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**Professor Diego Puga (CEMFI, Spain)  
is awarded the ERSA European Prize in Regional Science 2022**

**End June 2022 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium** – The ERSA European Prize in Regional Science 2022 has been awarded to [Diego Puga](#), Professor of Economics at [CEMFI](#), in Madrid, Spain. His research interests include urban economics, economic geography, international trade, institutions.

Professor Diego Puga's academic career and contribution to regional science is outstanding in many ways.

After his Ph.D. in Economics from the [London School of Economics](#) in 1997, he held academic positions in Europe and beyond, including at the [London School of Economics](#), the [University of Toronto](#), [Universitat Pompeu Fabra](#), and imdea Social Sciences. Since 2012, he has been employed at CEMFI since 2012. Furthermore, Diego Puga is a member of Spain's [Council of Economic Advisers](#) and of the [Multidisciplinary Workgroup](#) providing advice and support to the Government of Spain on scientific matters related to covid-19 and its consequences.

His publications include articles in American Economic Review, Econometrica, Quarterly Journal of Economics, and Review of Economic Studies, and have been cited over 5,000 times in articles included in Web of Science. Recent selected publications include: "[Learning by working in big cities](#)", with Jorge De la Roca, Review of Economic Studies, 84 (1) (2017), 106-142. "[International Trade and Institutional Change: Medieval Venice's Response to Globalization](#)", with Daniel Trefler, Quarterly Journal of Economics, 129 (2014), 753-821. "[The Productivity Advantages of Large Cities: Distinguishing Agglomeration from Firm Selection](#)", with Pierre-Philippe Combes, Gilles Duranton, Laurent Gobillon and Sébastien Roux, Econometrica, 80 (2012), 2543-2594

Diego Puga's contribution to the field of Regional science was rapidly recognised: He received the Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Award from Narsc (2005) which recognizes distinguished contributions to Regional Science research by Young scholars who have recently completed doctoral studies. In 2010, he joined the prestigious group of [RSAI fellows](#) and was keynote speaker at ERSA Annual Congress at Barcelona in 2011. Other prestigious recognitions include: The [Sabadell-Herrero Prize](#), awarded annually to a Spanish researcher under the age of 40 for outstanding contributions to economics or social sciences (2008) and in 2020 the [Rei Jaume I Prize in Economics](#) for his contributions to spatial economics.

**The award Ceremony and Keynote Speech** will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August during the [Closing Session of the 61<sup>st</sup> ERSA Congress "Disparities in a Digitalising \(Post-Covid\) world - Networks, Entrepreneurship and Regional Development"](#), 22<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at Pecs and online [#ERSAprize](#) [#ersa2022](#).

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