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Research interests: Labour economics, regional development, income inequality, innovation

Education

09/2017 - **London School of Economics and Political Science**, UK
09/2021 PhD in Economic Geography, supervision: Prof. Simona Iammarino & Prof. Michael Storper

10/2014 - **London School of Economics and Political Science**, UK
09/2015 MSc in Economic History (Research), GPA: 72.3, distinction

09/2011 - **Maastricht University, School of Business and Economics**, the Netherlands
06/2014 BSc in International Economic Studies, GPA: 8.8/10, distinction

Visiting

01/2020 - **University of California, Los Angeles**, USA
03/2020 Visiting Graduate Researcher, Luskin School of Public Affairs

01/2014 - **University of California, Los Angeles**, USA
04/2014 University of California Education Abroad Program

Professional Experience

05/2019- **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)**, London, UK
08/2019 Intern in the Office of the Chief Economist

since **London School of Economics and Political Science**, UK
11/2018 Research Assistant for Prof. Simona Iammarino

09/2015 **Belmana Ltd.**, London, UK
04/2019 Analyst, quantitative research

03/2014 - **UCLA Department of Political Science**, Los Angeles, USA
06/2014 Research Assistant for Prof. Ronald Rogowski

Teaching experience

Department of Geography & Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science

Theories of regional development (3rd year undergraduate): 2019/20 (evaluation score: 4.6/5), 2020/21 (Graduate Teaching Assistant)
Contemporary Europe (1st year undergraduate): 2020/21 (Graduate Teaching Assistant)
Teaching qualification: Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (working towards full fellowship)

Awards and Scholarships

ESRC grant to fund UCLA visit (£2254) 2020
ESRC studentship (funded extension by 6 months for overseas visit and internship placement) 2017-2021

Conference and seminar presentations

- 2020 UCLA Department of Geography, Western Regional Science Association (cancelled), LSE Economic Geography Work in Progress seminar, Seminars in Economic Geography (UCLA and University College Dublin), European Regional Science Association
- 2019 Regional Studies Association early career conference, FDZ Ruhr Regional Disparity Workshop, European Bank of Reconstruction and Development economics seminar, Regional Studies Association, Royal Geographic Society Postgraduate Forum, LSE Economic Geography Work in Progress seminar
- 2018 Regional Studies Association early career conference, Global Conference on Economic Geography, LSE Economic Geography Work in Progress seminar

Service & professional memberships

- Co-organiser of the Economic Geography Work in Progress seminars, LSE 2019/20
- Co-organiser of the Seminars in Economic Geography, UCLA & University College Dublin 2020/21
- Regional Studies Association
- Regional Science Association International British and Irish Section
- European Economic Association

Working Papers

“Labour Mobility and Regional Earnings in Great Britain”

Abstract: The paper studies labour mobility in Great Britain in the context of large regional earnings differences, particularly between North and South, and core and periphery regions. Internal migration might balance labour supply and demand, resulting in a reduction of disparities, or increase the concentration of human capital in prospering areas, resulting in widening inequalities. Using a panel of employee records, I estimate the impact of local internal in- and out-migration on the earnings of employees who do not move. I find a long-run positive effect on earnings of a positive labour supply shock due to internal migration. There are no effects of a reduction in labour supply due to internal out-migration. Therefore, the aggregate earnings effects of internal migration are likely to be positive overall, without adverse effects for regions losing population.

“Labour shares and industry concentration: A regional analysis of Great Britain”

Abstract: Falling labour shares are a concern for economists in many developed and emerging economies around the world. This trend has been linked to growing industry concentration, as growing market power allows firms to charge mark-ups over marginal cost. I show that both of these trends also characterise the economy in Great Britain over the last two decades. Moreover, businesses that are dominant in their industry are predominantly located in London and the South East, as well as other urban areas. I estimate that the labour share would be around 1 percentage point higher in 2014, had industry concentration not increased since 2002. The difference is larger in urban than in predominantly rural areas.

“Innovation, regional employment and earnings: An analysis of France, Germany and the UK”

Abstract: The paper considers the effect innovation, measured by patent applications, on regional employment and earnings in the UK, France and Germany. I use a panel estimation strategy to model the feedback effects between patenting and graduate employment. Isolating the variation of graduate employment induced by innovation shocks, I estimate the direct effect of innovation on earnings and non-graduate employment, as well

as the indirect effect through an increase in graduate employment.

“Gathering round big tech: how the market for start-up acquisitions reinforces US regional inequalities”, with Maryann Feldman, Frederick Guy, and Simona Iammarino

Abstract: This paper investigates the geography of all acquisitions made in the U.S. by six major tech firms: Alphabet, Apple, Cisco, Facebook, and Oracle headquartered in Silicon Valley, and Microsoft located in Seattle from their inception to the current time. We draw on S&P Capital IQ, Bureau van Dijk’s Zephyr and Orbis, and SDC Platinum, merging them and cross-checking both for missing information and for accuracy. This paper aims at contributing to two important research questions: What forces contribute to rising inter-regional economic inequality? And, how do new geographical expressions of inequality challenge extant theory and policy? Our analysis suggests that the most powerful tool government has for reducing regional disparities in income could well be competition policy.

Publications

- Crescenzi, R., Iammarino, S., Ioramashvili, C., Rodríguez-Pose, A., & Storper, M. (2020). *The geography of innovation and development: global spread and local hotspots* (Geography and Environment Discussion Paper No. 4). London, UK: Department of Geography and Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science .
- Crescenzi, R., Iammarino, S., Ioramashvili, C., Rodríguez-Pose, A., & Storper, M. (2019). *The geography of innovation: local hotspots and global innovation networks* (Economic Research Working Paper No. 57). Geneva, Switzerland: World Intellectual Property Organization.
- Fisman, R., Gamtkitsulashvili, T., Guriev, S., Ioramashvili, C, & Plekhanov, A. The governance dividend (ch. 1). In: European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, *Transition report 2019-20 - Better governance, better economies*. London, UK: European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
- Thol, C. (2017). Poverty relief and financial inclusion: Savings banks in nineteenth century Germany. *Quarterly Journal for Social and Economic History*, 104(2).