

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL DETAILS

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Henry Overman, BSc. (Bristol), Msc. (LSE), PhD. (LSE), AcSS, FBA, OBE is Professor of Economic Geography in the department of Geography and Environment at the London School of Economics. He is also the Research Director of the Centre for Economic Performance and the Director of the 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 American Economic Review, 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 is a member of the UK Industrial Strategy Advisory Council. He has provided policy advice to, amongst others, the European Commission, Department for International Development, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, 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 Policy Research.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Current Positions:

Professor of Economic Geography, Dept of Geography and Environment (Aug 2009 on)
Research Director, Centre for Economic Performance, LSE (Jan 2019 on)
Director, What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth (Sept 2013 on)
Interim Director, POID (June 2024 on)

Previous Positions:

Deputy Head of Department Research, Dept of Geography and Environment (Sept 2018 to Sept 2021)

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

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 (1st class), Bristol University.

MAJOR FIELDS OF INTEREST

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

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

Gonzalez-Pampillon, N., Nunez-Chaim, G. and H. G. Overman (2024) ‘The Economic Impacts of the UK’s Eat Out to Help Out scheme’ *Journal of Urban Economics*, vol. 143

Overman, H. G. and X. Xu (2024) ‘Spatial Disparities Across Labour Markets’ *Oxford Open Economics*, vol. 3.

Madaleno, M., Nathan, M., Overman, H. G. and S. Waights (2022) ‘Incubators, Accelerators and Regional Economic Development’ *Urban Studies* 59 (2).

Gibbons, S., Overman, H. G. and M. Sarvimäki, (2021) ‘The local economic impacts of regeneration projects: evidence from UK’s single regeneration budget’ *Journal of Urban Economics*, vol. 122.

Von Ehrlich and H. G. Overman (2020) ‘Place-Based Policies and Spatial Disparities across European Cities’ *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 34 (3).

Einio, E. and H. G. Overman (2020) ‘The Effects of Supporting Local Businesses: Evidence from the UK’ *Regional Science and Urban Economics* vol. 83.

Cavaglia, C., McNally, S. and H. G. Overman (2020) ‘Devolving Skills: The Case of the Apprenticeship Grant for Employers’ *Fiscal Studies* 41 (4).

Bosquet, C. and H. G. Overman (2019) ‘Why does birthplace matter so much? Sorting, learning and geography’ *Journal of Urban Economics* vol. 110.

- Gibbons, S., T. Lyytikainen, Overman, H. G. and R. Sanchis (2019) 'New Road Infrastructure: The Effects on Firms' *Journal of Urban Economics* vol. 110.
- Criscuolo, C., Martin, R., Overman, H. G. and J. Van-Reenen (2018) Some Causal Effects of an Industrial Policy. *American Economic Review* 109 (1).
- Dhingra, S., S. Machin and H. G. Overman (2017) Local Economic Effects of Brexit. *National Institute Economic Review*.
- Helmets, C. and H. G. Overman (2017) My precious! The location and diffusion of scientific research: evidence from the Synchrotron Diamond Light Source. *Economic Journal*, 127.
- 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 and economic geography: The impact of EEC accession on the UK'. *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

Mason, D., Nathan, M. and H. G. Overman, Henry G. (2023) The what works centre for local economic growth: some lessons from the first ten years. In: *The What Works Centres: Lessons and Insights from an Evidence Movement*. Policy Press, pp. 113-124.

Gibbons, S., H. G. Overman and E. Patachini (2015) Spatial Methods 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 Plagave Dictionary of Economics*, (2nd edition). Plagave, 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.

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European Industry’. *European Integration and the Functioning of Product Markets* European Commission DGII (ed.) Edward Elgar, 2004.

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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.

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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

Multipliers from a major public sector relocation: the BBC moves to Salford (with M. Nathan, M., C. Riom and M. Sanchez-Vidal), CEP Discussion Paper 2042.

Does subsidising business advice improve firm performance? Evidence from a large RCT (with G. Nunez-Chaim and C. Riom), CEP Discussion Paper 1977.

The Effects of College Capital Projects on Student Outcomes (with S. Gibbons, C. Hupkau and S. McNally), CVER Research Papers 035.

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

Reports and policy documents

Levelling up (in Labour Economics: Thinking Through Labour’s Economic Foundation) Report for the Social Market Foundation.

Spatial productivity disparities (in The State of the UK Economy 2024) Report for UK in a Changing Europe.

A tale of two cities (part 2) A plausible strategy for productivity growth in Birmingham and beyond (with P. Brandily, M. Brewer, N. Cominetti, M. Coombes, A. Corlett, L. Judge, F. Odamtten, C. Pacitti, G. Rodrigues, K. Shah, P. Swinney and L. Try) Report for the Economy 2030 Inquiry

A tale of two cities (part 1) A plausible strategy for productivity growth in Birmingham and beyond (with P. Brandily, M. Brewer, N. Cominetti, M. Coombes, A. Corlett, L. Judge, F. Odamtten, C. Pacitti, G. Rodrigues, K. Shah, P. Swinney and L. Try) Report for the Economy 2030 Inquiry

Bridging the Gap: What would it take to narrow the UK's productivity disparities (with P. Brandily, M. Distefano, H. Donnat, I. Feld and K. Shah) Report for the Economy 2030 Inquiry

Spatial Inequalities (with X. Xu) paper for the Deaton Review of Inequality.

What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth Evidence Reviews

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

What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth Evidence Briefings, Toolkits and Rapid Evidence Reviews

- Rapid evidence review: Enterprise Zones (2025)
- Lessons and recommendations from What Works Growth's evaluations of local growth policies. (2025)
- Assessing the local economic impacts of supporting social infrastructure (2024)
- Assessing the impact of improving access to debt finance on local growth (2024)
- Assessing the local economic impacts of plural and local ownership policies (2024)
- The impact of local economic growth interventions on minority ethnic and immigrant groups (2024)
- Rapid evidence review: Community finance (2024)
- Rapid evidence review: Plural ownership (2024)
- Rapid evidence review: Public procurement (2023)
- Rapid evidence review: Public spaces (2023)
- Rapid evidence review: Active travel infrastructure (2023)
- Rapid evidence review: Local minimum wages (2023)
- Assessing the Local Economic Impacts of Fair Employment Policies (Dec 2023)
- Assessing the Local Economic Impacts of Public Sector Relocation (September 2023)
- Assessing the Local Economic Impacts of Public Spaces (July 2023)
- Assessing the Local Economic Impacts of Local Procurement Briefing (April 2023)
- Levelling Up Missions (April 2023)

- Using Logic Models (March 2023)
- Public Sector Relocation Briefing (January 2022)
- Recovery from Covid-19 at the local level: Using data to inform decision-making (2021)
- Rail Investment (September 2021)
- Levelling-Up Fund Interventions and Impacts (March 2021)
- Improving High Streets and Town Centres (March 2021)
- Increasing take-up (2020)
- Local responses to economic shocks (2020)
- Local Green Investments (December 2020)
- Covid-19 Local Responses to Youth Unemployment and Scarring (Sept 2020)
- Covid-19 Providing Access to Finance for Firms (July 2020)
- Covid-19 Supply Chains (June 2020)
- Covid-19 Data Sources to Inform Local Economic Recovery (June 2020)
- Covid-19 Public Transport Disruptions and Behaviour Change (June 2020)
- Congestion Charging (February 2020)
- Local Multipliers (June 2019)
- Area Based Initiatives: Local Hiring Requirements (May 2019)
- In work progression: High Involvement Management Practices (Feb 2019)
- In work progression: In Work Support (Feb 2019)
- University Spinoffs (June 2018)
- Policies to Encourage Co-Location of Researchers (March 2018)
- Neighbourhood Saturation Programmes (February 2018)
- Export Promotion Agencies (November 2017)
- Export Credit Agencies (November 2017)
- Investment Promotion Agencies (November 2017)
- Business Advice: Accelerators (October 2017; Updated December 2022)
- Business Advice: Incubators (October 2017)
- Broadband: Public Provision (June 2017)
- Broadband: Local Loop Unbundling (June 2017)
- Broadband: Provider and Consumer Incentives (June 2017)
- Apprenticeships: Mentors (March 2017)
- Apprenticeships: Pre-qualifications (March 2017)
- Apprenticeships: Financial Incentives (March 2017)
- Responding to major job losses (October 2016)
- Transport: Integrated Ticketing (July 2016)
- Transport: Real Time Information Systems (July 2016)
- Business Advice: Mentoring (June 2016)
- Business Advice: Public Advisors (June 2016)
- Business Advice: Subsidised Consultancy (June 2016)
- Business Advice: Tailored Support (June 2016)
- Business Advice: Training (June 2016; Updated December 2022)
- Employment Training: Careers Counselling (February 2016)
- Employment Training: Financial Incentives (February 2016)
- Employment Training: Pre-qualifications (February 2016)
- Employment Training: Reminders (February 2016)

‘Regional Differences in UK Transport BCRs: An Empirical Assessment’ (with N. Gonzalez-Pampillon) CEPOP53, September 2020.

‘People, Places and Politics’ CEP Election Analysis CEPEA47, November 2019.

‘Better Evidenced Based Policy in Disadvantaged Places’ WWC briefing, June 2019.

‘Developing a Local Industrial Strategy’ WWC briefing, June 2018

‘The UKs Regional Divide: Can Policy Make a Difference?’ CEP Election Analysis CEPEA42, June 2017.

‘The Economic Performance of UK Cities: Can Urban and Regional Policy Make a Difference to the North-South Divide’ CEP Election Analysis CEPEA25, March 2015.

‘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.

‘Assessing the Government's Proposals to Reform the UK Planning System’ (with M. Nathan) SERC Policy Paper no. 11 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. 10 November 2011.

‘The Future of Rural Policy: Lessons from Spatial Economics’ (with S. Gibbons) SERC Policy Paper no. 08 October 2011.

‘Economic Growth in Cities: Issues for Central Government’ SERC Policy Paper no. 07 June 2011.

‘Strategies for Underperforming Places’ (with P. Lawless and P. Tyler) SERC Policy Paper no. 06 February 2011.

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

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

‘Resurgent Cities and Regional Economic Performance’ (with P. Rice) SERC Policy Paper no. 01 November 2009.

‘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/>

<https://www.coronavirusandtheeconomy.com/>

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

‘Will coronavirus cause a big city exodus’ (2020) *Environment and Planning B*, 47(9) pp. 1537-1542 [with Max Nathan]

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

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

‘How the UK government should respond to the unequal local economic impacts of COVID-19’ *VoxEU*, April 2020.

‘The impact of big research infrastructure facilities on local scientific output’ *VoxEU*, November 2017.

‘New road infrastructure: The effects on firms’ *VoxEU*, July 2017.

‘Why birthplace matters so much’ *VoxEU*, April 2016.

‘Effectiveness of place-based policies: UK evidence’ *VoxEU*, April 2016.

‘How did London get away with it?’ *VoxEU*, March 2011.

‘Will Covid Cause a Big City Exodus?’ *Economics Observatory*, September 2020

‘How will the economic effects of coronavirus vary across areas of the UK?’ *Economics Observatory*, July 2020.

‘Which parts of the UK have been hit hardest by the Covid-19 crisis?’, *Economics Observatory* July 2020

‘People, places and politics: the challenge of 'levelling up' the UK’ *CentrePiece* 25(1) Spring 2020.

‘In brief...Big city, bright future: why birthplace matters so much’ *CentrePiece* 24(3) Autumn 2019.

Developing an effective local industrial strategy *CentrePiece* 23(3) November 2018.

‘In brief: Where Top Science gets Done’ *CentrePiece* 22(3) Autumn 2017.

‘In brief: Road to Recovery’ *CentrePiece* 22(2) Summer 2017

‘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

‘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

‘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.

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

‘On your bike’ *ESRC Britain in 2011*.

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

RESEARCH GRANTS

2025-2030	ESRC Funding Centre for Economic Performance (Research Director, £11m)
2023-2025	DBT/DLUHC/DfT/ESRC funding What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth (Director, £2.1m)
2021-2023	Nuffield Foundation funding for the Economy 2030 Inquiry (joint with Resolution Foundation, £1.8m)
2020-2025	ESRC funding Centre for Economic Performance (Research Director, £10m)
2020-2023	BEIS/DCLG/DfT/ESRC funding What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth (Director, £4.8m)
2017	BEIS What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth Industrial Strategy Project (Director, £0.5m)
2017-2019	BEIS/DCLG/DfT/DWP/ESRC funding What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth (Director, £3m)
2017-2019	Leverhulme RCT to Identify the Causal Effects of Accelerator Programmes (Co-investigator; PI O. Silva, £215k)
2016	KEIF Helping Cities Respond to Brexit (PI, £43k)
2015	HEIF Supporting Devolution Deals (PI, £30k)
2013-2016	BIS/DCLG/ESRC funding What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth (Director, £3.3m)
2012-2014	HEIF From urban economics to urban policy: helping city leaders make the most of localism (PI, £95k)
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

LSE courses

Executive MPA (2014-2021) and MPP (2017 on)

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

Bank of Italy, Feb 2013
ERSA 19th 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

President Urban Economic Association 2024-2025
Organizer CURE conference, LSE 2013, 2025
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.
Editor Economica, 2019 on
Member ERC Advisory Panel

Editorial Board

Economica, 2003-2018.
Regional Science and Urban Economics, 2004-2012.
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 (2013-2015). 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
- National Infrastructure Commission (2016 on) Analytical Panel
- RSA (2016) Inclusive Growth Commissioner
- Future Cities Catapult (2017) Advisory Board Performance in Use Project
- Manchester Shared Prosperity Review (2019) Commissioner
- Industrial Strategy Advisory Council (2024 on)

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)

Capucine Riom (2025); ‘Essays in Urban and Environmental Economics’

Margarida Madaleno (2023): ‘Essays in Urban Economics’

Louise Bernard (2022): ‘Essays on urban and development economics’

Tanner Regan (2021): ‘Essays in urban and development economics’

Matthew Sharp (2020): ‘Essays in Spatial and Labour Economics’

CK Tang (2018): ‘Essays in Applied Economics’

Nathalie Picarelli (2017): “Essays in Urban & Development Economics”

Alessandro Sforza (2017): “Essays on worker mobility, firm organisation and the political economics of elections”

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

Giulia Romani (Cà Foscari University, Venice)

Guillaume Chapelle (Science Po)

Corentin Trevien (Science Po)

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

Placement Officer (2025 on)

PhD Director Economic Geography (2025 on)

Chair Postgraduate Exam Board (2025 on)

Deputy Head of Department, Research (2019-2021)

REF Coordinator (2017-2018)

Head of Cluster (2013-2018)

Director PhD in Economic Geography (2013-2017)

Chair Search Committee (2017-2018)

Chair Search Committee (2016-2017)

Chair Search Committee (2014-2015)

Director MSc Local Economic Development (2006-2008)

Undergraduate Admissions Tutor (2003-2005)

Director MSc Real Estate Economics and Finance (1999-2003)

School duties

Member School Review of Research Incentives Policy (2017)

Member LSE Research Committee (2011-2016)

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

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 and Regional Economics programme (2000 on).
Centre for Economic Performance - Globalisation programme (1995-2016); Spatial and Urban Economics programme (2016 on).

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

- Workshop in Urban Economics and Economic Geography, Key note, Reading June 2025
- Seminars: Geneva School of Economics and Management, University of Cagliari 2024
- ERWIT/CURE, Turin, June 2023
- CURE Conference, Philadelphia, December 2022
- UEA Conference, Washington, September 2022
- Economy 2030 Interim Report Launch, July 2022
- Economy 2030, LSE Festival, June 2022
- Spatial Disparities in Europe, CEPR Symposium, Paris, June 2022
- CRED conference, Bern, February 2022
- Economics Festival, Bristol, November 2021
- Seminars: University of Oslo 2021
- Cohesion Policy Workshop, Online, September 2021
- Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Select Committee, June 2020
- Urban Economics Association, New York, October 2018
- V Workshop on Urban Economics, Barcelona, Plenary, June 2018
- CESifo conference, Key note, June 2018
- The Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland, Annual Symposium, Keynote, April 2018
- Philadelphia Federal Reserve Policy Forum, December 2018
- NIESR Brexit conference, November 2017
- CESifo conference, Venice, June 2017
- UEA Conference, Copenhagen, May 2017
- RES conference, Bristol, April 2017
- Seminars: Paris, ILO Geneva, Brown University, World Bank 2017
- NARSC conference, November 2016
- ERSA conference, September 2016

- Seminars: Trento, Helsinki, 2016
- GES conference, April 2016
- RES Special Session on Area Based Policies, March 2016
- Future Cities, Sydney, February 2016
- Future Cities, Barcelona, January 2016
- 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
- 2nd 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 50th 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.
- 4th 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.
- 3rd 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.

- 1st 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

2012	Fellow of the Weimer School
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.