

## Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (CURE)

7 and 8 November 2025

Venue: London School of Economics (LSE),  
Department of Economics, Sir Arthur Lewis Building, Room 1.04

Organisers: Clare Balboni (LSE and CEPR), Gharad Bryan (LSE and CEPR), Guy  
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### Programme

#### Morning, Friday, 7 November

08:30	Registration and coffee
09:00-10:10	<i>The Volatility Advantages of Large Labor Markets</i> <b>Maddalena Conte</b> (Institut des Politiques Publiques) with Isabelle Mejean, Tomasz Michalski and Benoit Schmutz-Bloch  Discussants: Alan Manning (LSE) and Diego Puga (CEPR and CEMFI)
10:10-10:15	Short break
10:15-11:25	<i>Trading Trash on Tricycles</i> <b>Ignacio Banares-Sanchez</b> (LSE) with Yoshiki Wiskamp  Discussants: Mariaflavia Harari (Wharton) and Joao Granja (UCL)
11:25-11:50	Coffee break
11:50-13:00	<i>Daughters Left Behind: How Trade Liberalization Harms Girls in China when Government Restricts Migration</i> <b>Ran Song</b> (NUS) with Wenquan Liang, Xuwen Gao and Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak  Discussants: Allison Green (LSE) and Thomas Sampson (LSE and CEPR)
13:00-14:00	Lunch

### Afternoon, Friday, 7 November

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| 14:00-15:10 | <p><i>The Spatial Distribution of Income in Cities: New Global Evidence and Theory</i><br/> <b>Yuhei Miyauchi</b> (Boston University)<br/>         With Peter Deffebach, David Lagakos and Eiji Yamada</p> <p>Discussants: Sara Bagagli (LSE)<br/>         and Simon Franklin (Queen Mary and CEPR)</p>   |
| 15:10-15:35 | Coffee break  |
| 15:35-16:45 | <p><i>Reshaping the Economy? Local Reallocation Effects of Place-Based Policies</i><br/> <b>Catherine van der List</b> (University of Essex)<br/>         with Sarah Fritz</p> <p>Discussants: Joan Monras (UPF and CEPR)<br/>         and Marta Santamaria (University of Warwick and CEPR)</p>  |
| 16:45-16:50 | Short break   |
| 16:50-18:00 | <p><i>The Short-Run Effects of Congestion Pricing in New York City</i><br/> <b>Cody Cook</b> (Yale)<br/>         with Aboudy Kreidieh, Shoshana Vasserman, Hunt Allcott, Neha Arora, Freek van Sambeek, Andrew Tomkins and Eray Turkel</p> <p>Discussants: Matthew Freedman (UC Irvine)<br/>         and Stephan Heblich (University of Toronto and CEPR)</p> |
| 19:30       | Dinner  |

### Morning, Saturday, 8 November

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| 08:30       | Coffee  |
| 09:00-10:10 | <p><i>Why Has Construction Productivity Stagnated? The Role of Land-Use Regulation</i><br/> <b>Giacomo Ponzetto</b> (CREI and CEPR)<br/>         with Leonardo D'Amico, Edward L. Glaeser, Joseph Gyourko and William Kerr</p> <p>Discussants: Laurent Gobillon (Paris School of Economics and CEPR)<br/>         and Vernon Henderson (LSE and CEPR)</p> |
| 10:10-10:15 | Short Break   |

- 10:15-11:25 | *Segmentation and Returns on Rental Housing*  
**Jessie Handbury** (Wharton)  
with Samuel Hughes and Benjamin Keys  
  
Discussants: Nikhil Datta (University of Warwick)  
and Felipe Carozzi (LSE and CEPR)
- 11:25-11:50 | Coffee break
- 11:50-13:00 | *Dynamic Urban Economics*  
**Andrii Parkhomenko** (University of Southern California)  
with Brian Greaney and Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh  
  
Discussants: Gabriel Ahlfeldt (Humboldt University and CEPR)  
and Yanos Zylberberg (University of Bristol and CEPR)
- 13:00-14:30 | Lunch

**Note:** Presenters have 50 min to present their paper, and each discussant has a total of 10 min for their discussion. Please refrain from any question in the first 10 min of a talk or during the introductory slides, whatever is shorter.