

9th Annual Conference

SERC / CEP Urban and Spatial Programme
London School of Economics, May 18th and 19th 2017

Call for Papers from Postgraduate Research

The Spatial Economics Research Centre (SERC) was set up in 2008 and from September 2015, it has been integrated within the Centre for Economic Performance at LSE as the CEP's Urban and Spatial Programme. Its aim is to understand why some regions, cities and communities prosper, whilst other do not. It explores disparities, their effects and potential remedies at all spatial levels including regional, city-region, local and neighbourhood. It also aims to influence and improve policy decision-making at the international, national and local levels, connecting policy makers with international expertise, research and good practice in diagnosing and tackling such differences.

One significant part of its mission is to contribute to capacity-building in this field by working and networking with young researchers. To pursue this aim, **the Centre's annual conference in May is held over two days, with the first half of the programme devoted to presentations based on current / recent PhD research**, and the second to papers by SERC staff and affiliates, relating to the Centre's own research. These sessions have been very successful in the past in terms of participation and feedback.

Submissions are invited now for papers to be presented in the **PhD / young researcher sessions**. Topics should broadly reflect SERC's research agenda which includes regional and urban economics, urbanisation in developing countries and spatial policy evaluation. See www.spataleconomics.ac.uk for details of the centre's current research programmes.

Successful applicants will be invited to attend both days of the conference. **Financial support for authors of those papers selected for presentation (covering economy travel and budget hotel up to a maximum to be agreed case by case) will be provided by SERC.** The choice of papers will be based on **500 word abstracts**, which should be sent via email by **1st March** to Jo Cantlay at the Centre [serc@lse.ac.uk], together with information about the author's affiliations, status and date of PhD submission (if awarded in the last three years). Each presenter may also be expected to serve as a **discussant**. Authors will be notified of decisions by **17th April**. If your paper is accepted, deadline for full paper submissions is **30th April**.

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