

# Dario Diodato

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## CURRENT POSITION

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August 2017 – Present

**Postdoctoral research fellow** at **Harvard University** (Cambridge MA, USA).

Role and tasks: advancing core research of the Center for International Development; contributing to policy-oriented research.

## EDUCATION

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June 2013 – June 2017

**Ph.D. in Economic Geography** at **Utrecht University** (Utrecht, The Netherlands). Thesis: *Technological and Structural Change. Understanding Economic Growth in Countries and Regions*. Degree awarded cum laude.

September 2008 - October 2009

**Master of Science in Economics and Geography** at **Utrecht University** (Utrecht, The Netherlands). Thesis: *Agglomeration and Productivity: Measuring the Impact of Urban Returns to Scale in Presence of Reverse Causality and Heterogeneity*. Degree awarded cum laude.

September 2004 - October 2007

**Bachelor of Science in Economics of International Markets and New Technologies (CLEMIT)** at **Bocconi University** (Milan, Italy). Thesis: *The Role of Discount Rates on the Exploitation of Renewable Resources*. Final grade: 105/110.

## PAST POSITIONS

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November 2012 – May 2013

**Researcher** at **Utrecht University, Department of Economic Geography** (Utrecht, The Netherlands).

Role and tasks: analysis of the relationships among local, regional and international economic interactions in the context of the study *Network, Agglomeration and Polycentric Metropolitan Areas*.

November 2009 – October 2012

**Researcher** at **PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency** (The Hague, The Netherlands).

Role and tasks: data analysis, interpretation of results, writing of policy reports, writing of background publications.

## VISITING POSITIONS

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January 2014 – December 2014; September 2015 – March 2016

**Visiting Research Fellow** at **Harvard University** (Cambridge MA, USA). I conducted part of my Ph.D. research in collaboration with fellows at the Center for International Development of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

November 2013 – December 2013

**Visiting Ph.D Student** at **Bocconi University** (Milan, Italy). As a visiting student in the Ph.D. program in Business Administration and Management, I followed the course Economics of Innovation and Technical Change.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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Diodato, Dario and Frank Neffke, **Return Migration and its Impact on Employment and Wages in Mexico**. Presented at the *Urban Economics Association Meeting (New York, USA; 12-13 October 2018)*.

Diodato, Dario, **Structural Accounting: an Empirical Assessment of Cross-Country Differences in Productivity**. Presented at *NBER productivity seminar (Cambridge, USA; 12 September, 2017)*.

## WORKING PAPERS

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Nedelkoska, Ljubica, Dario Diodato, and Frank Neffke (2018), **Is Our Human Capital General Enough to Withstand the Current Wave of Technological Change?** *CID Research Fellow and Graduate Student Working Paper* No. 93.

Morrison, Andrea, Sergio Petralia, and Dario Diodato (2018), **Migration and Invention in the Age of Mass Migration.** *Papers in Evolutionary Economic Geography* No. 18.35.

## PUBLISHED ARTICLES

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Diodato, Dario, Frank Neffke, and Neave O'Clery (2018), **Why do Industries Coagglomerate? How Marshallian Externalities Differ by Industry and Have Evolved Over Time.** *Journal of Urban Economics* 2018. Vol.106. 1-26.

Diodato, Dario, Franco Malerba and Andrea Morrison (2018), **The Made-In Effect and Leapfrogging: a Model of Leadership Change for Products with Country-of-Origin Bias.** *European Economic Review* 2018. Vol.101. 297-329.

Diodato, Dario and Anet Weterings (2015), **The Resilience of Regional Labour Markets to Economic Shocks: Exploring the Role of Interactions among Firms and Workers.** *Journal of Economic Geography* 2015. Vol.15-4. 723-742.

Thissen, Mark, Martijn Burger, Frank van Oort and Dario Diodato (2014), **The Magnitude and Distance Decay of Trade in Goods and Services: New Evidence for European Countries.** *Spatial Economic Analysis* 2014. Vol.9-3. 231-259.

## BOOKS AND BOOKS' CHAPTERS

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Thissen, Mark, Frank van Oort, Dario Diodato and Arjan Ruijs (2013), **Regional Competitiveness and Smart Specialization in Europe. Place-Based Development in International Economic Networks.** *Edward Elgar*.

Dogaru, Teodora, Frank van Oort, Dario Diodato and Mark Thissen, **Agglomeration and Knowledge in European Regional Growth.** In Derudder, Ben, Sven Conventz, Alain Thierstein and Frank Witlox (2013), **Hub Cities in the Knowledge Economy: Seaports, Airports, Brainports.** *Ashgate*.

## POLICY REPORTS

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Weterings, Anet, Olga Ivanova, Dario Diodato, Maureen Lankhuizen, Mark Thissen, Klara Schure, Robert Koelemeijer (2018) **Effecten van de Energietransitie op de Regionale Arbeidsmarkt - een Quickscan.** *PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency*.

Weterings, Anet, Dario Diodato, Martijn van den Berge (2013) **De Veerkracht van Regionale Arbeidsmarkten.** *PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency*.

Thissen, Mark, Arjan Ruijs, Frank van Oort and Dario Diodato (2011). **De Concurrentiepositie van Nederlandse Regio's.** *PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency*.

Diodato, Dario (2008), **Italiani nella Bay Area: Innovazione, Imprese e Istituzioni.** *Documenti e Studi. Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Science and Technology Office, San Francisco (USA).*

## TECHNICAL BACKGROUND REPORTS

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Thissen, Mark, Dario Diodato and Frank van Oort, **Integrated Regional Europe: European Regional Trade Flows in 2000.** *PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency* 2013.

Thissen, Mark, Dario Diodato and Frank van Oort. **Integration and Convergence in Regional Europe: European Regional Trade Flows from 2000 to 2010.** *PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency* 2013.

Thissen, Mark and Dario Diodato, **Towards a New Economic Geography based Estimate of Cross-Hauling in Regional Supply and Use Tables.** *PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency* 2010.

## TEACHING

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**Course:** *Applied Economics Research*. Utrecht University. 2015.

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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**Urban Economics Association (UEA) Meeting.** New York (USA), 12-13 October, 2018. (presenting author, discussant).

**American Association of Geographers (AAG) Conference.** New Orleans (USA), 10-14 April, 2018. (presenting author).

**Seminar of Media Lab's Collective Learning at MIT.** Cambridge (MA, USA), 6 March, 2018. (presenting author)

**Geography of Innovation Conference.** Barcelona (Spain), 31 January – 2 February, 2018. (presenting author).

**NBER Productivity Seminar.** Cambridge (MA, USA), 12 September, 2017. (presenting author).

**Regional Studies Association (RSA) Conference.** Dublin (Ireland), 4-7 June, 2017. (presenting author, discussant, special session organizer).

**American Association of Geographers (AAG) Conference.** Boston (USA), 5-9 April, 2017. (presenting author).

**Seminar in Economic Geography.** Utrecht (The Netherlands), 11 May, 2016. (presenting author).

**Geography of Innovation Conference.** Toulouse (France), 28-30 January, 2016. (presenting author).

**Royal Economic Society PhD Conference.** London (UK), 8-9 January, 2016. (presenting author).

**VPDE-BRICK workshop at Collegio Carlo Alberto.** Turin (Italy), 29-30 January, 2015. (presenting author, discussant).

**DRUID Academy.** Aalborg (Denmark), 21–23 January, 2015. (presenting author, discussant).

**Growth Lab Seminar at Harvard University.** Cambridge (MA, USA), 8 December, 2014. (presenting author).

**Workshop on Industrial Relatedness and Regional Growth at Utrecht University.** Utrecht (The Netherlands), 9 September, 2014. (presenting author).

**European Regional Science Association (ERSA) Congress.** Palermo (Italy), 27–31 August, 2013. (presenting author).

**Regional Studies Association (RSA) Early Career Conference.** Hamburg (Germany), 1–2 November, 2012. (presenting author).

**Regional Studies Association (RSA) Conference.** Delft (The Netherlands), 11–16 May, 2012. (presenting author).

## ROUNDTABLES AND LECTURES BY INVITATION

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**Workshop on trade and industrial dynamics at Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education (NIFU).** Oslo (Norway), 20-21 September, 2018.

**Lecture on economic complexity and development policies at Tecnológico de Monterrey.** Monterrey (Mexico), 9 July, 2018.

**Roundtable on surveying irregular migrants in Europe at United Nations.** Bonn (Germany), 19 March, 2018.

## AWARDS

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**Van der Knaap Prijs 2018.** Triennial award for best Ph.D. dissertation in the field of economic and social geography. Awarded by the Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities (Koninklijke Hollandsche Maatschappij der Wetenschappen).

## ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Seminar series** with Andres Gomez: weakly Growth Lab Seminar at the Center for International Development, Harvard University (Fall 2018).

**Workshop series** with Andres Gomez on Python and Machine Learning: weakly workshop at the Center for International Development, Harvard University (Spring 2018, Fall 2018).

**Workshop** on the future of production. Involved parties: World Economic Forum, Prof. Erik Brynjolfsson (MIT), Prof. Ricardo Hausmann (Harvard). At Center for International Development, Harvard (Cambridge, June 2018).

**Conference special session** with Neave O'Clery on *Economic networks: A complex systems approach to the study of urban and regional dynamics*. Regional Studies Association Conference (Dublin, June 2017).

**Conference** with Pierre-Alex Balland, Ron Boschma, Riccardo Cappelli, Gianluca Capone, Koen Frenken, Matté Hartog, Andrea Morrison, Frank van Oort, Sergio Petralia. Geography of Innovation (Utrecht, January 2014).

## REFEREE

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**Referee** for *Research Policy*, *Journal of Economic Geography*, *Economic Geography*, *Regional Studies*, *Journal of Evolutionary Economics*, and *Tijdschrift voor economische en sociale geografie*.

## LANGUAGES AND COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE

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**Italian:** mother tongue. **English:** fluent. **French:** fair. **Dutch:** fair. **Spanish:** basic.

Excellent knowledge of **Office**, **Latex**, **Stata**, and **GAMS**. Fair command of **ArcMap**, **Cytoscape**, **SAS**, **Mathcad**, **Python** and **Ruby-Watir**.