

Lecture 06 - Cities and innovation: readings

Essential [*] & recommended

For the lecture:

Carlino, G. and Kerr, W.R. (2015). [*] Agglomeration and Innovation. In *Handbook of Regional and Urban Economics*, ed. Duranton, G., Henderson, J.V. and Strange, W.C., 349-404: Elsevier. [UCL Library \(available online\)](#) **[Longer, comprehensive]**

Storper, M. and Venables, A. (2004). [*] Buzz: Face to Face Contact and the Urban Economy. *Journal of Economic Geography* 4(4), 351-370. <https://doi-org.libproxy.ucl.ac.uk/10.1093/jnlecg/lbh027> **[Shorter, summary]**

For the seminar:

Bloom, N. and D. Strauss (2021). [*] It is becoming pretty clear now that hybrid working is here to stay. *Financial Times*, 21 December. <https://www.ft.com/content/c3ada896-c7df-46a0-bb23-10aa723fd1e9> **[Core reading for the seminar]**

Extra reading: concepts and debates

Carlino, G.A., Chatterjee, S., and Hunt, R.M. (2007). Urban density and the rate of invention. *Journal of Urban Economics*, 61(3), 389-419. <https://doi-org.libproxy.ucl.ac.uk/10.1016/j.jue.2006.08.003>

Cooke, P., Uranga, M. and Extbarria, G. (1997). Regional Innovation Systems: Institutional and Organizational Dimensions. *Research Policy*, 26(4-5), 475-491. [https://doi-org.libproxy.ucl.ac.uk/10.1016/S0048-7333\(97\)00025-5](https://doi-org.libproxy.ucl.ac.uk/10.1016/S0048-7333(97)00025-5)

Duranton, G. and Puga, D. (2004). Micro-Foundations of Urban Agglomeration Economies. In *Handbook of regional and urban economics* 4, ed. Henderson, J.V. and Thisse, J.F., 2063-2117. The Hague: Elsevier. [UCL Library \(available online\)](#)

Glaeser, E. (2011). *The Triumph of the City*. London: Pan Macmillan. [UCL Library](#) **[Introduction]**

Storper, M., Kemeny, T., Makarem, N., and Osman, T. (2015). *The Rise and Fall of Urban Economies*. Stanford University Press. [UCL Library \(available online\)](#) **[Chapter 2]**

Smith, N. 2021. Can knowledge industries escape superstar cities?, *Noahpinion*, Jan 26. <https://noahpinion.substack.com/p/can-knowledge-industries-escape-superstar>. **[Shortest!]**

Extra reading: policies and reports

Clancy, M. (2020). The Case for Remote Work. *Economics Working Papers* 20007. Iowa: Iowa State University. https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/econ_workingpapers/102/

Extra erading: hybrid work

- Ayyangar, R. (2021). "Hybrid Anxiety and Hybrid Optimism: The Near Future of Work." A16z Future. <https://future.a16z.com/hybrid-anxiety-optimism-future-of-work/>
- Balland, P.A. Jara-Figueroa, C., Petralia, S.G., Steijn, M.P.A., Rigby, D.L. and Hidalgo, C.A. (2020). Complex economic activities concentrate in large cities. *Nature Human Behaviour*, 4, 248-254. <https://doi-org.libproxy.ucl.ac.uk/10.1038/s41562-019-0803-3>
- Brescia, E. (2020). At software firms, many people already worked from home. *The Economist*. November 17. <https://www.economist.com/the-world-ahead/2020/11/17/at-software-firms-many-people-already-worked-from-home>
- Nathan, M. and Overman, H. (2020). Will coronavirus cause a big city exodus? *Environment and Planning B*, 47(9),1537-1542. <https://doi-org.libproxy.ucl.ac.uk/10.1177/2399808320971910>
- Martin, R., Unsworth, S., Valero, A. and Verhoeven, D. (2020). Innovation for a strong and sustainable recovery. *CEP Covid-19 Analysis Series Paper No 014*. London: LSE. <https://cep.lse.ac.uk/pubs/download/cepcovid-19-014.pdf>