

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Date of Birth:** 28.02.1944

**Nationality:** British

**Education:** Magdalen College, Oxford; BA, Philosophy, Politics & Economics, 1965 (First Class)  
UK Civil Service College, Full AP course, 1970

## Professional Bodies

Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences, from 2002

## Appointments:

*Sept. 2000- Professor of Human Geography, London School of Economics;*

*Director LSE London 2002-4;*

*Professor Emeritus since 2013.*

1989 -2000 Professor of Geography, University of Reading.

Head of Department 1990-4

1973-89 University of Kent at Canterbury, Board of Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS), and  
Centre for Research in Social Sciences (CRISS):

Lecturer, Senior Lecturer (1978), Reader in Regional Studies (1984);

Director, Urban and Regional Studies Unit in CRISS (from 1974)

1971-73 Secondment to University of Kent at Canterbury: Research Fellow in Economics,  
For ESRC-funded project on inter-regional I/O modelling.

1965-73 UK Department of Economic Affairs (later, Environment): Research Officer for  
South West Economic Planning Board/ Council, Bristol.

## Visiting Appointments

1978 -79 Bogazici University, Istanbul, Social Science Faculty: taught course on Urban  
Studies" by UKC urban academics, visiting in sequence.

2004 Sciences Po, Paris, CSO Sociology centre, visiting Professor May 2004.

## Main research interests

Urban and regional development; spatial labour markets and human capital acquisition; agglomeration, clusters and innovation; migration streams and their impacts; unemployment; urban governance, policy processes and strategic planning; comparative urbanisation; territorial competition; socio-spatial modelling of impacts of densification and segregation. And the question whether uneven spatial development (in recent times) is a credible cause of populism.

## Principal External Awards

DOE	The Development of Local Social indicators, £21k 1975-8
DOE	Household Movement in the London Region (with R. Vickerman) £62k 1978-81
SSRC	Metropolitan Labour Market Analysis, with particular reference .to London £32K 1980-82, (principal organiser) £223K
SSRC	London study for Inner Cities in Context programme (with K. Young) £56K 1982-4
ESRC	The experience of disadvantaged groups in expanding labour markets £8K 1984.
ESRC	Thanet case study for Changing Urban and Regional Systems programme (with C. Pickvance and P. Taylor-Gooby) £45K 1985-7
ESRC	Economic Change, Urban Revival and Social Polarisation: London and New York in the contemporary world (with M. Harloe) £25K 1988/9
ESRC	Territorial Competition in the Single European Market (projects on metropolitan regions and on provincial regions, with P.Cheshire) £83K 1991-5
EPSRC	Densities and Urban Sustainability (with M. Breheny) c.£45K 1995-7
ESRC	Does Spatial Concentration of Disadvantage Contribute to Social Exclusion? (with N. Buck) £ 87K 1998-2000
ESRC	London: economic competition, social cohesion and the policy environment (with N. Buck, P. Hall, M. Harloe and M. Kleinman) £290K 1998-2001
ESRC	London seminar series
Leverhulme	The Resurgent City: international symposium in London (with P. Cheshire), £223k, April 2004
EELGA	Migration Influences and Implications for Population Dynamics in the Wider South East (with T. Champion and C. Whitehead) £48k, 2017-2018.

## **International Projects, Networks and Workshop Series**

Social Science Research Council (US) Dual City Working Party 1988-9

Global Cities Working Party (SSRC and CUNY) 1990-4

Russell Sage Foundation: 'Poverty and public policy in North America and Western Europe', 1992-3.

TeCSEM network, Territorial Competition in the Single European Market, 1991-7.

Uddevalla International Workshops in Regional Development, 1998-9.

NordRegio Labour Market Network, 2000-2003

Urban Europe; Research Training Network (EU), 2002-5

European Science Foundation: Community of Experts for Peer Review: 2008-2023

Urban Europe Research Training Network, 2002-7

European Science Foundation, COST Action on Multi-level Governance for Competitiveness and

Cohesion in Metropolitan Regions, 2004-7.

Regional Studies Association Governing metropolitan regions within a localist agenda: London as

contrasted with Paris and Berlin, 2012-4

OECD work on urban competitiveness and social cohesion, 2006

## **Principal Advisory and Consulting Relationships**

Thames Valley Economic Partnership: *Inward Investment Task Force* and other work, while at Reading.

London Planning Advisory Committee (1986-2000), various reports (solo or with Cambridge colleagues) on mostly labour market issues and employment forecasts, during its years of operation/major economic change

Joint work with Llewelyn Davies Planning on an EU-funded/ALG-managed "London Study: a Socio-economic assessment of London" in 1997-9, ahead of the recreated London authority.

Mayor's External Advisory Group for the London Plan (member), 2000-1?

Corporation of London - various pieces of work/collaboration, notably on the London side of their *London-New York "at the millennium"* report; and our set of (5) *London's Place in the UK Economy reports* (listed below).

Mayor's Outer London Commission: 2009-2016, an active member throughout, but particularly in relation to the final 2016 trio of Plan-focused reports, intended as a resource for the next Mayor.

East of England Local Government Association project (listed above)

Plus: work with Government offices for London, and for the South East, during the interregnum – and subsequently; with outer borough groups; and, with/in reaction to London Plan team on specific issues. Plus: active contributions to the Examinations in Public of the last two Plans; and organising roundtable/seminar series 2023-5 to enhance the strategic role of the next Plan.

## Other Professional Activities

Social Research Association: member of founding group, Executive Committee 1977-81, Vice Chairman, 1981.

Regional Science Association, British Section, committee member 1981-8, Secretary 1984-8.

ESRC 'London' seminar series, joint convenor with P. Hall, M. Harloe and M. Kleinman, 1994-7.

Institute of British Geographers: member of Limited Life Working Parties on Internal Migration (1988/9) and British Tourism (1998/9).

Editorial Boards: *Regional Studies*, *Geographical and Environmental Modelling*.

Refereeing: *Urban Studies*, *Environment and Planning A, C and D*; *Regional Studies*; *Papers in Regional Science*; *Economic Journal*, *Oxford Economic Papers*; *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*; *Policy and Politics*; *IBG Transactions*; *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*; *Population, Space and Place*; *European Journal of Political Research* etc.

Institute of British Geographers: member of Limited Life Working Parties on Internal Migration (1988/9) and British Tourism (1998/9).

## External Examining

**Courses:** Birkbeck College (economic and social policy), University of Cambridge (Land Economy), Glasgow University (urban studies), University of Kent (interdisciplinary studies), Glasgow (urban policy), and LSE (urban and regional planning; Economics) .

**PhDs:** Liverpool (Civic Design), Bristol (Geography), LSE (Economics), UCL (Planning), Hull (Economics), Jonkoping International Business School ( Economics), Sciences Po (Sociology), Lille 1 (Economics), Birmingham (Geography), Reading (Geography/Planning), Bristol (Geography), Stirling (Economics)

## Publications summary:

Buck, N.H., Gordon, I.R. and Young, K.G. (1986) *The London Employment Problem*, Oxford University Press

Gordon, I.R. (ed.) (1987) *Unemployment, Regions and London Markets: Reactions to Recession*, London: Pion Press.

Gordon, I.R. and Thirlwall, A.P. (eds) (1989) *European Factor Mobility*, London: Macmillan.

Fainstein, S.S., Gordon, I.R. and Harloe, M. (eds.) (1992) *Divided Cities: New York and London in the contemporary world*, Cambridge MA and Oxford: Blackwell.

Cheshire, P.C. and Gordon, I.R. (eds) (1995) *Territorial Competition in an Integrating Europe*, Aldershot: Avebury.

Buck, N.H., Gordon, I.R., Hall, P.G., Harloe, M. and Kleinman, M. (2002) *Working Capital: life and labour in contemporary London*, London: Routledge.

Buck, N.H., Gordon, I.R., Harding, A. and Turok, I. (eds.) (2005) *Changing Cities: Rethinking urban competitiveness, cohesion and governance*, Basingstoke: Palgrave.

52 full articles in refereed journals (in *IJURR*, *Urban Studies*, *Regional Studies*, *Transactions of the IBG*, *Environment and Planning A*, *Policy and Politics*, *Spatial Economic Analysis*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, *EJPR* etc.) and 53 book chapters -- plus numerous shorter contributions, items in proceedings and reports.