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### CURRENT POSITION

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Senior Lecturer in Economics, Department of Economics and Quantitative Methods,  
University of Westminster (since Aug. 2014).

### OTHER AFFILIATIONS

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Fellow of the Higher Education Academy  
Spatial Economics Research Centre (SERC), London School of Economics.  
Centre for Globalisation Research, Queen Mary University of London.

### PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

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Lecturer in Economics, Department of Economics and Quantitative Methods, University  
of Westminster (2013-2014).  
Lecturer in Economics (fixed term), School of Business and Management, Queen Mary  
University of London (Apr. 2012 – Sept. 2013).  
Research Economist, Spatial Economics Research Centre, London School of Economics  
(2008 – 2012 part-time).  
LSE Fellow, Department of Geography and Environment, London School of Economics  
(2008-2011).  
Guest Lecturer, Economics Department, London School of Economics (2011-2012).  
Consultant, OECD GOV Regional Development Policy division (2011-2012 and 2016).  
Young Researcher in the Research Training Network “Trade, Industrialisation and  
Development”, Centre for Economic Performance, LSE (Jan. 2005 - Nov. 2006).  
Analyst, Corporate Strategy Division, Electricité de France (EDF), Paris, France (1998-  
2000).

### EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Economics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA (awarded Apr. 2010). Title:  
“Essays on the effects of trade liberalization.”  
D.E.A. Analyse et Politique Economiques (M. Phil. in Economics), EHESS, Paris, France  
(2001).  
Diplôme des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (HEC), Jouy-en-Josas, France (1997).

Stern School of Business, New York University (foreign exchange student Fall 1996).

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Economic geography, urban economics, international trade.

## PUBLICATIONS

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“A pseudo-panel approach to estimating dynamic effects of road infrastructure provision on firm productivity in a developing country context” (with Samira Barzin and Dan Graham), *Regional Science and Urban Economics* (2018).

“Impact of structural reforms on regional productivity growth: distance to the frontier matters” (with Enrique Garcilazo and Joaquim Oliveira Martins), *Papers in Regional Science* (2018).

“The urban wage growth premium: sorting or learning?” (with Henry Overman), *Regional Science and Urban Economics* (2014).

“Agglomeration and labour markets: The impact of transport investments on labour market outcomes” (with S. Gibbons, H. Overman and P. Pelkonen), in R. Crescenzi and M. Percoco (eds), *Geography, Institutions and Regional Economic Performance. Advances in spatial science*. Springer (2013).

## WORKING PAPERS

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"The Geographical Effects of Transportation Infrastructure on Firms' Output and Productivity Patterns across East and West Germany", (with Samira Barzin and Dan Graham), 2017.

“Impact of structural reforms on regional productivity growth: distance to the frontier matters” (with Enrique Garcilazo and Joaquim Oliveira Martins), CGR working paper 86, 2017.

“A pseudo-panel approach to estimating dynamic effects of road infrastructure provision on firm productivity in a developing country context” (with Samira Barzin and Dan Graham), CGR working paper 69, July 2016.

“The urban wage growth premium: sorting or learning?” (with Henry Overman), SERC Discussion Paper 135, May 2013.

“The impact of structural and macroeconomic factors on regional growth” (with Jose Enrique Garcilazo and Joaquim Oliveira Martins), OECD Regional Development Working Paper 2013/11, 2013.

“The effect of trade liberalization on the size distribution of plants in Colombia,” Aug. 2011.

“Input linkages, productivity and trade liberalization: Firm-level evidence from Hungary's integration with the European Union”, Nov. 2009.

“Patterns of regional industrial clustering during trade liberalization: Evidence from Hungarian manufacturing industries”, Nov. 2009.

#### POLICY REPORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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“Productivity and jobs in a globalised world – (How) Can all regions benefit?” OECD (2018): contribution.

“Metrolink impacts on the economy: Stage 2 scoping study” (with Dan Graham), Imperial College London report for Transport for Greater Manchester, March 2015.

“Housing policy in high-density global cities: a cost benefit model of sub-market rental accommodation in Central London” (with P. Urwin, P. Hedges, M. Lister and V. Rich), report for the Dolphin Square Foundation (2014).

“Strengthening economic linkages between Leeds and Manchester: Feasibility and implications” (with H. Overman, S. Gibbons, G. Mion, P. Pelkonen, G. Resende, and M. Thomas), SERC policy report, Nov. 2009.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Economics of Public Policy (UG, 2017-), Microeconomic Analysis and Policy, Economic Policy Perspectives (PG, 2016-), Labour Economics (UG, 2014-16), University of Westminster.

Economics for Business (2012-2013), Queen Mary University.

Applied Location and Spatial Analysis (2008 - 2011), Geography Department, LSE.

European Economic Policy (2009 - 2011), Economics in Public Policy (2012), Economics Department, LSE.

#### PH.D. SUPERVISION

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2018: Samira Barzin (Imperial College London, co-supervisor). Placement: University of Groningen.

#### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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George Lurcy Foundation fellowship (2001-2002).

Fulbright scholarship (awarded 2001-2002, declined).

Henry Carter Adams scholarship, University of Michigan (2001).

HEC Foundation International Committee scholarship (1996).

## INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

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- 2018: RSAI World Congress, Goa.
- 2017: European Central Bank Surveillance Seminar, Frankfurt.
- 2016: OECD; ERSA – UEA section (Vienna); Queen Mary University.
- 2015: ERSA - Urban Economics section (Lisbon); Workshop on Infrastructure and the spatial organisation of economic activity (CSIC-IPP Madrid).
- 2014: Royal Economic Society (Manchester); IIFT (Delhi).
- 2013: Spatial Economics Research Centre Annual Conference (LSE); CGR-GPEN annual conference (Queen Mary University); European Regional Science Association annual congress - Urban Economics section (Palermo).
- 2012: European Regional Science Association annual congress (Bratislava); Queen Mary University; North American Regional Science Council annual meeting (Ottawa); Urban Economics Association annual meeting (Ottawa); OECD Economics Directorate; London School of Economics.
- 2011: “The Demography of Firms and Industries” conference (Université Paris Est); OECD; Banque de France.
- 2010: LSE.
- 2009: “Empirical Analysis of Firm Heterogeneity in International Trade” workshop (Queen Mary University).
- 2006: Final conference of the Research Training Network “Trade, Industrialisation and Development” (Paris).
- 2005: LSE international trade student seminar; Fifth Spring School in Economic Geography (Cagliari).

## PROFESSIONAL DUTIES

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- Referee for *Annals of Regional Science*, *Economic Modelling*, *Journal of Regional Science*, *Papers in Regional Science*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Journal of Economic Geography*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*.
- Royal Economic Society PhD meetings 2017 & 2018: programme committee.
- New B.Sc. Business Economics course and module development, 2015-17.
- Doctoral student recruitment panel, University of Westminster, 2014.
- CGR-GPEN annual conference, Queen Mary University, June 2013: local organising committee.
- Post-doc hiring panel, School of Business and Management, Queen Mary University of London, 2013.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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French: fluent. English: fluent. Spanish: intermediate.

Citizenship: French.