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Profile

Stephen Gibbons is Professor of Economic Geography at the Department of Geography and Environment, London School of Economics. He was Head of Department from 2020-2023. Steve's research over the past two decades has addressed spatial issues in the economics of education, transport infrastructure, environmental amenities, housing markets, labour markets, health and crime. His work places a special emphasis on understanding causality and informing policy related to geographical disparities and economic performance. Recent work has focussed on the analysis of the impacts of transport connectivity, contributing to many projects with the Department for Transport, National Infrastructure Commission and private consultancies. Steve is currently an editor for the Journal of Economic Geography. He teaches urban economics, geographical information systems and methods for spatial analysis.

Post-school education and qualifications

PhD <i>Empirical Essays in the Economics of Education and Neighbourhoods.</i>	1997–2002	University College London
MSc Economics, Distinction	1996–1997	University College London
BSc Economics, 1st Class Hon.	1993–1996	University College London
BBC engineering qualification	1982–1985	British Broadcasting Corporation

Career History

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Professor of Economic Geography	2014–	Dept. of Geography and Environment, LSE
Associate Professor, Economic Geography	2011–2013	Dept. of Geography and Environment, LSE
Senior Lecturer, Economic Geography	2007–2011	Dept. of Geography and Environment, LSE
Lecturer in Economic Geography	2001–2007	Dept. of Geography and Environment, LSE
Teaching and Research Assistant	1998–2000	UCL and CEP/LSE, London
Electronics engineer and technical author	1982–1993	BBC Engineering and Technical Publications

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Blogs

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Current teaching and research supervision

Graduate: Techniques in Spatial Economic Analysis; Programme Director MSc Geographic Data Science, LSE

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Other funding and consultancy

Arup: Reviews of work on transport impacts for DfT, NIC and Elizabeth Line; *Canals and Rivers Trust*: Valuing canals using house prices; *National Infrastructure Commission*: report on urban capacity and economic performance; *Atkins/ch2m/DfT*: Updating agglomeration elasticities, phase 1 report; *Frontier Economics*: Nuffield Research Placements evaluation; Economic impacts of strategic roads for DfT/Highways England; Economic impacts of the Northern Powerhouse proposed rail connections for the NIC; HS2 logic mapping and evaluation; *NIESR/ ONS Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence*: Improving the quality of regional economic indicators; *Arup*: Crossrail baseline evaluation; *PWC*: Evaluation of impacts of A14 and A303 improvements; evaluation of options for the Lower Thames Crossing; report to the Airports Commission on the spatial economic impact of a Thames estuary airport; *Parthenia Indices*: London house price indices for Propertyvision; *Barbon Insurance Group*, development of residential rental price index using Homelet data; *Family Mosaic housing association*, consultancy on health and wellbeing evaluation, and member of innovation panel; *Ofsted* Access and Achievement Project, Review of Evidence of School Resources; *National Audit Office*, Review of Evaluations and International Lessons; *Institute for Transport Studies*: report on Value of Business Travel Time Savings; *John D. Wood*: housing price index; *Department of Transport*: Transport investments and the distance decay of agglomeration benefits; Transport impacts on productivity scoping study; Transport and Labour Market Linkages, report to Eddington group; Wider Benefits of Crossrail; *Hay Group*: Highly Effective Head Teachers; *University College London Medical School*, Department of Obstetrics, Development of Prenatal Diagnosis Database.

Affiliations and memberships

Academic Panel, What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth, London
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Examination, advisory and editorial roles

PhD examiner: Francesca Ghinami, UAB (online) September 2023; Anshuman Tiwari, LSE, November 2022; Filippo Tassinari, University of Barcelona, September 2022; Rasmus Bøgh Holmen, Norwegian Business School, December 2020; Andreas Diemer, LSE, October 2020; Marta Talevi, LSE May 2020; Csaba Pogonyi, Imperial College London, September 2019; Frederico Curci, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid Doctoral School, June 2019; Jaekwang Lee, Bartlett School of Planning, May 2019; Eivind Tveter, Molde University College, October 2017; Chris Krekel, Paris School of Economics, October 2017; Matthew Weldon, Lancaster University, January 2017, Athanasios Votsis, University of Helsinki; December 2016; Jan Bietenbeck, CEMFI Madrid; Marta Odendal, University of Stirling, February 2015; Anwen Zhang, Lancaster University, February 2015; Amy Binner PhD thesis, University of East Anglia, May 2013; Philippe Bracke, LSE 2012; Paul Metcalfe, LSE 2012; Inger Munk, LSE 2007.

Current: Editor: Journal of Economic Geography; Associate Editor: Journal of Urban Economics; Editorial board: Regional Science and Urban Economics.

Recent Past: Canals and Rivers Trust, 2016-; Innovation Panel Member, Family Mosaic housing association, 2013-; Member of ESRC Peer Review College 2013-, Associate Editor, Journal of the Royal

Statistical Society Series A, 2013-2017; External member, Appointments Committee, Sussex University April 2015.

Significant department and LSE administrative roles

2020-23 Head of Department of Geography and Environment, London School of Economics;

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Recent conference, public lecture and invited seminar presentations

Charity in the time of austerity: in search of the 'Big Society', Urban Economics Association Toronto October 2023; The Spatial Impacts of a Massive Rail Disinvestment Program: The Beeching Axe, Paris School of Economics, September 2018; Urban Economics Association/NARSC, Vancouver, November 2017; IEB Barcelona October 2017; Department of Economics, City University, November 2017; Road Transport Improvements and Land Use Change (keynote), Kraks Fond, Copenhagen, January 2017; Airports, market access and local economic performance: evidence for China, Jinan University, Guangzhou, December 2016; Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, Chengdu, December 2016; Tsinghua University Beijing and Peking University, Beijing, December 2016; Fear of Fracking, Jinan University, Guangzhou; Using geographical data in longitudinal studies, CLOSER workshop, London; Seminar on transport and economic performance, HM Treasury, June 2016; The Demand for Autonomous Schools, University of Bocconi, September 2016; CREST Paris, June 2016; Society of Labor Economists, Seattle, May 2016; Fear of Fracking, VU Amsterdam, May 2016.

Recent press and political coverage

Covid-19 school closures, May 2020; Reversing Beeching, Lord Adonis speech at IPPR June 2019, Guardian October 2019; Bedroom Tax interview on BBC You and Yours, May 2018; NSS results have little impact on university applications, study finds, Times Higher Education, October 2015