



Since after the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been changes in urban amenities use, with working from home becoming an increasing part of working life. This seminar will present a novel measure to value urban amenities, using cell-phone-based foot traffic data from 2018 to 2022 to construct an intuitive measure of people's valuations of various amenities in New York City.

This measure provides a consistent way to value different amenities and to analyse preference change for urban neighbourhood characteristics, especially after COVID and the work-from-home trend. It would have important implications for economists and policy makers to assess demand for urban space, the (future) function of cities, and the provision of local public goods.

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Speaker



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PROGRAMME TIMELINE

- 4:30 pm - 5:15pm Presentation
- 5.15 pm - 6.00pm Discussion & Q&A

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