

# Fabian Eckert

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## Fields

International Trade, Macroeconomics, Spatial Economics, and Urban Economics

## Employment

**University of California, San Diego**  
Assistant Professor 2020-

## Other Appointments

**Journal of International Economics**  
Associate Editor 2023-

**Prosperity and Globalization Lab, University of California, San Diego**  
Partner 2023-

**Center for Commerce and Diplomacy, University of California, San Diego**  
Faculty Affiliate 2020-

## Past Positions

**Princeton University**  
IES Postdoctoral Associate 2019-2020

## Visits

**Kiel Institute for the World Economy**  
Visiting Scholar Summer 2024

**Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago**  
Visiting Scholar December 2022

**NYU Economics Department**  
Visiting Scholar Fall 2022

**Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis**  
Visiting Scholar July, August 2019

## Education

**Yale University**

Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Economics (with Distinction) 2019

Master of Philosophy, Department of Economics (with Distinction) 2016

Master of Arts, Department of Economics 2015

*Advisors: Costas Arkolakis, Giuseppe Moscarini, Samuel Kortum, Michael Peters*

**University College London**

Bachelor of Science in Economics (with First Class Honours and Dean's List) 2013

## Publications

**Sprouting Cities: How Rural America Industrialized** 2023  
Joint with John Juneau and Michael Peters

**AEA Papers and Proceedings, Volume 113, May 2023, pp.87-92**

**The Return to Big City Experience: Evidence from Refugees in Denmark** 2022  
Joint with Mads Hejlesen and Conor Walsh  
**Journal of Urban Economics, Volume 130, July 2022, 103454**

**The Geography of Remote Work** 2022  
Joint with Lukas Althoff, Sharat Ganapati and Conor Walsh  
**Regional Science and Urban Economics, Volume 93, March 2022, 103770**

## **Under Revision**

**Combinatorial Discrete Choice** 2024  
Joint with Costas Arkolakis and Rowan Shi  
**American Economic Review**

## **Working Papers**

**Urban-Biased Growth: A Macroeconomic Analysis** (*submitted*) 2024  
Joint with Sharat Ganapati and Conor Walsh  
NBER Working Paper #30515

**The Geography of Opportunity** (*submitted*) 2024  
Joint with Tatjana Kleineberg

**More Roads or Public Transit? Insights from Measuring City-Center Accessibility**(*submitted*) 2023  
Joint with Lucas Conwell and Mushfiq Ahmed Mobarak  
NBER Working Paper #30877

**Spatial Structural Change** (*submitted*) 2023  
Joint with Michael Peters  
NBER Working Paper #30489

**Growing Apart: Tradable Services and the Fragmentation of the U.S. Economy** 2019

## **Work in Progress**

**Superstar ZIP Codes**  
Joint with Camilo Acosta and Jack Liang

**The Land Share in Economic Growth**  
Joint with Conor Walsh

## **Shorter Papers**

**The Early County Business Pattern Files: 1946-1974** 2022  
Joint with Ka-leung Lam, Atif Mian, Karsten Muller, Rafael Schwalb, and Amir Sufi  
NBER Working Paper #30578

**Imputing Missing Values in the US Census Bureau's County Business Patterns** 2021  
Joint with Teresa C. Fort, Peter K. Schott, and Natalie J. Yang  
NBER Working Paper #26632

**A Method to Construct Geographical Crosswalks with an Application to US Counties** 2020  
Joint with Andrés Gvartz, Jack Liang, and Michael Peters

## Awards, Fellowships

The Society of Hellman Fellows	2024
Yale University George Trimis Dissertation Prize	2019
UAE Student Best Paper Runner Up (“Return to Big City Experience”)	2018
University Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University	2018
Raymond Powell Prize for Outstanding Graduate Teaching	2017
Samuel K. Bushnell Fellow, Yale University	2017
Cowles Foundation Carl Arvid Anderson Prize Fellowship	2015-2016
Yale University, 2015 John Y. Campbell Fellowship	2014-2016
Yale University Doctoral Fellowship	2013-2018
University College London, Dean’s List Award	2013
German National Scholarship Foundation	2011-2016
Bavarian Government Max Weber Scholarship (declined)	2010
German Physical Society (Outstanding Baccalaureate in Physics)	2010

## Teaching Experience

Instructor, Cities, Innovation, and Inequality (Undergrad), UCSD	Spring 2021-2024
Instructor, Spatial Economics (PhD), UCSD	Spring 2021-2024
Teaching Assistant, Introductory Macroeconomics, Prof. Aleh Tsyvinski, Yale University	2019
Teaching Assistant, Graduate Macroeconomics, Prof. Giuseppe Moscarini, Yale University	2017
Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Prof. Tony Smith, Yale University	2016
Herbert Scarf Undergraduate Research Program Instructor, Yale University	2016
Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Prof. Michael Peters, Yale University	2015
Economics PhD Math Camp, Prof. Truman Bewley, Yale University	2014

## Professional Activities:

### Seminars/Presentations: (Upcoming)

2025: Singapore NUS

2024: Philadelphia FED, Atlanta FED, UEA Copenhagen, SED Barcelona, BSE Summer Forum Barcelona, NBER SI EFG, EEA Rotterdam, NYU Trade Day, AEA Annual Meeting, University of Warwick, Rotman School of Management, UBC

2023: AEA Annual Meeting New Orleans, HKU Business School, The University of Hong Kong, Princeton Spatial Workshop, NBER SI Urban, Census Bureau, UC Davis, NBER ITI Fall Meeting

2022: AEA Annual Meeting, SED 2022, West Coast Spatial Workshop; Stanford Cities, Housing, and Society Student Research Group, NY FED, UC Irvine, UCLA Trade Day, University of Washington, Hitotsubashi University, Notre Dame

2021:

AEA, Berkeley, Warwick, UEA Europe 2021, BU Trade Day, SAET Korea 2021, SED 2021, CREI, Virtual ITM

2020:

CEPR Swiss Macro Workshop (Sils Maria), NYU Abu Dhabi, Berkeley O-Lab Urban Workshop, UCSD, University of Virginia, UEA 2020 Virtual, INSPER Brazil, USC Macro Days

2019:

IZA/CREA Workshop: Exploring the Future of Work, Fudan University, HIT Shenzhen, Peking University, Tsinghua University, Princeton, NBER Cities, Labor Markets, and the Global Economy 2019, UEA Philadelphia, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, SED (St. Louis), Penn State New Faces in Trade Conference,

Zoom Online Urban Seminar by Don Davis, University of Chicago, Chicago Booth, Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, University of Pennsylvania, University of California San Diego, University of Notre Dame, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, IIES Stockholm, CREI Barcelona, Penn State

2018:

Yale Macro Lunch, Yale International Trade Prospectus Workshop

2013-2017:

SED (Edinburgh), SAET (Faro), Yale Macro Lunch, Yale International Trade Prospectus Workshop

**Discussions:**

"The Life and Death of Great British Cities" by Hebllich, Nagy, Trew, Zylberberg  
FREIT North America Meeting at UCSD, San Diego 2022

"Global Warming and Labor Market Reallocation" by Cruz  
Penn State New Faces 2022 2022

"Spatial Implications of Telecommuting" by Delventhal, Parkhomenko  
Urban Economics Association Conference 2021, Zoom-based 2021

"Cities, Productivity, and Trade" by Garcia-Marin, Potlogea, Voiglaender, Yang  
AEA Meetings, Zoom-based 2021

"The Geography of Unemployment" by Bilal  
Urban Economics Association Annual Conference 2019, Philadelphia 2019

"Global Sourcing and Assembly with Scale Economies" by Antràs, Fadeev, Fort, Tintelnot  
Queen's Organizational Economics (QOE) Conference, Kingston, Ontario 2019

**Organizer:**

West Coast Spatial Workshop at UC San Diego (w/ G. Schubert, M. Reher) Spring 2024

West Coast Spatial Workshop at UC Berkeley (w/ Cecile Gaubert, T. McQuade, N. Tsivanidis) Spring 2023

West Coast Spatial Workshop at UCLA (w/ G. Schubert, C. Tricaud, A. Parkhomenko) Spring 2022

PhD Student Workshop of the Urban Economics Association 2020 (w/ C.Balboni, D.Davis, K.Schmidheiny, D.Sturm, M.Turner) Summer 2020

Urban Economics Association Lectures in Urban Economics 2020 (w/ C.Balboni, D.Davis, K.Schmidheiny, D.Sturm, M.Turner) Summer 2020

Online Spatial and Urban Seminar (w/ C.Balboni, C.Gorback, C.Severen) Summer 2020

Quantitative Spatial Economics Junior Workshop (w/ C.Balboni) May, 2020

Yale Macroeconomics Breakfast (Initiator) Weekly, 2015-2017

**Advising: (placement in parentheses)**

Undergraduates at UCSD:

Gregory Boscaiu (UCSD Rady Business School), Evan Moore (Kyoto University), Jake DiCicco (Georgia Tech), Sehong Park (UCLA School of Law)

Phd Students at UCSD:

Carlos Goes (ongoing), Sabareesh Ramachandran (ongoing), Ishani Chatterjee (ongoing), Steven Brownstone (ongoing), Jordan Mosqueda (ongoing), Aakash Bhalothia (ongoing), Ida Grigoryeva (ongoing), John Juneau (ongoing)

**Referee for:**

American Economic Review

AEJ: Economic Policy  
Canadian Journal of Economics  
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft  
Econometrica  
Economic Theory  
Economic Journal  
Economica  
International Economic Review  
Journal of Economic Geography  
Journal of Political Economy  
Journal of Political Economy: Macroeconomics  
Journal of the European Economic Association  
Journal of Urban Economics  
Journal of International Economics  
Labor Economics  
Quarterly Journal of Economics  
Regional Science and Urban Economics  
Review of Economics and Statistics  
Review of Economic Dynamics  
Review of Economic Studies  
Scandinavian Journal of Economics

**Committees:**

Program Committee for the 2024 Annual Congress of the European Economic Association  
Program Committee Member for the 2023 Meetings of the Urban Economics Association  
Program Committee Member for the 2022 FREIT Meetings North America  
Program Committee Member for the 2021 Meetings of the Urban Economics Association  
Scientific Committee Member for the 2020 PhD Student Workshop of the Urban Economics Association  
Program Committee Member for the 2020 Meetings of the Urban Economics Association  
Program Committee Member for the 2019 Meetings of the Urban Economics Association

**Clearances and Grants:**

**Data Clearances:**

Danish Matched Employer-Employee Data (IDA)  
US Census Bureau Special Sworn Status  
French CASD Access

**Other:**

**Languages:**

German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (Basic)

*Updated: May 6, 2024*