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Current positions / roles

Professor of Economic Geography, London School of Economics, Aug 2020 – present
Visiting Professor, Inland University of Norway, 2020 – present
Associate Member, Nuffield College, University of Oxford
Visiting fellow, Sustainable Urban Development, University of Oxford, 2021-22
Research affiliate: Centre for Economic Performance (CEP), International Inequalities Institute (III), Centre for the Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE), Centre for Responsible Banking and Finance (University of St Andrews), LSE Middle East Centre.

Service

Director, BSc Geography with Economics, LSE
Chair, Regional Studies Association - Policy Committee
External examiner, Department of Land Economy, University of Cambridge

Previous roles

Visiting Professor, Science Po Toulouse, 2019 – 2020
Associate Professor in Economic Geography, LSE 2017-2020
Assistant Professor in Economic Geography, LSE 2013-2017
Head of Socio-Economic Research Centre, The Work Foundation, 2010 – 2013
(Previously Senior Economist 2007 – 2010, Researcher 2005 – 2007)
Consultant, Urban Futures, London, 2004 - 2005

Academic

2007/11 **PhD Economic Geography, London School of Economics and Political Science**
Papers on innovation, diversity and urban inequality
ESRC Quota Award for Advanced Quantitative Methods
Supervisor: Professor Andrés Rodríguez-Pose
Awarded without corrections, May 2011

2009 **Visiting Scholar, Technological Change Lab, Columbia University**

2006/7 **MSc Human Geography Research, London School of Economics**
Distinction
ESRC Quota Award for Advanced Quantitative Methods

2004/5 **MSc Local Economic Development, London School of Economics**
Distinction
School academic scholarship award

1999/02 **BSc Geography, University College London**
First class

Prizes & Awards

- 2020 Promotion Teaching Prize, London School of Economics
 Best Paper Prize, Regional Studies
- 2019 Best Paper Prize, Understanding Society
- 2017 Major Review Teaching Prize, London School of Economics
 RSA Best Referee Award, Regional Studies
- 2016 Highly Commended, LSE Student Union Teaching Excellence Awards
- 2015 Highly Commended, LSE Student Union Teaching Excellence Awards

Publications

Book (under contract)

Lee, N. 2023. *Innovation for the Masses: How to share the benefits of the innovation economy*.
Under contract with University of California Press.

Journal articles (open access unless linked)

Arman, H., Iammarino, S., Lee, N. & Ibarro-Olivero, E. 2022. R&D, diversification and Kuwait's
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inequality, and the rise of populism in the US. *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy, and
Society*, <https://doi.org/10.1093/cjres/rsab026>

Wang, H. Rodríguez-Pose, A. & Lee, N. 2021. The Long Shadow of History in China: Regional
Governance Reform and Chinese Territorial Inequality. *Applied Geography*,
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Mitsch, F, Lee, N. & Morrow, L. 2021. Faith no more? divergence of political trust between urban
and rural Europe. *Political Geography*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2021.102426>
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Iddawela, Y., Lee., N. & Rodríguez-Pose, A. 2021. Quality of sub-national government and
regional development in Africa. *Journal of Development Studies*,
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Cowling, M., Brown, R., & Lee., N. 2021. The geography of business angel investments in the UK:
Does local bias (still) matter? *Environment and Planning A*,
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0308518X20984484>

- Evenhuis, E., Lee, N., Martin, R., & Tyler, P. 2021. Editorial: Rethinking the political economy of place: challenges of productivity and inclusion. *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*, <https://doi.org/10.1093/cjres/rsaa043>
- Lee, N. & Rodríguez-Pose, A. 2021. Entrepreneurship and the fight against poverty in US cities. *Environment and Planning A*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0308518X20924422>
- Rodríguez-Pose, A. & Lee, N. 2020. Hipsters vs. Geeks? Creative workers, STEM and innovation in US cities. *Cities*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2020.102653>
- Casadei, P. & Lee, N. 2020. Global cities, creative industries and their representation on social media: A micro-data analysis of twitter data on the fashion industry *Environment and Planning A*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0308518X20901585>
- Ughetto, E., Cowling, M. & Lee, N. 2020. The price of a disadvantaged location: Regional variation in the price and supply of short-term credit to SMEs in UK. *Journal of Small Business Management*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/00472778.2019.1681195>
- Lee, N. & Clark, S. 2019. Do low-skilled workers gain from high-tech employment growth? High-technology multipliers, employment and wages in Britain. *Research Policy*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.respol.2019.05.012>
- Ughetto, E., Cowling, M. and Lee, N., 2019. Editorial: The financing of small business and new ventures. *Regional Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/00343404.2019.1601174>
- Lee, N., 2019. Inclusive Growth in cities: a sympathetic critique. *Regional Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/00343404.2018.1476753> [Regional Studies Best Paper Prize]
- Brown, R., Mawson, S. & Lee, N. 2019. Start-up factories, transnational entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial ecosystems: Unpacking the lure of the start-up accelerator programmes. *European Planning Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09654313.2019.1588858>
- Obschonka, M., Lee, N., Rodríguez-Pose, A., Eichstaedt, J. C. & Ebert, T. 2018 Big data methods, social media, and the psychology of entrepreneurial regions: capturing cross-county personality traits and their impact on entrepreneurship in the US. *Small Business Economics*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11187-019-00204-2>
- Brown, R. & Lee, N. 2018. Funding for UK high-growth SMEs since the Global Financial Crisis. *Journal of Business Research*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jbusres.2019.02.001>
- Von Berlepsch, V, Rodríguez-Pose, A., & Lee, N. 2018. A woman's touch? Female migration and economic development in the United States. *Regional Studies*, 53 (1), 131-145. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00343404.2018.1463092>
- Obschonka, M., Stuetzer, M., Rentfrow, P. J., Lee, N., Potter, J. & Gosling, D. 2018. Fear, populism and the geopolitical landscape: On the effect of neurotic personality traits on regional voting behaviour in the 2016 Brexit and Trump votes. *Social Psychological & Personality Science*. 9 (3), 285-298. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550618755874>

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- Lee, N., Morris, K. & Kemeny, T. 2018. Immobility and the Brexit vote. *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*, 11 (1), 143-163. <https://doi.org/10.1093/cjres/rsx027>
[Winner: Understanding Society Best Paper Prize]
- Lee, N., Green, A. & Sissons, P. 2018. Low-pay, sectoral change and UK labour market policy. *Policy & Politics*, 46 (3), 347-369. <https://doi.org/10.1332/030557317X15072086455899>
- Ughetto, E., Cowling, M. & Lee, N. 2017. The innovation debt penalty: Cost of debt, loan default, and the effects of a public loan guarantee on high-tech firms. *Technological Forecasting & Social Change*, 127, 166 – 176.
- Sissons, P., Green, A. & Lee, N. 2017. Employment structure, growth sectors and household poverty in the United Kingdom. *Work, Employment and Society*, 32 (6), 1078-1098.
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- Lee, N. 2017. Powerhouse of cards? Understanding the Northern Powerhouse. *Regional Studies*, 51(3), 478-489,
- Lee, N. & Brown, R. 2017. Innovation, SMEs and the liability of distance: the demand and supply of bank funding in peripheral UK regions. *Journal of Economic Geography*, 17 (1), 233-260.
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- Lee, N. & Rodriguez-Pose, A. 2016 Is there trickle-down from tech? Poverty, employment and the high-technology multiplier in US cities. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, 106 (5), 1114-1134.
- Lee, N., Sissons, P. & Jones, K. 2016. The geography of wage inequality in British cities. *Regional Studies*, 50 (10), 1714 – 1727.
- Lee, N., Cowling, M. and Sameen, H. 2015. Access to finance for innovative SMEs since the financial crisis. *Research Policy*, 44 (2), 370-380.
- Lee, N. 2015. Migrant and ethnic diversity, cities and innovation: Firm effects or city effects? *Journal of Economic Geography*, 15 (4), 769-796.
- Lee, N. & Drever, E. 2014. Do SMEs in deprived areas find it harder to access finance? Evidence from the UK Small Business Survey. *Entrepreneurship and Regional Development*, 26 (3-4), 337-356
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- Lee, N. & Rodríguez-Pose, A. 2013. Innovation and spatial inequality in Europe and the United States. *Journal of Economic Geography*, 13 (1), 1- 22.
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- Hutton, W. & Lee, N. 2012. The City and the cities: Finance, ownership and the geography of recession. *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*. 5 (3): 325-337 [Editors' choice]
- Lee, N. 2012. Grim down south? The determinants of unemployment increases in British cities in the 2008-2009 recession. *Regional Studies*, 48(11), 1761-1778.
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