

Workshop*

The Impact of Work-from-home: The European Perspective

4th and 5th November 2024

London School of Economics
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The rapid rise of work-from-home has sparked numerous questions about the future of cities, new business models, new sustainability patterns as well as the role of face-to-face in-person contacts for productivity and innovation. Answers to these questions have profound implications for the growth of modern economies, geographical and inter-personal inequalities in economic wealth, wellbeing and opportunities and the functioning of companies. This workshop explores the latest theoretical and empirical developments in the field of work-from-home, with a focus on the economic and institutional frameworks of European economies.

The workshop will bring together a diverse and interdisciplinary group of scholars working with quantitative methods from fields ranging from economic geography, urban economics and real estate economics to labour economics, management and innovation studies. To provide a comprehensive and balanced view of this emerging trend, the workshop will cover studies on France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, the United Kingdom and the European Union.

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PROGRAMME

Monday 4th November

09:30 – 09:45 Welcome address – **Riccardo Crescenzi** (LSE) and **Davide Rigo** (LSE)

09:45 – 10:30 **Session 1: Keynotes I**

[30min presentation; 15min general discussion]

Chiara Criscuolo (IFC) – Telework and Productivity: The Covid Experience

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:30 **Session 2: Papers I – WFH & Firms**

[20min presentation; 5min discussant; 10min Q&As]

Tom Schmitz (Queen Mary University) – Work From Home, Productivity and Firm Dynamics (*discussant: Filippo Boeri*)

Victoria Robinson (EBRD) – Shift to Remote Work, Performance, and Learning (*discussant: Davide Rigo*)

Davide Rigo (LSE) – Work From Home and Firm Productivity: The Role of ICT and Size (*discussant: Jesse Matheson*)

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch in Senior Dining Room

14:00 – 14:45 **Session 3: Keynotes II**

[30min presentation; 15min discussion]

Ryan Luby (McKinsey Global Institute) – Empty Spaces and Hybrid Places: The Pandemic's Lasting Impact on Real Estate

14:45 – 16:30 **Session 4: Papers II – WFH & Cities**

[20min presentation; 5min discussant; 10min Q&As]

Jesse Matheson (University of Sheffield) – How the Rise of Teleworking will Reshape Labour Markets and Cities (*discussant: Giorgio Pietrabissa*)

Jean Victor Alipour (ifo Munich) – The Future of Work and Consumption in Cities after the Pandemic: Evidence from Germany (*discussant: Cem Özgüzel*)



Giorgio Pietrabissa (LSE) – School Access and City Structure (*discussant: Tom Schmitz*)

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 – 18:10 **Session 5: Papers III – WFH & Sustainability**

[20min presentation; 5min discussant; 10min Q&As]

Caterina Pavese (ifo Munich) – Remote Working and Mental Health during the First Wave of COVID-19 Pandemic (*discussant: Bernardo Caldarola*)

Bernardo Caldarola (JRC European Commission) – Do Teleworkers Travel Less? An Analysis of Pre-Pandemic Rebound Effects (*discussant: Caterina Pavese*)

19:00 Workshop dinner

Tuesday 5th November

09:30 – 10:15 **Session 6: Keynotes III**

[30min presentation; 15min general discussion]

Philip McCann (Alliance Manchester Business School) – Donuts and Shadows: The Analytics and Empirics of Work-From-Home, Trip Frequency and Changing Regional Attractiveness

10:15 – 12:00 **Session 7: Papers IV – WFH & the Geography of Workers**

[20min presentation; 5min discussant; 10min Q&As]

Filippo Boeri (LSE) – The Geography of Remote Workers and Firm Productivity: Evidence from Matched Employer-Employee Data (*discussant: Jean Victor Alipour*)

Cem Özgüzel (OECD) – The New Geography of Remote Jobs in Europe (*discussant: Christian Hoefnagel*)

Christian Hoefnagel (Tilburg University) – WFH and its Consequences for Job and Residential Mobility: Dispersion of Residents and Concentration of Jobs? (*discussant: Victoria Robinson*)

12:00 – 13:30 Closing remarks & Lunch in Senior Dining Room