



Call for paper submissions to the workshop

Regional innovation and growth: Theory, empirics and policy analysis

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Background

Scientific and policy attention towards the regional dimension of technical change and ultimately economic growth has been growing substantially in the last decades. The theoretical integration of the new economic geography with the endogenous growth theory opened the way to look at the complex relationships between agglomeration dynamism and macroeconomic growth in a more structured way. At the same time, evolutionary views of technological change have contributed to develop theoretical and empirical approaches to structural and institutional transformations of regional economic systems. A burgeoning empirical literature has investigated a wide range of related topics such as the role of regional actors in innovation with a special interest in the academic sector and entrepreneurial firms, the spatial nature of knowledge transfers with increasing recent interest in the mechanism of interregional knowledge linkages, the nature of cumulative agglomeration externalities, and the integration of dynamic spatial structure into macroeconomic investigations. Various methods of research are applied in empirical and policy impact studies, ranging from survey techniques, spatial econometrics, network analysis, and numerical simulations to spatial CGE modeling and micro-to-macro economic approaches. The recent emergence of the concept of place-based economic development policy indicates the relevance of this field of research for policy making.

Objective

The aim of the workshop is to provide a platform for interactions for researchers working on theoretical, empirical and policy research on regional innovation and growth.

Confirmed Speakers

Zoltán J. Ács (George Mason University, USA)

Martin Anderson (Jönköping International Business School and Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden)

Corinne Autant-Bernard (University of Saint Etienne, France)

Erkko Autio (Imperial College Business School, London, UK)

Pierre-Alexander Balland (University of Utrecht, The Netherlands)

Monica Brezzi (OECD, Paris)

Andrea Bonaccorsi (University of Pisa, Italy)

Andries Brandsma (European Commission JRC-IPTS, Seville, Spain)

Ed Bergman (Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria)
Gábor Békés (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Economics, Budapest, Hungary)
Ron Boschma (University of Utrecht, The Netherlands)
Niels Bosma (University of Utrecht, The Netherlands)
Thomas Brenner (University of Marburg, Germany)
Roberta Capello (Politecnico di Milano, Italy)
Nicolas Carayol (University of Bordeaux, France)
Saul Estrin (London School of Economics, UK)
Javier Revilla Diez (University of Hannover, Germany)
Ugo Fratesi (Politecnico di Milano, Italy)
Michael Fritsch (University of Jena, Germany)
Zoltán Gál (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Center for Regional Studies, Pécs, Hungary)
Harvey Goldstein (Modul University, Vienna, Austria)
Henri de Groot (Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
Péter Harasztosi (Central European University, Budapest, Hungary)
Simona Iammarino (London School of Economics, UK)
Olga Ivanova (TNO, Delft, The Netherlands)
Imre Lengyel (University of Szeged, Hungary)
Atsushi Koike (Tottori University, Japan)
Mario Maggioni (Catholic University, Milan, Italy)
Philip McCann (University of Groningen, The Netherlands)
Joaquim Oliveira Martins (OECD, Paris)
Frank van Oort (University of Utrecht, The Netherlands)
Raquel Ortega-Argilés (Instituto Superior Técnico, Lisbon, Portugal)
Raffaele Paci (University of Cagliari, Italy)
Andrés Rodríguez Pose (London School of Economics, UK)
Slavo Radosevic (University College London, UK)
Roger Stough (George Mason University, US)
László Szerb (University of Pécs, Hungary)
Kim Swales (University of Strathclyde, UK)
Mark Thissen (PBL, The Netherlands)
Stefano Usai (University of Cagliari, Italy)
Attila Varga (University of Pécs, Hungary)
Bart Verspagen (UNU-Maastricht, The Netherlands)
Thierry Volery (University of St. Gallen, Switzerland)

Submission of papers

Scholars interested in participating in the workshop should send an abstract to vargaa@tkk.pte.hu and erd.kat@gmail.com by February 15, 2011. We will notify the decision on acceptance by February 22. The date for paper submission is March 15. Due to space constraints we will be able to accept a restricted number of papers. We are not able to reimburse travel and accommodation costs but attendance of the conference will be free of charge for accepted participants.

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