

## Conference in Urban and Regional Economics (CURE)

Venue: London School of Economics,  
Department of Economics (32LIF Building, Room 1.04)

Organisers: Henry Overman (London School of Economics and CEPR) Diego Puga  
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### Programme

#### Morning, Friday, 4 October

08:30	Registration and Breakfast (at conference venue)
09:00-10:10	<p><i>Task Specialization in U.S. Cities 1880-2000</i> <b>Guy Michaels</b>, London School of Economics and CEPR (with Stephen Redding and Ferdinand Rauch)</p> <p>Discussants: <b>Jeffrey Lin</b>, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and <b>Jessie Handbury</b>, University of Pennsylvania</p>
10:10-10:15	Short break
10:15-11:25	<p><i>The Role of Contagion in the Last American Housing Cycle</i> <b>Joseph Gyourko</b>, University of Pennsylvania</p> <p>Discussants: <b>Christian Hilber</b>, London School of Economics and <b>Giacomo Ponzetto</b>, CREI and CEPR</p>
11:25-11:50	Coffee break
11:50-13:00	<p><i>Housing Supply Elasticity and Rent Extraction by State and Local Governments</i> <b>Rebecca Diamond</b>, Stanford University</p> <p>Discussants: <b>Gianmarco Ottaviano</b>, London School of Economics and CEPR and <b>Kurt Schmidheiny</b>, Universität Basel and CEPR</p>
13:00-14:30	Lunch

### Afternoon, Friday, 4 October

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| 14:30-15:40 | <p><i>The Link between Fundamentals and Proximate Factors in Development</i><br/> <b>Wolfgang Keller</b>, University of Colorado, Boulder and CEPR<br/>         (with Carol H. Shiue)</p> <p>Discussants: <b>William Hanlon</b>, University of California, Los Angeles<br/>         and <b>Holger Breinlich</b>, University of Essex and CEPR</p>     |
| 15:40-16:05 | <p>Coffee break</p>   |
| 16:05-17:15 | <p><i>New Media, Beliefs, and Economic Change: Printing and the Protestant Reformation</i><br/> <b>Jeremiah Dittmar</b>, London School of Economics<br/>         (with Skipper Seabold)</p> <p>Discussants: <b>Alexander Whalley</b>, University of California, Merced<br/>         and <b>Benjamin Faber</b>, University of California, Berkeley</p> |
| 17:15-17:20 | <p>Short break</p>  |
| 17:20-18:30 | <p><i>Driving up Wages: The Effects of Road Construction in Great Britain</i><br/> <b>Rosa Sanchis-Guarner</b>, London School of Economics</p> <p>Discussants: <b>Nathaniel Baum-Snow</b>, Brown University and<br/> <b>Laurent Gobillon</b>, INED and CEPR</p>   |
| 19:15       | <p>Reception and dinner at Fleet River Bakery</p>   |

## Morning, Saturday, 5 October

- 08:30 Breakfast (at conference venue)
- 09:00-10:10 | *Urbanisation and Migration Externalities in China*  
**Pierre-Philippe Combes**, GREQAM and CEPR  
(with Sylvie Démurger and Shi Li)
- Discussants: **Johannes Van Biesebroeck**, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and CEPR and **Vernon Henderson**, London School of Economics
- 10:10-10:15 Short Break
- 10:15-11:25 | *Are Big Cities too Small? Income Taxation and Spatial Misallocation*  
**Jan Eeckhout**, University College London, Universitat Pompeu Fabra and CEPR (with Nezh Guner)
- Discussants **Anthony Venables**, University of Oxford and CEPR and **Morris Davis**, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 11:25-11:50 Coffee break
- 11:50-13:00 | *The Comparative Advantage of Cities*  
**Jonathan Dingel**, Columbia University  
(with Donald Davis)
- Discussants: **Matt Turner**, University of Toronto and **Gilles Duranton**, University of Pennsylvania and CEPR
- 13:00-14:30 Lunch

**Note:** Presenters have 45 min to present their paper. A total of 15 min are allocated to the two discussants and 10 min for general discussion.