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## FRONTIERS IN URBAN ECONOMICS

# Frontiers of Urban Economics: A Conference for PhD Students

**Sponsored by the Columbia University Department of Economics and  
the Urban Economics Association**

**November 5-7, 2015**

**Organized by Donald R. Davis, Gilles Duranton, and Thomas Holmes**

### About

This conference is designed for Economics PhD students with an interest in urban and regional topics. We invite participation from students in Labor, Development, Public, Trade, and other applied fields, in addition to those specialized in Urban and Regional Economics. The conference will be launched Thursday evening with a policy discussion on affordable housing. Full day sessions on Friday and Saturday will have the format of a “Handbook Conference,” in which leading researchers will provide a guide to the research frontier across a variety of urban and regional topics. The aim is to stimulate research on important topics in the field.

### Schedule

**Thursday November 5, 6:00-7:30p**

**Presidential Room, Faculty House, Columbia University**

*Affordable Housing for All? A Policy Discussion* (<http://econ.columbia.edu/affordable-housing-all-policy-discussion>)

Carl Weisbrod, Chairman, New York City Planning Commission

Gilles Duranton (The Wharton School)

Ingrid Gould Ellen (New York University)

Chaired by: Donald R. Davis, (Columbia)

## Friday November 6

### 501 Schermerhorn Hall

8:00 - 8:30	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:45	Costas Arkolakis (Yale), " <u>Advances in Gravity models of Spatial Economics</u> " ( <a href="/files/econ/content/advancements_in_gravity_models_of_spatial_economics_arkolakis.pdf">/files/econ/content/advancements_in_gravity_models_of_spatial_economics_arkolakis.pdf</a> )
9:45 - 11:00	Edward Glaeser (Harvard), "Cities in the Developing World"
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:15 - 1:00	Panel Session: Short Presentations of PhD Job Market Students, Chaired by Thomas Holmes (Minnesota)
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch
2:00 - 3:15	Jessie Handbury (Wharton), " <u>Consumption Amenities and Location Decisions: Measurement Issues</u> " ( <a href="/files/econ/content/jessie_handbury.pdf">/files/econ/content/jessie_handbury.pdf</a> )
3:15 - 3:30	Coffee Break
3:30 - 4:45	Jonathan Dingel (Chicago Booth), " <u>Spatial Sorting of Skills, Sectors</u> " ( <a href="/files/econ/content/jonathan_dingel.pdf">/files/econ/content/jonathan_dingel.pdf</a> )
4:45 - 6:00	Enrico Moretti (Berkeley), " <u>Why Do Cities Matter? Local Growth and Aggregate Growth</u> " ( <a href="http://eml.berkeley.edu/~moretti/growth.pdf">http://eml.berkeley.edu/~moretti/growth.pdf</a> )
6:30	Conference Dinner

## Saturday November 7

### 1501 International Affairs Building

8-8:30	Breakfast
8:30-9:45	Stephen Redding (Princeton), " <u>Quantitative Models of Urban Economics</u> " ( <a href="http://www.princeton.edu/~reddings/papers/Berlin_031115_all.pdf">http://www.princeton.edu/~reddings/papers/Berlin_031115_all.pdf</a> )
9:45 -11:00	Nate Baum-Snow (Brown), " <u>Urbanization and Inequality</u> " ( <a href="/files/econ/content/baum_snow.pdf">/files/econ/content/baum_snow.pdf</a> )
11:00 -11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 -12:45	Brendan O'Flaherty (Columbia) and Rajiv Sethi (Barnard), " <u>Crime in Cities</u> " ( <a href="/files/econ/content/rajiv_sethi.pdf">/files/econ/content/rajiv_sethi.pdf</a> )
12:45 -2:00	Lunch

- 2:00 - 3:15 Rebecca Diamond (Stanford), "[Affordable Housing](http://web.stanford.edu/~diamondr/LIHTC_spillovers.pdf)" ([http://web.stanford.edu/~diamondr/LIHTC\\_spillovers.pdf](http://web.stanford.edu/~diamondr/LIHTC_spillovers.pdf))
- 3:15 - 3:30 Coffee Break
- 3:30-4:45 Gilles Duranton (Wharton), "[Urban Land Use](/files/econ/content/gilles_duranton.pdf)" ([/files/econ/content/gilles\\_duranton.pdf](/files/econ/content/gilles_duranton.pdf))
- 4:45-5:00 Closing

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