

Urban and Spatial Economics PhD Workshop

CREST – December 4 and 5, 2025

CREST – ENSAE Building
5 avenue Henry le Chatellier
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To attend the seminar, please send an email to the local organizer (mateo.moglia@gmail.com). This workshop is free of charge. All participants should register to enjoy coffee breaks and lunches.

The organizers acknowledge the generous support from the EUR Data EFM and CREST.

Each presentation lasts 30 minutes followed by 10 minutes of discussion by a fellow student and questions from the audience.

Organized by Immanuel Feld (Warwick) and Mateo Moglia (CREST). Discover the program below:

Thursday 4, 2025

13:00	Light lunch and registration	ENSAE Hall
14:00 – 15:20	Session 1	Room 2041
Ayaka Behro – <i>Insure or Adapt? Household Balance Sheets and the Flood Risk Trade-off</i> (Toronto)		
<i>Discussant:</i> Nina Glaeser		
Nina Glaeser – <i>Skill Sorting, Gentrification, and the Labour Market</i> (IAB)		
<i>Discussant:</i> Ayaka Behro		
15:20 – 15:40	Coffee break	ENSAE Hall
15:40 – 17:00	Session 2	Room 2041
Andrea Herrera – <i>Regulating the Skyline: Evidence from London's Protected Vistas</i> (LSE)		
<i>Discussant:</i> Pol Cosentino		
Pol Cosentino – <i>Commuting, Air Quality and Welfare</i> (Dauphine)		
<i>Discussant:</i> Andrea Herrera		
20:30	Restaurant (invitation only)	Fellows (Paris 10)

Friday 5, 2025

10:00	Registration and coffee	ENSAE Hall
10:00– 11:20	Session 3	Room 2041
Derek Thiele – <i>Rebuild, reinforce, or re-route? Railroad infrastructure investment decisions under flood risk</i> (Toronto)		
<i>Discussant:</i> Fan Yin		
Fan Yin – <i>Curvy cities: the relationship between network geometry and economic activities</i> (Humboldt)		
<i>Discussant:</i> Derek Thiele		
11:30– 12:30	Keynote lecture: Inequality in Cities	Room 2041
Clara Santamaria (Sciences Po and CEPR)		
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	ENSAE Hall
14:00 – 15:20	Session 4	Room 2041
Edoardo Badii – <i>Bargaining for Affordable Housing</i> (Warwick)		
<i>Discussant:</i> Kerstin Ostermann		
Kerstin Ostermann – <i>The Art of Gentrification: The Effect of High-Status Inflows on Neighborhood Change</i> (IAB)		
<i>Discussant:</i> Edoardo Badii		
15:20 – 15:50	Coffee break	ENSAE Hall
15:50 – 17:10	Session 5	Room 2041
Dimitria Freitas – <i>The Effect of Public Sector Relocations on Regional Development in Germany</i> (Dresden)		
<i>Discussant:</i> Johannes Brinkmann		
Johannes Brinkmann – <i>Public transport pricing and monopsony power</i> (Warwick)		
<i>Discussant:</i> Dimitria Freitas		
18:30	Informal drinks	(TBD in Paris)

Miscellaneous information

Access to ENSAE with RER B from Paris. The journey is 1-hour-to-1-hour-and-a-half long and can be subject to disruptions, please organize accordingly. Two options: Lozère station (10' walk, with steep stairs) or Massy-Palaiseau station, then the bus 4606 to Polytechnique-Lozère (no walk). Option 2 requires two separate tickets.

Once arrived at the building, please provide an ID at the welcome desk. The ENSAE hall is on the ground floor, right to the welcome desk. The seminar room is on the second floor.

Lunches and dinner will feature mainly vegetarian and vegan options.