

# DR MAX NATHAN

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## SUMMARY

I am an economic geographer with a background in public policy. My **research** focuses on urban economic development, especially the economics of immigration and diversity, innovation systems and tech clusters, and public policy / policy evaluation for cities. I use mainly quantitative methods and firm-level analysis. I am an **Associate Professor in Applied Urban Sciences at CASA, University College London**. Prior to this I spent 15 years outside academia in non-profits and consultancy, and some time in central government. I am a co-founder of the **Centre for Cities** think tank and the **What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth**. I am also an affiliate at **CAGE, CEP, IZA, NIESR and City-REDI, Birmingham University** and an elected **Fellow of the Regional Studies Association**.

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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2019 –	<b>Associate Professor [Reader] in Applied Urban Sciences, CASA, University College London</b>
2013 – 2021	Co-founder and Deputy Director, What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth, London School of Economics and Political Science
2015 – 2019	Senior Birmingham Fellow [Senior Lecturer], Department of Strategy and International Business and City-REDI, Birmingham Business School
2012 – 2015	Senior Research Fellow, National Institute of Economic and Social Research
2012 – 2015	Public Affairs Research Fellow, Spatial Economics Research Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science

## NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2007-2010	ESRC-funded Policy Advisor, Department of Communities & Local Government
2004-2007	Co-founder and Head of Research, Centre for Cities
2000-2004	Senior Researcher, Work Foundation
1998-2000	Research Assistant, Centre for Local Economic Strategies

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## OTHER AFFILIATIONS

CAGE; CEP; IZA; NIESR; City-REDI, Birmingham University  
Elected Fellow, Regional Studies Association

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## EDUCATION

2011	<b>PhD Economic Geography and Spatial Economics</b> Supervisors: Henry Overman, Ian Gordon	<b>LSE</b>
2009	<b>Visiting Scholar</b> Institute of Urban and Regional Development	<b>UC Berkeley</b>
1998	<b>MSc Social Policy and Planning</b> Awarded: Distinction	<b>LSE</b>
1997	<b>BA (Hons) Politics, Philosophy and Economics</b> Awarded: 2:1	<b>Oxford University</b>
2018	<b>Fellow, Higher Education Academy</b>	<b>HEA</b>
2018	<b>PGCert Higher Education, Full</b>	<b>LSE</b>

## PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [1] The City and the Virus (2023). *Urban Studies*. 60(8), pp 1346–1364. LEAD ARTICLE
- [2] Creative Clusters and Creative Spillovers (2023) (with D. Gutierrez-Posada, A. Kitsos and M. Nuccio). *Economic Geography*. 99(1), pp 1-24. LEAD ARTICLE
- [3] Modelling Clusters from the Ground Up: A Web Data Approach (2023) (with C. Stich and E. Tranos). *Environment & Planning B*. 50(1), pp 244–267.
- [4] Incubators, Accelerators and Urban Economic Development (2022) (with M. Madaleno, H. Overman and S. Waight). *Urban Studies*. 59:2, pp 281-300. LEAD ARTICLE
- [5] Does light touch cluster policy work? Evaluating the Tech City programme (2022). *Research Policy*. 51(9), pp 1104-1138.
- [6] Innovative Events (2022) (with A. Rosso). *Research Policy*. 51(1), pp 104-137.
- [7] Will Coronavirus Cause a Big City Exodus? (2020) (with H. Overman). *Environment & Planning B*, 47:9, pp 1537-1542.
- [8] Creative Differences? Creative Economy Employment in the US and UK (2020) (with T. Kemeny and D. O'Brien). *Regional Studies*, 54:3, pp 377-387.
- [9] Spatial Imaginaries and Tech Cities: Place-branding East London's Digital Economy (2019) (with E. Vandore and G. Voss). *Journal of Economic Geography*, 19:2, pp 409-432.  
GEOGRAPHY STREAM, Editor: Neil Coe
- [10] Ethnic diversity and business performance: Which firms? Which cities? (2016) *Environment and Planning A*, 48:12, pp 2462-2483.
- [11] Do Inventors Talk to Strangers? On proximity and collaborative knowledge creation (2016) (with R. Crescenzi and A. Rodríguez-Pose). *Research Policy*, 45:1, pp 177-194.
- [12] Mapping Digital Businesses with Big Data: some early lessons from the UK (2015) (with A. Rosso). *Research Policy*, 44:9, pp 1714–1733.
- [13] Same Difference? Ethnic inventors, diversity and innovation in the UK (2015). *Journal of Economic Geography*, 15:1, pp 129-168. ECONOMICS STREAM, Editor: Kristian Behrens
- [14] After Florida: Towards an economics of diversity (2015). *European Urban and Regional Studies*, 22:1, pp 3-19. LEAD ARTICLE. [2016 Jim Lewis Prize winner, best paper in European Urban and Regional Studies during 2015](#)
- [15] Here Be Startups: Exploring a young digital cluster in Inner East London (2014) (with E. Vandore). *Environment and Planning A*, 46:10, pp 2283-2299. LEAD ARTICLE
- [16] The Wider Economic Impacts of High-Skilled Migrants: A review of the literature for receiving countries (2014). *IZA Journal of Migration*, 3:4, doi: 10.1186/2193-9039-3-4.
- [17] Evaluating Spatial Policies (2014) (with S. Gibbons and H. Overman), *Town Planning Review*, 85:4, pp 427-432.
- [18] Cultural Diversity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Evidence from London firms (2013) (with N. Lee). *Economic Geography*, 89:4, pp 367-394.
- [19] Agglomeration, Clusters and Industrial Policy (2013) (with H. Overman). *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 29:2, 383-404.
- [20] East London Tech City: Ideas without a Strategy? (2011). *Local Economy*, 26:3, pp 197-202.
- [21] Cultural diversity and innovation in London: Evidence from firm-level data (2010) (with N. Lee). *International Journal of Knowledge-Based Development*, 1:1/2, pp 53-78.
- [22] The Wrong Stuff: Creative Class theory in UK cities (2007). *Canadian Journal of Regional Science*, XXX, Autumn, pp 127-148.

[23] Beyond City Living (2006) (with R. Unsworth). **Built Environment**, 32:3, pp 235-249.

[24] Them And Us: Britain and the European City (2006) (with A Marshall) **Public Policy Research**, 13:2, pp 109-118.

[25] All Together Now? Testing for joined up urban and regional policy (1999) (with P Morgan) **New Economy**, 6:3, pp128-132.

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## PAPERS IN REVIEW

[1] Creative Destruction? Creative workers, firms and residential gentrification (with D. Gutierrez-Posada and A. Kitsos). Funded by the AHRC Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre. *Revise and resubmit, Economic Geography*.

See: Creative PEC Discussion Paper DP2, <https://pec.ac.uk/discussion-papers/creative-destruction>.

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## BOOKS

[1] **Urban Economics and Urban Policy** (with P. Cheshire and H. Overman). May 2014. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

[1] 'Immigrant diversity & innovation in cities and regions' (with A.Cooke, T. Kemeny and C.Ozgen), forthcoming in F. Lissoni and A. Morrison (eds) **Migration and Innovation: A Research Agenda**. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

[2] 'The What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth: Some lessons from the first 10 years' (with D. Mason and H. Overman), in J. Breckon and M. Saunders (2023) (eds.), **The What Works Network**. Bristol: Policy Press.

[3] 'The Urban Economics of Superdiversity', in F. Meissner, N. Sigona and S. Vertovec (2022) (eds), **The Oxford Handbook of Superdiversity**, Oxford: OUP.

[4] 'Proximity and Collaborative Knowledge Creation' (with R. Cresenzi and A. Rodríguez-Pose). In A. Torre and D. Gallaud (2022) (eds), **Handbook of Proximity Relations**, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

[5] 'Exploring Industry 4.0 Production in Sweden' (With C. Fassio). In D.Bailey and L. DePropriis (2020) (eds.), **Industry 4.0: Transformational Regions**, Routledge: London.

[6] 'Linking Research and Policy in Local Economies', in L. Andres, J. Bryson and R. Mulhall (2019) (eds.), **A Research Agenda for Regeneration Economies**, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

[7] 'Exploring Digital Technology Industry Clusters using Administrative and Frontier Datasets' (with A. Rosso), in Z. Chen and L. Schintler (2017) (eds.) **Big Data for Urban and Regional Economies**, Oxford: Routledge.

[8] 'Microsolutions for Megaproblems: What works in urban regeneration policy?' in D. O'Brien and P. Matthews (eds) (2015), **After Urban Regeneration: People, communities and place**. Bristol: Policy Press.

[9] 'All in the mix? Top team demographics and business performance in English firms', in J. Bakens, P. Nijkamp and J. Poot (eds.) (2015) **E Pluribus Prosperitas: The economics of cultural diversity**. (2015), Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

[10] 'Exploring Munich's innovation system' (with P. Rode et al), in R. Burdett, A. Colantonio and P. Rode (eds.) (2013) ***Transforming Urban Economies: Policy Lessons from European and Asian Cities***, London, Routledge.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

[1] The New Wave: Technology diffusion in the UK during the 2010s (with M. Draca, V. Nguyen, J. Oliveira-Cunha, A Rosso and A. Sivropoulos-Valero). Funded by the ESRC.

[2] Multipliers from a major public sector relocation: the BBC's move to Salford (with H. Overman, C. Riom and M. Sanchez-Vidal).

[3] The Economics of Blitzscaling (with M. Draca, V. Nguyen, J. Oliveira-Cunha, A Rosso and A. Sivropoulos-Valero). Funded by the ESRC.

[4] Identifying Emerging Industries using text-based classification (with M. Draca, V. Nguyen, J. Oliveira-Cunha, A Rosso and A. Sivropoulos-Valero). Funded by the ESRC.

[5] Identifying the causal impact of tech accelerators on startups (with G. Nunez-Chaim, H. Overman, O. Silva, C. Riom and J. Schwarz). Funded by the Leverhulme Foundation

## PAST / RESTING PROJECTS

[1] Exploring Industry 4.0 Startups in an Urban Technology Cluster. Funded by Horizon 2020.

[2] Academics and global talent flows (with E. Tranos, D. Arribas-Bel, Y. Liu and C. Ozgen)

[3] Escape from Smart City (with D. Hill)

[4] Using Crunchbase to explore innovative ecosystems (with T. Kemeny and B. Almeer). See: *Birmingham Business School Discussion Paper 2017-01*, Birmingham University

[5] The Long Term Impacts of Migration on UK Cities. See: *LSE Migration Studies Unit Working Paper 10/09*, LSE.

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## POLICY REPORTS AND CONSULTANCY

Things We Don't Want to Know? Monitoring and Evaluating Place-Based Policies (2023), report for the OECD / DG-REGIO *Place-Based Policies for the Future* series.

High Streets for All (2017) (with H. Lewis, H. Martin, M. Meyere, P. Seguin, M. Worrell, S. Hall, J. King, F. Sajjid, C. Morris and R. Meera), report for the Greater London Authority.

Industrial Clusters in England (2017) (with S. Adderley, M. Barbera, M. Bernini, A. Bratus, R. Mulhall, P. Ramirez, R. Riley, A. Rincon-Aznar and N. Sambin), report for BIS.

Creative economy employment in the US, Canada and the UK: A comparative analysis (with T. Kemeny, A. Pratt and G. Spenser (2016), report for NESTA, London: NESTA.

Measuring the Creative Economy in the EU and the UK (2015) (with A. Pratt and A. Rincon-Aznar), report for NESTA, London: NESTA.

Evaluating Spatial Policies (2013) (with S. Gibbons and H. Overman). *SERC Policy Paper SERCPP0012*. London: SERC/LSE.

Analysis of the Economic and Labour Market Impacts of Tier 1 Entrepreneur and Investor Migrants (2013) (with H. Rolfe and C. Vargas-Silva), report for the Migration Advisory Committee.

Measuring the UK's Digital Economy with Big Data (2013) (with A. Rosso). London: NIESR / Growth Intelligence.

A Tale of Tech City: The Future of East London's Digital Economy (2012) (with E. Vandore and R. Whitehead). London: Centre for London.

Assessing the Government's Proposals to Reform the UK Planning System (2011) (with Henry Overman). *SERC Policy Paper SERCPP0011*. London: SERC/LSE.

Towards a Green Economy: Cities: Investing in energy and resource efficiency (2011) (with P. Rode, R. Burdett et al). UN Environment Programme, Nairobi: UNEP.

Munich: Staying Ahead on Innovation (2010) (With P. Rode, G. Kippenberg et al). LSE Cities / Brookings Metro Program Next Urban Economy Report, London: LSE.

Your Place or Mine: The local economics of migration (2008). London: ippr.

A Twenty-First Century Peabody Community (with D Ben-Galim and N Newman) (2008). London: ippr (for Peabody Trust).

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## **LECTURES, CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS (past / upcoming)**

### Invited keynotes / lectures

OECD – DG-REGIO, *Place-Based Policies for the Future*, Paris (July 2023), London School of Economics (December 2020), Swedish Entrepreneurship Forum, Stockholm (September 2018), PBL Autumn School, The Hague (October 2016), CREME 2016 Conference, Birmingham (October 2016), Pathways, Connections and Circuits 2015, Wellington, NZ (July 2015), RSA lecture, Reigate (September 2002).

### Invited seminars, workshops and events

London School of Economics (May 2024), University of Northumbria workshop, *Innovation and Urban Dynamics* (April 2024), University of Turin (November 2023), European Commission DG-Regio (November 2023), OECD / Banque de France workshop, *Granularity, Place and Diffusion: Big Data and Machine Learning To Explore Spatial Questions* (June 2023), UCL Policy Lab / LSE workshop with Lisa Nandy (May 2023), UCL Urban Lab workshop *Innovation Districts: Political Economy, Aesthetics and the Concept of Place* (April 2023), AWH Symposium on *Resilience and Diversity in Complex Systems*, Hamburg (December 2022), ESCoE (November 2022), CASA/Singapore Centre for Liveable Cities workshop, London (November 2022), OUP workshop on *Cross-Border Innovation in a Changing World*, Urbino (June 2022), Aston University (March 2022), University of London workshop: *Levelling Up London* (October 2021), UK Government Cities and Local Growth Unit (September 2021), Department of Business, Innovation, Energy and Industrial Strategy (March 2021), SAD 2020 Future of Cities workshop, virtual (October 2020), Utrecht University (March 2020), University of Southampton (February 2020), CAGE-NESTA workshop: Data Science for the Economics of Science, Technology and Innovation, London (October 2019), KCL / CUSP London (October 2019), MacArthur Foundation / CASA (September 2019), Exploring Entrepreneurial Ecosystems, University of Glasgow (May 2019), University of Bath (March 2019), University of Bristol (February 2019), QMUL (January 2019), Bristol Festival of Economics (November 2018), Middlesex University (October 2018), CIFAR Urban Governance workshop 2, Toronto (August 2018), CIFAR Urban Governance workshop 1, Paris (December 2017), University of Liverpool (November 2017), Centre for London / Brookings Institution Innovation and placemaking seminar, London (September 2017), LSE Cities symposium, *Urban Incubators, Innovation and Inequality*, London (September 2017, co-organiser), PIK Cities as Complex Systems Symposium 2016, Hannover (July 2016), Manchester Business School (April 2016), RGS-IBG forum on 'Europe's Migration Crisis', London (March 2016), CIRCLE, Lund University (March 2016), Birmingham Business School GVC Cluster (March 2016), University of Leeds (December 2015), Imperial College London Business School (February 2015), UCL Bartlett School of Planning (January 2015), University of Birmingham (November 2014), ESRC Spaces of Evidence workshop, 'New Directions for Economic Policy', London (September 2014), LSE London workshop, 'How is London being transformed by migration?', LSE (March 2014), IGC Immigration Working Group (March 2014), LSE London (November 2013), Transatlantic Council on Migration (October 2013), 1<sup>st</sup> European Big Data workshop, Brussels (October 2013), LLAKES (June 2013), VU University / Tinbergen Institute workshop 'E Pluribus

Prosperitas' (April 2013), LSE (October 2012), IZA AM<sup>2</sup> Migration Workshop (June 2012), APE-INV-ESF 'Science and Invention' workshop (May 2012).

### Conferences

GEOINNO 2024, Manchester (January 2024), GEOINNO 2020, Stavanger (January 2020), Regional Studies Association Winter Conference, London (November 2019), Triple Helix Conference 16, Manchester (September 2018), 5<sup>th</sup> Global Conference on Economic Geography, Cologne (July 2018), Urban Economics Association European Meeting 2018, Dusseldorf (May 2018), GEOINNO 2018, Barcelona (January 2018), Regional Studies Association Winter Conference, London (November 2017), ESRC Urban Transformations Spring School, Oxford (May 2017), NESTA-Kauffman Innovation Growth Lab Annual Conference, London (May 2016), Association of American Geographers, San Francisco (March 2016).

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### **GRANTS AND FUNDING AWARDS (selected)**

<b>2023</b>	NFRF, Canada: Opportunity for All in Post-COVID Cities (CI) (\$CAD 500k)
<b>2022</b>	ESRC: Diversity and UK Firm / City Performance (PI) (£1.4m)
<b>2020</b>	ESRC: What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth Phase 3 (CI) (£2.7m)
<b>2019</b>	ESRC: Mapping the production, diffusion and drivers of future technologies. Warwick, UCL, LSE, Milan, Tech Nation, CogX (CI) (£534k)
<b>2018</b>	AHRC/ISCF: Local economic spillovers from the creative economy (PI) (£280k). Part of the AHRC/UKRI Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre 2018-2023 (£8.5m)
<b>2018</b>	UKRI Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund: Supporting Local Industrial Strategies (CI) (£500k)
<b>2017</b>	ESRC/BEIS/DCLG/DWP/DfT: What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth Phase 2. LSE, Centre for Cities and Arup (CI) (£2.7m)
<b>2016</b>	Leverhulme Foundation: An RCT to evaluate the causal impact of Tech Accelerators on Startups (CI) (£230k)
<b>2015</b>	RSA: Early Career Grant, Evaluating Tech City (PI) (£9.5k)
<b>2015</b>	HEFCE HEIF5, LSE: Supporting Devolution Deals (CI) (£29k)
<b>2015</b>	New Economy Manchester: Economic Impacts of Low Pay (PI) (£29k)
<b>2015</b>	AAIR, University of Southampton: Tech ecosystems (CI) (£8.2k)
<b>2014</b>	NESTA: International comparisons of the creative economy (PI) (£30k)
<b>2014</b>	British Academy: Quantitative skills for public policymakers (CI) (£31k)
<b>2014</b>	NESTA/Kauffman Foundation: Innovation Growth Lab grant for innovation, entrepreneurship and growth experiments (PI) (£25k)
<b>2013</b>	ESRC/BIS/DCLG: What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth. LSE, Centre for Cities and Arup (CI) (£3.1m)
<b>2013</b>	LLAKES: Top team diversity and business performance (PI) (£8.5k)
<b>2013</b>	Heseltine Institute: Quantifying the economic impact of elected mayors (PI) (£5k)
<b>2013</b>	NESTA/Google: Exploring the drivers of the UK Digital Economy. NIESR and Growth Intelligence (PI) (£115k)
<b>2013</b>	UK Migration Advisory Committee: Economic and Labour Market Impacts of Tier 1 Entrepreneur and Investor Migrants (PI) (£40k)
<b>2012</b>	LLAKES: UK industrial policy (CI) (£55k)
<b>2012</b>	HEFCE HEIF5, LSE: From Urban Economics to Urban Policy (CI) (£91k)

## HONOURS, PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2019	Elected Fellow of the Regional Studies Association
2017	<i>Journal of Economic Geography</i> , Best Referee
2016	Jim Lewis Prize winner, best paper in <i>European Urban and Regional Studies</i> 2015 for 'After Florida: Towards an economics of diversity'
2015	RSA: Early Career Award, Evaluating Tech City
2010	LSE Research Studentship Award
2009	ESRC Overseas University Visit Award
2008	ESRC CASE +3 Grant, in partnership with DCLG
1998	LSE Titmuss Prize for outstanding achievement
1995	Oriel College Scholarship, Oxford

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**UCL Academic Board**, Elected Member

**Co-founder, UCL Economic Geography Group, UCL.** 2023 –. With Jess Ferm, plus Lin-Fang Hsu, Amy Horton and Jenny MacArthur.

**Approved researcher**, UKDS Secure Data Lab and ONS Secure Research Service

### Seminars

**Lead organiser, CASA seminar series, UCL.** 2020-2023 . With Jon Reades, Sarah Wise, Chen Zhong and Adam Dennett

**Lead organiser, City-REDI seminar series, Birmingham Business School.** 2016-2019. With Raquel Ortega-Argiles, Andre Carrascal, Pam Robinson and Lisa De Propris

**Co-organiser, City-REDI work-in-progress seminar series, Birmingham Business School.** 2017-2018. With Tasos Kitsos, Charlotte Hoole, Chloe Billing, Deniz Sevinc

### Peer review

**Grant reviewer** for ESRC Smart Data Research UK Services call; ESRC Open Research Grants, SDAI Open Call; US-Israel Binational Science Foundation; NWO Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research

**Member** of the UKRI Future Leaders Fellowships (FLF) Peer Review College and ESRC Peer Review College

**Journal reviewer: General interest:** *Nature Scientific Reports, PNAS, PLOS ONE. Economics:* *Journal of the European Economic Association, Economica, Economic Inquiry, Journal of Economic Surveys, Journal of Labour Economics, Human Relations, Journal of Population Economics, IZA World of Labor. Innovation / Management:* *Research Policy, Industrial and Corporate Change, Journal of Small Business Management. Sociology:* *British Journal of Sociology, Social Forces. Geography:* *Journal of Economic Geography, Economic Geography, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Papers in Regional Science, Annals of the Association of American Geographers, Environment and Planning A, Environment and Planning C, Regional Studies, Urban Studies, Cities Culture and Society, Entrepreneurship and Regional Development, Urban Geography, Journal of Urban Affairs, Town Planning Review, International Journal of Urban Sciences. Other:* *Big Data and Society, International Migration, National Institute Economic Review.*

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## PHD / POST-DOC SUPERVISION AND EXAMINATION

### Project management [pre-doc / postdoc]

- 2023— Guido Piali, Mateo Seré [ESRC Diversity/Productivity project]
- 2019–2022 Diana Gutierrez-Posada, Tasos Kitsos, Massi Nuccio [PEC projects]
- 2018–2022 Juliane Schwarz [Tech accelerator evaluation]
- 2018 – Capucine Riom, Maria Sanchez-Vidal [BBC Media City evaluation]

### PHDs supervised

- 2020 – Jennie Williams**  
**Algorithms in the Archive: Mapping Knowledge with Data Science**  
*Co-supervisor with Jon Reades (lead)*
- 2021 –2024 Rotem Shevchenko**  
**(Smart) Hybrid Temporary Urbanism as an Urban Curator in the Post Pandemic City: The case of Tel Aviv**  
*Co-supervisor with Lauren Andres (lead) and Mike Raco*

### PHDs examined

- 2023 Pedro Llanes Paredes**  
**Essays on Trade and Industrial Policy**  
London School of Economics and Political Science  
*Supervisors: Neil Lee, Nancy Holman*
- 2021 Xiaolun Yu**  
**Essays in Housing Economics**  
London School of Economics and Political Science  
*Supervisors: Christian Hilber, Felipe Carozzi*
- Augusto Rocha**  
**Social capital and networks: networking events enacting knowledge transactions within an entrepreneurial ecosystem**  
University of Edinburgh  
*Supervisors: Ben Spigel, Richard Harrison*
- 2017 Eduardo Ferrucci**  
**Skilled Migration and Innovation: Three Essays**  
University of Bordeaux and University of Turin  
*Supervisors: Francesco Lissoni, Fabio Montobbio*

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## UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE TEACHING

- 2023 – UCL, BPLN0081 Economics of Cities and their Regions**
- 2021 – UCL, CASA0008 Smart Cities, Context, Policy and Government**  
***Module Co-Lead***
- 2020 – UCL, CASA0010 Dissertations**
- 2020-2022 UCL, BASC0010 Understanding Cities and their Spatial Cultures**



- 2017-2019**     **Birmingham Business School, The Place of Business in Society**
- 2010-2012**     **LSE, Applied Spatial and Location Analysis**  
Year 3 seminars on globalisation, housing markets, peer/neighbourhood effects, spatial mismatch, crime and cities, economics of immigration
- 2010-2012**     **LSE GY350 Independent Research Project Adviser**  
Supervised five undergraduate dissertations per year
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## CONSULTING

Recent / past consultancy clients include: Arup, Atheneum Partners, Bernard Van Leer Foundation, Centre for London, UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, UK Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, UK Department for Transport / Transport for London, DG Migration and Home Affairs, Economist Intelligence Unit, Flamingo, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Greater London Authority, IPPR, John Lewis Partnership, Migration Policy Institute, NESTA, Siemens, and SQW.

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## RESEARCH IMPACT AND MEDIA

Appearances and op-ed pieces include CNN, NPR, News 24, Sky News, ITN, BBC News, BBC Radio 4 and Radio 5 Live, Financial Times, Guardian, Mirror, Telegraph, Prospect, Huffington Post, Wired, and regional/local/specialist outlets. My research has also featured on the BBC, ITV, Bloomberg, Sky News, FT, Guardian, Observer, Economist, New Statesman, Daily Mail, Times, Telegraph, Independent, Vice, Wired, CityLab, Het Parool and specialist platforms. I contribute to CASA and UKRI Economics Observatory blogs and have also written for the What Works Centre for Local Economics Growth, City-REDI, LSE British Politics and Policy, LSE Covid-19 and SERC blogging platforms. I also blog at Medium (<https://maxnathan.medium.com/>).

I tweet at [@iammaxnathan](https://twitter.com/iammaxnathan) and on Bluesky at [@maxnathan.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/maxnathan.bsky.social).

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## LANGUAGES

English (mother tongue), German (intermediate), French (intermediate)

Stata (advanced), R (intermediate), Unix / Bash (basic), Python (basic)

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## REFERENCES

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