environment, LSE (Jan 1999 – Sept 2005).

Lecturer, Department of Economics (Sept 1998 – Jan 1999).

## EDUCATION

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04/2000      PhD Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).  
07/1995      MSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics (with distinction), LSE.  
07/1993      BSc Honours Economics with Statistics (1<sup>st</sup> class), Bristol University.

## MAJOR FIELDS OF INTEREST

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- Urban and regional economics
- Regional and urban policy
- Policy evaluation

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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### Journal articles

Helmers, C and H. G. Overman (2015) 'My precious! The location and diffusion of scientific research: evidence from the Synchrotron Diamond Light Source'. Forthcoming *Economic Journal*.

D'Costa, S and H. G. Overman (2014) The urban wage growth premium: sorting or learning? *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 48

Gibbons, S., M. Nathan and H. G. Overman (2014) Evaluating spatial policies. *Town Planning Review*, 85 (4)

Overman, H. G. (2014) Making an impact: misreading, misunderstanding, and misrepresenting research does nothing to improve the quality of public debate and policy making. *Environment and Planning A*, 46 (10)

Faggio, G. and H. G. Overman (2014) 'The effect of public sector employment on local labour markets' *Journal of Urban Economics*, 79(C): 91-107

Gibbons, S., H. G. Overman and P. Pelkonen (2014) 'The decomposition of variance into individual and group components with an application to area disparities' *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*. 76 (5)

Nathan, M and H. G. Overman (2013) Agglomeration, clusters, and industrial policy *Oxford Review of Economic Policy* 29 (2): 383-404.

Gibbons, S. and H. G. Overman (2012) 'Mostly Pointless Spatial Econometrics'. *Journal of Regional Science* 52(2), pages 172-191.

Duranton, G., L. Gobillon and H. G. Overman (2011) 'Assessing the effects of local taxation using microgeographic data'. *Economic Journal*, 121(Sept), pages 1017-1046.

Overman, H. G. and L. A. Winters (2011) 'Trade Shocks and the Location of UK Manufacturing'. *The Manchester School*, 79(5) pages 994-1017.

- Overman, H. G., P. Rice and A. J. Venables (2010) 'Economic Linkages Across Space'. *Regional Studies*, 44(1), pages 17-33.
- Overman, H. G. (2010) 'Gis a job: What use Geographical Information Systems in Spatial Economics'. *Journal of Regional Science*, 50(1), pages 165-180.
- Overman, H. G., D. Puga and M. Turner (2008) 'Decomposing the Growth in Residential Land in the United States'. *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 38 (5), pp. 487-497.
- Overman, H. G. and T. Leunig (2008) 'Spatial Patterns of Development and the British Housing Market'. *Oxford Review of Economic Policy* 24 (1), pp. 59-78.
- Ioannides, Y., H. G. Overman, E. Rossi-Hansberg and K. Schmidheiny (2008) 'The effect of Information and Communication Technologies on Urban Structure'. *Economic Policy* 54, pp. 201-242.
- Eid, J., H. G. Overman, D. Puga and M. Turner (2008) 'Fat City: The Relationship between Obesity and Urban Sprawl'. *Journal of Urban Economics* 63 (2), pp. 385-404.
- Duranton, G. and H. G. Overman (2008) 'Exploring the Detailed Location Patterns of UK Manufacturing Industries using Microgeographic Data'. *Journal of Regional Science* 48 (1), pp. 213-243.
- M. Burchfield, H.G. Overman, D. Puga and M. Turner (2006) 'The Determinants of Urban Sprawl: A Portrait from Space'. *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 121(2), pp. 587-633.
- Duranton, G. and H. G. Overman (2005) 'Testing for Localisation Using Micro Geographic Data'. *The Review of Economic Studies* 72(4), pp. 1077-1106.
- Combes, P. P., G. Duranton and H. G. Overman (2005) 'Agglomeration and the Adjustment of the Spatial Economy'. *Papers in Regional Science* 84 (3), pp. 311-349.
- Overman, H. G and L. A. Winters (2005) 'The Port Geography of UK International Trade'. *Environment and Planning A* 37, pp. 1751-1768.
- Overman, H. G. (2004) 'Can we Learn Anything from Economic Geography (proper)?' *Journal of Economic Geography* 4 (5), pp. 501-516.
- Ioannides, Y. and H. G. Overman (2004) 'The Spatial Evolution of the U.S. Urban System'. *Journal of Economic Geography* 4 (2), pp. 131-156.
- Midelfart, K. H., H. G. Overman and A. J. Venables (2003) 'Monetary Union and the Economic Geography of Europe'. *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 41, pp. 847-868.
- Ioannides, Y. and H. G. Overman (2003) 'Zipfs Law for Cities: An Empirical Explanation'. *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 33, pp. 127-137.

Midelfart, K. H. and H. G. Overman (2002) 'Delocation and European Integration: Is Structural Spending Justified?'. *Economic Policy*, 35, pp. 321-359.

Overman, H. G. and D. Puga (2002) 'Unemployment clusters across European countries and regions'. *Economic Policy*, 34, pp. 117-147.

Overman, H. G. (2002) 'Neighbourhood Effects in Large and Small Neighbourhoods' *Urban Studies*, 39, pp. 117-130.

Midelfart, K. H., H. G. Overman, S. J. Redding and A. J. Venables (2002) 'Integration and Industrial Specialisation in the European Union', *Revue Economique*, 53 (3), pp. 469-481.

Overman, H. G. and Y. Ioannides (2001) 'The Cross-Sectional evolution of the U.S. City Size Distribution'. *Journal of Urban Economics* 49, pp. 543-566.

## **Books**

Cheshire, P, M. Nathan and H. G. Overman (2014) 'Urban Economics and Urban Policy', Edward Elgar.

## **Contributions to edited volumes**

Gibbons, S., H. G. Overman and E. Patachini (2015) Spatial Methods forthcoming in G. Duranton, V. Henderson and W. Strange (eds) *Handbook Urban Economics*, Volume 5, Elsevier

Overman, H. G. (2014) 'Geographical Economics and Public Policy' Fischer, M. and P.Nijkamp (Eds) *Springer Handbook of Regional Science*.

D'Costa, S., S. Gibbons, H. G. Overman and P. Pelkonen (2013) Agglomeration and Labour Markets: The Impact of Transport Investments on Labour Market Outcomes' in Crescenzi R. & Percoco M. (Eds) *Geography, Institutions and Regional Economic Performance*, Springer-Verlag, Berlin-New York.

Overman, H. G. and A. J. Venables (2010) 'Evolving City Systems' in J. Beall, B. Guha-Khasnobis and R. Kanbur *Urbanization and Development: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. Oxford University Press.

Puga, D. and H. G. Overman (2010) 'Labour Pooling as a Source of Agglomeration: An Empirical Investigation' in E. Glaeser (ed.) *Agglomeration Economics*, National Bureau of Economic Research

Overman, H. G. (2009) 'Philosophy: Regional Science' in R. Kitchen and N. Thrift *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. Elsevier.

Overman, H. G. (2008) 'GIS data in economics' in S. Durlauf and L. E. Blume *The New Plagrave Dictionary of Economics*, (2<sup>nd</sup> edition). Plagrave, McMillan.

Combes, P. P. and H. G. Overman (2004) 'The Spatial Distribution of Economic Activities in the European Union' in J.F. Thisse and Vernon Henderson (eds) *Handbook of Urban and Regional Economics* (vol 4), North Holland pp. 2845-2910.

Midelfart, K. H., H. G. Overman, S. J. Redding and A. J. Venables (2004) 'The Location of European Industry'. *European Integration and the Functioning of Product Markets* European Commission DGII (ed.) Edward Elgar, 2004.

Overman, H. G., S. J. Redding and A. J. Venables (2003) 'The Economic Geography of Trade, Production, and Income: A Survey of Empirics' in J.Harrigan and K. Choi (eds.): *The Handbook of International Trade*, London: Basil Blackwell 2003, pp. 353-387.

Midelfart, K. H., H. G. Overman, S. J. Redding and A. J. Venables (2003) 'Integration and Specialisation in the European Union', in G. Basevi, V. Donato and A. Connell (eds.) *Real Effects of Regional Integration in the European Union and the Mercosur*, University de Bologna en Buenos Aires 2003, pp.33-48.

Midelfart, K. H., H. G. Overman, S. J. Redding and A. J. Venables 'The Location of European Industry', in *European Economy* no. 2 (European Integration and the Functioning of Product Markets), European Commission, Office for Official Publications of the EC, Luxembourg.

Overman, H. G. 'Globalisation and Integration: Implications for the Location of Economic Activity across the EU' in *Globalisation and Regionalism: A double challenge for Greece* L. Tsoukalis (ed) ELIAMIP, Greece 2001, pp.13-22.

### **Papers not yet published**

'Real Earnings Disparities in Britain' (with S. Gibbons and G. Resende), SERC Discussion Paper no. 65.

'The causal effects of an industrial policy' (with C. Criscuolo, R. Martin and J. VanReenen), SERC Discussion Paper no. 98. Submitted *American Economic Review*

'Productivity and employment impacts of transport improvements' (with S. Gibbons, T. Lyttikainen and R. Sanchis). Submitted *Journal of Public Economics*

'The Effects of Spatially Targeted Enterprise Initiatives: Evidence from UK LEGI' (with E. Einio). Submitted *American Economic Review*

Why does birthplace matter so much? Sorting, learning and geography (with Clement Bosquet). Submitted *Journal of Urban Economics*

### **Reports and policy documents**

What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth Evidence Reviews

- Employment Training (April 2014)
- Business Advice (May 2014)
- Sports and Culture (July 2014)

- Public Realm Policy Briefing (November 2014)
- Access to Finance (November 2014)
- Estate Renewal (January 2015)
- Broadband (March 2015)
- Transport (July 2015)
- Apprenticeships (September 2015)
- Innovation: Grants, Loans and Subsidies (October 2015)
- Innovation: R&D Tax Credits (October 2015)
- Area Based Initiatives: Enterprise Zones (January 2016)
- Area Based Initiatives: EU Programmes (January 2016)

#### What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth Toolkit

- Employment Training: Careers Counselling (February 2016)
- Employment Training: Financial Incentives (February 2016)
- Employment Training: Pre-qualifications (February 2016)
- Employment Training: Reminders (February 2016)

‘Transport Investment and Economic Performance: implications for project appraisal’ (with A. Venables and J. Laird) Report for DfT, 2014.

‘Review of Evaluations and International Lessons: A report of the NAO’ (with S. Gibbons, S. McNally). Report for the National Audit Office, 2012.

‘The Importance of ICT for Spatial Clusters’ Part of a report for the EU on the Economic Impact of ICT, January 2010.

‘Strengthening Economic Linkages between Leeds and Manchester: Feasibility and Implications’ (with S. Gibbons, S. d’Costa, G. Mion, P. Pelkonen, G. Resende, and M. Thomas). Report for the Northern Way, 2009.

‘The Case for Agglomeration Economies’ (with S. Gibbons and A. Tucci). Report for the Manchester Independent Economic Review, 2009.

‘Productivity in Transport Evaluation Studies’ (with S Gibbons). Report for the Department for Transport, 2008.

‘Economic Linkages Across Space’. Report for Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, 2005.

‘Cities in the Developing World’. Report for UK Department for International Development, 2005.

‘Analysing the Impact of Cohesion and Structural Funds A Review’. The socio-economic impact of projects financed by the Cohesion Fund: A modeling approach. European Commission, 1999.

‘The Location of European Industry’. Report for DGII. (Available as DG Economic and Financial Affairs Economic Paper #142, 2000)

## Other writings

### Blogs

<http://whatworksgrowth.org/blog/>

<http://spatial-economics.blogspot.com/>

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/>

Overman, Henry G. (2015) Commentary: what 'should' urban policy do?: a further response to Graham Houghton, Iain Deas and Stephen Hincks. *Environment and Planning A*, 47 (1). pp. 243-246. ISSN 0308-518X

Overman, Henry G. (2015) Letters to the editor. *Environment and Planning A*, 47 (1). pp. 243-246. ISSN 0308-518X

'Assessing the Government's Proposals to Reform the UK Planning System' (with M. Nathan) SERC Policy Paper no. 0011 November 2011.

'What We Know (and Don't Know) About the Links between Planning and Economic Performance' System (with M. Nathan) SERC Policy Paper no. 0010 November 2011.

The Future of Rural Policy: Lessons from Spatial Economics (with S. Gibbons) SERC Policy Paper no. 0008 October 2011.

Economic Growth in Cities: Issues for Central Government SERC Policy Paper no. 0007 June 2011.

Strategies for Underperforming Places (with P. Lawless and P. Tyler) SERC Policy Paper no. 0006 February 2011.

Resurgent Cities and Regional Economic Performance (with P. Rice) SERC Policy Paper no. 0001 November 2009.

'Localism versus growth: Planning reform and the prospects for urban economic recovery' *ESRC Britain in 2012*.

'The Economic Future of British Cities' *CentrePiece* 18(1) June 2013.

'The UK's Housing Crises' *CentrePiece* 17(3) December 2012.

'Can Industry Policy Boost Jobs' 17(1) May 2012

'HS2: assessing the costs and benefits' *CentrePiece* 16(3) February 2012

'On your bike' *ESRC Britain in 2011*.

'Unequal Britain: How Real Are Regional Disparities?' *CentrePiece* 16(2) October 2011

'How did London Get Away With It?' *CentrePiece* 15(3), March 2011; Vox EU March 2011.

‘Big Ideas: Economic Geography’ *CentrePiece* 15(3), March 2011

‘Urban Renewal and Regional Growth: Muddled Objectives and Mixed Progress’, *CEP Election Analysis*, April 2010

‘Britain’s Regional Divide’ *CentrePiece* 13(3), March 2009

‘Fat City: Does Urban Sprawl Lead to Human Sprawl?’ *CentrePiece* 11(3), Winter 2006

‘Urban Sprawl’ *Centre Piece*, 11 (1), Summer 2006.

‘North and South’ *CentrePiece* 9(3), Autumn 2004.

‘The Future of Cities’ *Economic Review*, 20, pp. 2-4, September 2002.

‘Funding Infrastructure Projects: Lessons from Eurotunnel’ SIOS Newsletter, May 2004.

‘North and South’ *Centre Piece*, 9 (3), Winter 2004.

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

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2013-2016	BIS/DCLG/ESRC funding What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth (Director, £3m)
2011-2013	BIS/ESRC/WAG second round funding Spatial Economics Research Centre (Director, £900k)
2010	ESRC: Wider impacts of transport (Co-investigator; PI S. Gibbons, £200k)
2009	DEFRA: Rural proofing SERC research (£70k)
2009	Northern Way: Manchester-Leeds Linkages, (£250k)
2008-2010	BERR/CLG/ESRC/WAG funded Spatial Economics Research Centre (Director, £2.875m)
2006-2008	ESRC, World Economy Programme: The New International Division of Labour (Principal applicant, £300k, with S. Redding, F. Robert Nicoud and A. Venables)
2002-2004	ESRC, Large grant: Localisation in UK manufacturing industries (£130k; with G. Duranton and D. Quah).
2001-2003	ESRC, Evolving Macroeconomy Project: Agglomeration, Integration and the Macroeconomy (£150k; with L. A. Winters and C. Pissarides).
2001	Nordic Academic Exchange Fund, Travel grant (£1k)
2000-2001	STICERD, Research grant (£5k; with G. Duranton).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **LSE courses**

Postgraduate course in the economics of local economic development

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in theoretical and applied location theory.

Undergraduate and postgraduate courses in spatial techniques.

Undergraduate courses in the economics of European Union integration.



### **Other courses**

Executive MPA, LSE, Nov 2014 and Dec 2015

Bank of Italy, Feb 2013

ERSA 19<sup>th</sup> Advanced Summer School, Groningen, July 2006

ZEW Mannheim, Postgraduate Summer School, Economic Geography, July 2003.

LSE Summer School, Economics of European Integration, 2000 on.

ICEF Moscow, Macroeconomics, October 2000.

LSE Free Market Economics course, Macroeconomics, 1997.

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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Organizer CURE conference, LSE 2013

Organizer Urban Economics Sessions, NARSC conference 2005-2008

Organizer Urban Economics Sessions, ERSA conference 2011-2013

Economics Editor, Journal of Economic Geography, Aug 2007 – December 2013.

Member ERC Advisory Panel

### **Editorial Board**

Economics, 2008 on.

Economica, 2003 on.

Regional Science and Urban Economics, 2004 on.

Journal of Regional Science, 2010-2014.

Papers in Regional Science, 2005-2008.

Canadian Journal of Economics, 2005-2008.

### **Consultancy and policy work**

- European Commission DG-XVI - Cohesion Fund Project (1995-2000). Project assessing impact of Cohesion Fund expenditures on regional and national economic outcomes.
- Portuguese Road Authority (JAE) (1998-2000). Project assessing the regional and national economic impact of Portuguese national road building programme.
- European Commission DG-II (1998-2000). Centre for Economic Policy Research Network project analysing factors affecting the location of activities within the EU.
- Norwegian Department of Trade and Industry (2002). Half day seminar on regional policy.
- Department for International Development (2004). Costs and benefits of urbanization report.
- Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (2004). Project on UK inter-city linkages.
- UK Treasury and Department for Transport (2005 on). Member Eddington Friends Group
- Department for Communities and Local Government (2005-2010). Advisor on economics of place and member Expert Panel.
- UK Department of Trade and Industry (2006). Longitudinal Micro Data Study of Selected DTI Business Support Programmes.
- UK Treasury (2006-2007). Productivity training.
- UK Department for Transport (2008). Productivity Impacts in Evaluation Studies.
- Manchester Independent Economic Review (2008). The Manchester City Region: The Case for Agglomeration Economies.
- UK Department for Transport (2009). Productivity Impacts in Evaluation Studies: Feasibility
- High Speed 2 Ltd (2010-2013). Member Analytical Challenge Panel.
- Manchester Combined Authority (2011 on). Member LEP Growth Commission.
- National Audit Office (2012). Review of Evaluations and International Lessons.

- North East Independent Economic Review (2012). Member expert panel
- Westminster Council (2012). Member West End Commission.
- UK Department Business Innovation and Science (2013 on). Member evaluation peer-review panel; Member Regional Growth Fund Evaluation Panel.
- ESRC (2013-14) Member Cities Expert Group
- Airports Commission (2013 on). Member External Advisory Panel
- Non-Met Commission on Economic Growth and the Future of Public Services (2014-2015).
- DfT (2014) Transport Investment and Economic Performance

### **Referee**

American Economic Review, B.E. Press Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy, Development Studies, Economica, Economic Journal, Environment and Planning A, The Economic History Review, Economics of Transition, European Economic Review, Geography, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of International Economics, International Economic Review, Papers in Regional Science, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Urban Economics, Oxford Economic Papers, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Regional Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Urban Studies.

### **PhD students (completed)**

Teresa Schlueter (2015): “The spatial dimension of labour markets: an investigation of economic inequalities and a local employment shock”

ChinChih Chen (2014): “Essays on Agglomeration, Trade Costs and Foreign Direct Investment”

Rosa Sanchis (2012): “Essays on Urban and Spatial Economics”

Max Nathan (2011): “The Economics of Cultural Diversity: Lessons from British Cities”

Carlo Menon (2010): “Essays in Applied Spatial Economics”

Xavier Duran (2010): Was the first transcontinental railroad expected to be profitable? Evidence from entrepreneur’s declared expectations, an empirical entry decision model, and ex-post information

Max Cali (2010): “Spatial Perspectives in the Economic Development Process”

Filipe Lage de Sousa (2009): “Location of Economic Agents in Brazil: An Empirical Investigation”

d’Artis Kancs (2006): “The Economic Geography Impact of EU Enlargement”

Tobias Muhlhofer (2005): “Trading Constraints and the Investment Value of Real Estate Investment Trusts: An Empirical Examination”

### **PhD examinations**

Kenzo Asahi (LSE)

Megha Mukim (LSE)

Sylvain Barde (University of Kent)

Luisito Bertinelli (Universite catholique de Louvain)

Anthony Briant (PSE)

Pamina Koenig Soubeyran (University of Paris I)

Mercedes Vera Martin (LSE)

Maria Louisa Mancusi (LSE)

Megha Mukim (LSE)

Angelo No (University of Toronto)  
Loriane Py (Science Po)  
Antonio Carlos Teixeira (Universite catholique de Louvain)  
Leopoldo Jose Yanes (LSE)

### **Departmental duties**

Chair Search Committee (2014-2015)  
Head of Cluster (2013 on)  
Director PhD in Economic Geography (2013 on)  
Director MSc Local Economic Development (2006-2008)  
Undergraduate Admissions Tutor (2003-2005)  
Director MSc Real Estate Economics and Finance (1999-2003)

### **School duties**

Member LSE Research Committee (2011 on)  
RC Committee Representative APRC reviews Management (2015); Sociology (2016)  
Member Sutton Review of Global Governance (2011)  
Member Teaching Learning Assessment Committee (2003-2007)  
Member working group on PhD submissions rates (2004)

### **AFFILIATIONS & VISITING POSITIONS**

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Post doctoral researcher, CERAS, Paris, France, September 2004.  
Post doctoral researcher, NHH and SNF, Bergen, Norway, 2004.  
Academic Visitor, European Institute for Japanese Studies, Stockholm School of Economics, Stockholm, Sweden (April-June 2002).  
Distinguished Research Fellow, NHH and SNF, Bergen, Norway, (2001-2003).  
Member LSE London (2001 on).  
Centre for Economic Policy Research - International trade programme (2000 on).  
Centre for Economic Performance - Globalisation programme (1995 on).

## **SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, INVITED LECTURES, PUBLIC EVENTS, SELECT COMMITTEES, ETC**

- Seminars: Geneva, Lancaster, Science Po, 2015
- Bank of Italy Analysts conference, December 2015
- World Bank Competitive Cities launch, Washington, November 2015
- Improving evaluation conference, DG Comp, Brussels, November 2015
- RSA winter conference, London, November 2015
- NARSC conference, Portland, November 2015
- IfO policy conference, Brussels, November 2015
- KIETS conference, Copenhagen, October 2015
- LSE-Mizuho event, Tokyo, September 2015
- Kiel Regional Science Key Note, July 2015,
- OECD LEED conferences, Manchester, 2015
- Bank of England Policy Lunch, June 2015
- CAGE workshop, London, May 2015
- RETI workshop, Tokyo April 2015
- CEP election analysis launch March 2015
- ICEA, Jan 2015
- Seminars: Dublin, Oslo, Bristol 2014
- All Party Parliamentary Group on Local Enterprise, Nov 2014
- DPM Northern Futures Conference, Nov 2014
- Cabinet Sub-Committee on Local Economic Growth, June 2014
- Lord's Economic Affairs Committee HS2 Hearing, Oct 2014
- Bristol Mayor's Debate Oct 2014
- Conservative Party Conference Fringe, Sept 2014
- Labour Party Conference Fringe, Sept 2014
- Heseltine Institute Public Debate, July 2014
- All Party Parliamentary Group on Small Businesses, July 2014
- Society of Business Economics, June 2014
- Transport World Modelling Conference, June 2014
- Policy Exchange, June 2014
- LEP chairs, May 2014
- HM Treasury analysts conference, May 2014
- HM Treasury, April 2014
- LEP annual conference, March 2014
- London Transport Museum debate, Jan 2014
- Oxford Transport Controversies Seminar, Jan 2014
- Royal Bank of Scotland, Dec 2013
- All Party Parliamentary Group on Local Enterprise Partnerships, Nov 2013
- Seminars: Bristol, OECD, Barcelona, Bergen, Gothenburg 2013
- Festival of Ideas, Bristol, Nov 2013
- Institute of Economic Development annual conference, Nov 2013
- Westminster Council Cabinet Meeting, Nov 2013
- Institute Property Developers annual conference, Nov 2013
- Treasury Select Committee, HS2 Hearing, Nov 2013
- DCLG senior analysts away day, Oct 2013

- Manchester New Economy, Breakfast Briefing, Oct 2013
- SOLACE summit, Oct 2013
- Cabinet Sub-Committee on Local Economic Growth, Oct 2013
- European Regional Science Conference, Palermo, Aug 2013
- London Finance Commission Launch, June 2013
- CLES annual conference, June 2013
- BIS Heseltine Report event, April 2013
- LSE works public lecture, Jan 2013
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop in Urban Economics, Barcelona, June 2012
- Seminars at Swansea University, University of Marseille, 2012
- Local pay seminar, No 11 Downing St, February 2012
- AcSS Event, House of Commons, London, February 2012
- LSE London seminar, February 2012
- BIS Analysts conference, London, December 2011
- Independent Transport Commission, London, October 2011
- UEA meetings, ERSA, Barcelona, August 2011
- WAG seminar, Cardiff, July 2011
- London-Manchester event, LSE, Jan 2011
- How did London Get Away with it? Public lecture, LSE, Jan 2011
- Weimer School, Palm Beach, Jan 2011
- DCLG Strategies for Underperforming Places Seminar, December 2010
- North American Regional Science Meetings, Denver, November 2010
- National Audit Office Value for Money Seminar, October 2010
- Institute of Economic Development Lecture, Hull, October 2010
- British Chambers of Commerce, Impact of Public Sector Cuts, May 2010
- Northern Way Symposium on Northern Futures, March 2010
- BIS seminar on Manchester Independent Economic Review, March 2010
- San Francisco Federal Reserve, November 2009
- North American Regional Science Meetings, San Francisco, November 2009
- Northern Way, Economic Linkages Launch Event, November 2009
- BERR analysts conference, September 2009
- Spatial Econometrics Association, Annual Conference, Key note address, July 2009
- ICT conference, Brussels, June 2009
- Journal of Regional Science 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, New York, April 2009
- High Speed Rail seminar, DfT, April 2009
- Manchester Independent Economic Review, Launch April 2009
- GES Housing conference, HMT, March 2009
- Seminars at Merton (Oxford), Birmingham, 2009
- Local Economic Assessment Workshop, Newcastle, Jan 2009
- North American Regional Science Meetings, New York, November 2008
- Spatial Economics and Trade Conference, Glasgow, June 2008
- European Research Workshop in International Trade, St Gallen, June 2008
- CPPR conference, Glasgow, February 2008.
- Urban and Regional Economics Seminar Group, Glasgow, January 2008.
- Regional Science International Association meetings, Savannah, November 2007.
- GES Economics of Place Seminar, HMT, September 2007.
- Oxford Review of Economic Policy Seminar, September, 2007.

- Urban Economics and Real Estate Summer Symposium, Vancouver, June 2007.
- Economics of Agglomeration Workshop, Kiel, April 2007.
- Federal Reserve, Philadelphia, March 2007.
- Regional Science International Association meetings, Toronto, November 2006.
- International Conference on the Empirical Methods for the Study of Spatial Agglomerations, Kyoto, July 2006.
- Regional Agglomeration, Growth and Multilevel Governance Conference, Ghent, November 2005. Keynote speech on “Local Taxation and Business’ Decisions”.
- Regional Science International Association meetings, Las Vegas, November 2005.
- Agglomeration Economics and Regional Growth, CEPR workshop, Cagleiri, May 2005.
- Spatial Econometrics workshop, Kiel, April 2005. Keynote speech on “Economic Geography: Theoretical and Empirical Issues’,
- Regional Development at the Periphery, CEPR conference, Glasgow, February 2005.
- Final meeting Economic Geography Network, CEPR workshop, Venice, September 2004.
- ERWIT, CEPR workshop, Venice, September 2004.
- Institutions and Policies for the New Europe, IMAD conference, Slovenia, June 2004. Keynote speech on “Delocation and Integration: Is Structural Fund Spending Justified?”.
- Integration and Technological Change: Challenges for European Regions, CEPR conference, Paris, June 2004.
- 4<sup>th</sup> annual meeting Economic Geography Network, CEPR workshop, Villars, January 2004.
- Seminars at Norwegian School of Economics Bergen (NHH), Centre for Economic Performance and Cambridge Department of Land Economy, 2003.
- Topics in Economic Geography, CEPR workshop, London, October 2003.
- Institute of British Geographers, conference, London, September 2003.
- The Economics of Cities, CEPR workshop, London, June 2003.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting Economic Geography Network, CEPR workshop, Villars, January 2003.
- Cities and Geography, CEPR workshop, Paris, December 2002.
- Norwegian Department of Industry, seminar, Oslo, October 2002.
- Seminars at Centre for Economic Performance, Nottingham University, Stockholm School of Economics, Stockholm University, 2002.
- Lincoln Institute, conference, Boston, July 2002.
- Economic Policy Panel Meeting, Madrid, April 2002.
- Micro and Macro Aspects of Economic Geography, CEPR conference, Barcelona, November 2001.
- Regional Science International Association meetings, Charlston, November 2001.
- AFSE annual meetings, Paris, September 2001.
- Seminars at Glasgow University, University of Sussex, Southampton University, 2001.
- IUI annual conference, Stockholm, April 2001.
- Economic Policy Panel Meeting, Stockholm, April 2001.
- SNS conference on Enlargement and Migration, Stockholm, April 2001.
- Globalisation and Regionalisation - Challenges for Greece, Hellenic Observatory conference, Athens, March 2001.
- 1<sup>st</sup> annual meeting Economic Geography Network, CEPR workshop, Villars, January 2001.
- European Research Workshop in International Trade, Copenhagen, July 2000.
- Frontiers of Spatial Economics, conference, University of Kyoto, July 2000.
- Seminars at University of Toronto, Tufts University, Research Institute of Industrial Economics Stockholm, 2000.

- Geography and Economic Policy, CEPR conference, Paris, July 1999.
- European Meeting of the Econometric Society, Berlin, September 1998.
- Young economist session, The Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, Warwick, April 1998.
- Final report on the economic analysis of Cohesion Fund Expenditures, workshop, European Commission Directorate General XVI, Brussels, Belgium, July 1997.
- The economic impact of Cohesion Fund Expenditure, conference, University of Valencia, April 1996.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES**

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2012	Fellow of the Weimer School
2011	Fellow Royal Society of Arts
2011	Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences
2010	Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Award for distinguished contributions to Regional Science research by scholars who have recently completed doctoral studies
2006	August Loesch Prize for outstanding research in the field of Regional Science.
1995-1998	UK Economic and Social Research Council Research Studentship for PhD, LSE.
1995	Ely Devons Prize for best performance MSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics, LSE.
1994-1995	ESRC Studentship MSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics, LSE.