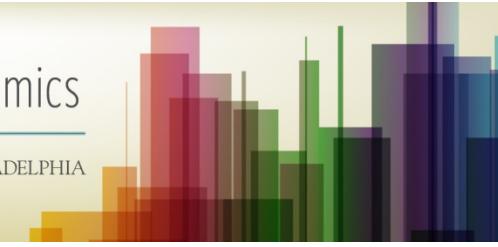


# Conference on Urban and Regional Economics

September 30–October 1, 2016    FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA



## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

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Program Organizers: Gerald Carlino, Gilles Duranton, Jessie Handbury, and Jeffrey Lin

Participants are given 40 minutes to present their papers, the discussant is allotted 10 minutes, and 10 minutes is allotted for general discussion.

### **Friday, September 30, 2016**

8:30–9:00 a.m.      Breakfast (at conference venue)

9:00–10:00 a.m.      “Estimating Neighborhood Effects: Evidence from War-time Destruction in London”

Presenter: Daniel Sturm, London School of Economics

Discussant: Matt Turner, Brown University

10:00–11:00 a.m.      “Neighborhood Choices and Neighborhood Effects”

Presenter: Morris Davis, Rutgers University

Discussant: Holger Sieg, University of Pennsylvania

11:00–11:30 a.m.      Coffee Break

11:30–12:30 p.m.      “Structural Demand Estimation with Borrowing Constraints”

Presenter: Amine Ouazad, Ecole Polytechnique, France

Discussant: Fernando Ferreira, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

12:30–1:45 p.m. Lunch

2:00–3:00 p.m. “Optimal City Structure”

Presenter: Xiangliang Li, Yale University

Discussant: Jan Brueckner, University of California–Irvine

3:00–4:00 p.m. “Do Bank Branches Still Matter? The Effect of Closings on Local Economic Outcomes”

Presenter: Hoai-Luu Nguyen, University of California–Berkeley

Discussant: Lindsay Relihan, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

4:00–4:30 p.m. Coffee Break

4:30–5:30 p.m. “Housing Price and Fundamentals in a Transition Economy: The Case of the Beijing Market”

Presenter: Lu Han, University of Toronto

Discussant: Maisy Wong, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

5:45–7:00 p.m. Reception (at conference venue)

7:00 p.m. Dinner (location TBA)

**Saturday, October 1, 2016**

- 9:00–10:00 a.m.     “The Local Impact of Containerization”  
                        Presenter: Leah Brooks, George Washington University  
                        Discussant: Jonathan Dingel, University of Chicago
- 10:00–11:00 a.m.    “Living on the Edge: Infrastructure Investments and the Persistence of Coastal Cities”  
                        Presenter: Clare Balboni, London School of Economics  
                        Discussant: Ben Faber, University of California–Berkeley
- 11:00–11:30 a.m.    Coffee Break
- 11:30–12:30 p.m.    “Building the City: Sunk Capital, Sequencing, and Institutional Frictions”  
                        Presenter: J. Vernon Henderson, London School of Economics  
                        Discussant: Remi Jedwab, George Washington University
- 12:30 p.m.           Box Lunch