

10th Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Regional Economics Workshop
10th Summer Conference in Regional Science

Digitalization, Urban Sprawl and Regional Economics

Organized by:

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Gesellschaft für Regionalforschung (GfR)

Date: Vienna, 25-26 September, 2017

Location: WIFO, Arsenal Object 20, 1030 Vienna

Program:

Monday, September 25, 2017

9:00 – 9:10

Welcome by **Christoph Badelt**, Director of WIFO and **Gunther Maier**, President of the GfR

Session: Transport and Technology

Session Chair: **Dieter Pennerstorfer**

9:10 – 9:50 **Stefanie Peer:** Disruptive Technologies & Public Finance: The Effect of Autonomous Electric Vehicles

9:50 – 10:30 **Bartłomiej Rokicki:** Big Transport Infrastructure Investment and Regional Economic Growth: Accessibility Based Approach

10:30 – 11:10 **Jarko Fidrmuc:** Rivers and Trade

11:10 – 11.25 Coffee Break

Stream: Regional and Spatial Economics

Session: Firm Conduct in Space

Session Chair: **Matthias Firgo**

11:25 – 12:05 **Nora Schindler:** Income Inequality, Market Size and Firm Conduct: Product Differentiation in the Restaurant Market

12:05 – 12:45 **Daniela Rroshi:** Consumer Search and the Speed of Price Transmission

Stream: Regional Labour Markets

Session: Technology and Human Capital

Session Chair: **Peter Huber**

11:25 – 12:05 **Stephan Brunow:** Is there a Shortage of Science Based Labor Force in Germany?

12:05 – 12:45 **Eckhardt Bode:** Personality, Education and Regional Human Capital

12.45 – 13.45 Lunch (provided by WIFO)

Stream: Regional and Spatial Economics

Session: Regional Competitiveness and Growth

Session Chair: **Philipp Piribauer**

13:45 – 14:25 **Roberto Patuelli:** Tourism and Growth: A Review and Meta-Analysis

14:25 – 15:05 **Michael Pfarrhofer:** Income Growth and Convergence in a Small-Scale Regional Framework: A Spatial Econometric Approach for Municipalities in Austria

15:05 – 15:45 **Christian Longhi:** Cluster Policies and Collective Learning Networks: Building Network Dynamics from Policies? The Case of the Competitiveness Cluster 'Secure Communicating Solutions' in the French Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur Region

Stream: Regional Labour Markets

Session: Human and Social Capital

Session Chair: **Uwe Blien**

13:45 – 14:25 **Fabian Stephany:** United in Diversity? An Empirical Investigation on Europe's Regional Social Capital

14:25 – 15:05 **Moisés Obaco:** Urban Wage Premium and Informal Employment: Evidence from Ecuador

15:05 – 15:45 **Štěpán Mikula:** Old Sins Cast Long Shadows: Long-Term Effects of Social Capital Destruction on Residential Migration

15:45 – 16.00 Coffee Break

Stream: Regional and Spatial Economics

Session: Regional Impact of Policy Interventions

Session Chair: **Franz Sinabell**

16:00 – 16:40 **Andrea Pufahl:** The Impact of Rural Development Policy in Germany on Economic Growth

16:40 – 17:20 **Matthias Firgo:** The Causal Effects of Olympic Games on Host Regions

Stream: Regional Labour Markets

Session: Regional Migration

Session Chair: **Peter Mayerhofer**

16:00 – 16:40 **Lorenz Benedikt Fischer:** Migration's Inability to Alleviate Regional Differentials

16:40 – 17:20 **Günter Haag:** Model-Based Analysis of Regional Specialization in Austria: The Level of Districts and Communes

17:20 – 18:00 **Peter Huber:** Homeownership, Social Capital, and Political Participation: Evidence from Transition Economies and Western Europe

19.30 Workshop Dinner (optional, on your own account)

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Session: Economic Geography and Urban Sprawl

Session Chair: **Michael Klien**

8:40 – 9:20 **Filippo Bonanno:** Increasing Return and Economic Geography: The Case of the European Monetary Union

9:20 – 10:00 **Laura Varela-Candamio:** Fiscal Burden and Urban Sprawl: The Case of The Spanish Municipalities

10:00 – 10.15 Coffee Break

Session: Digitalization and Mobility

Session Chair: **Stefanie Peer**

10:15 – 10:55 **Per Kropp:** Stability of Functional Labour market regions

10:55 – 11:35 **Ulrike Illmann:** Commuting Paradox Revisited: Compensation for longer Commutes in Two-Worker-Households

11:35 – 12:15 **Uwe Blien:** The Decline of Routine Jobs and Occupational Mobility

12.15 – 13.15 Lunch (provided by WIFO)

13.15 – 14.15 **WIFO Public Lecture**

Emmanouil Tranos: The economic geography of the Internet, 2.0

Session Chair: **Gunther Maier**

Discussant: **Klaus Friesenbichler**

Session: Regional Cohesion in the EU

Session Chair: **Gerhard Streicher**

14:25 – 15:05 **Julia Bachtrögler:** The Influence of the Local Context on the Implementation and Impact of EU Cohesion Policy

15:05 – 15:45 **Martin Hulényi:** Money can't buy EU Love: European Funds and the Brexit Referendum

15:45 – 16.00 Coffee Break

Session: Environmental Aspects in Regional Economics

Session Chair: **Oliver Fritz**

16:00 – 16:40 **Jan Fidrmuc:** Environmental Protection, Cohesion Policy and Regional Economies in the EU

16:40 – 17:20 **Martin Falk:** Influence of Local Environment on Exit of Accommodation Establishments

End of Workshop