

# Abbreviations

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ABR	General Business Register (Algemeen Bedrijven Register)
AIC	Akaike Information Criterion
ASJ	Swedish Railroad Shop
AUTM	Association of University Technology Managers
BEA	Bureau of Economic Analysis
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics
CB	Census Bureau
CBS	Statistics Netherlands
CEPII	Centre d'Études Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales
CIS	community innovation survey
CN	combined nomenclature
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FDI	foreign direct investment
GBA	Municipal Personal Records Database (Gemeentelijke Basisadministratie)
GDP	gross domestic product
GPT	general purpose technology
GWR	geographically weighted regression
ICT	information and communications technology
IfM	Institut für Mittelstandsforschung
KIBS	knowledge-intensive business services
KIS	knowledge-intensive services
KSK	Social Security Insurance for Artists and Writers (Künstlersozialkasse)
LISA	National Information System of Employment register (Landelijk Informatiesysteem Arbeidsmarkt)
LiU	Linköping University
LM	labour market
LSDV	least square dummy variable
MCDC	Missouri Census Data Center
MLE	maximum likelihood estimator
MONA	micro data online access
MSA	metropolitan standard areas

NACE	Statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community (Nomenclature des statistiques des activités économiques de la Communauté européenne)
NAICS	North American Industry Classification System
NEG	new economic geography
NUTEK	Swedish National Board for Industrial and Technical Development
NUTS	nomenclature of units for territorial statistics
O&S	Amsterdam Research & Statistics department
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OLS	ordinary least squares
RBV	resource-based view
SAAB AB	Swedish Aeroplane Company Limited
SCB	Statistics Sweden
SMRs	small and medium-sized regions
SNI	Swedish Industrial Classification
SOEP	German Socio-Economic Panel
SSB	System of Social Statistical Files (Sociala Statistiska Bestanden)
TTO	technology transfer office
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
UU	Utrecht University
VS	vertical specialization
WIOD	world input–output database
ZCTA	zip code tabulation area

