

*Call for Papers**12th Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Regional Economics Workshop****Leading, not lagging: Ways to move regions forward***Keynote: **Prof. Riccardo Crescenzi**

Vienna, September 26 - 27, 2019

The Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) is very pleased to announce the 12th international workshop in honor of **Geoffrey J.D. Hewings**, Professor of Economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and member of WIFO's Scientific Board. Prof. Hewings has published numerous scientific contributions in economics, economic geography, urban and regional planning, input-output analysis and other fields. He is famous for being a scholar always eager to share his knowledge and give profound and positive advice to younger researchers.

This year's workshop will focus on topics around **strategies and policies to promote growth in lagging regions**. Additionally, empirical contributions from a broader range of regional economics are also welcome. The topics of interest include questions related to:

- regional specialization, structural change and knowledge diffusion
- regional location analyses, spatial location choice and location concepts
- geographical impact of economic policy measures
- regional labor markets
- regional tourism
- regional planning

We are happy to announce **Riccardo Crescenzi** of the London School of Economics as our keynote speaker for the workshop. Riccardo Crescenzi is Professor of Economic Geography at the LSE and an Associate at the Centre for International Development at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. His research is at the intersection between regional economics, economic geography, innovation studies and public policy and aims at contributing to the cross-fertilisation of these (often disconnected) disciplines. Four key themes dominate his work: the geographical determinants of innovation; the link between innovation and regional economic performance; the formation, structure, and impact of local and regional development policies; and the analysis of both the location decisions and the local impacts of Multinational Firms at the regional and urban level.

The workshop aims at bringing together researchers from various fields of economics working mainly at the regional level to discuss ideas and exchange knowledge. Moreover it should be emphasized that the workshop also intends to attract contributions characterized as "work in progress" and those from young researchers. Submissions should include an extended abstract (minimum of 300 words) or a full paper.

The workshop will be held at [WIFO](#) in Vienna. There are no fees for participants of the workshop. All papers presented may be published in the [WIFO Working Paper](#) series. Abstracts of papers and/or full papers intended for presentation should be prepared in PDF-format and be sent to regional@wifo.ac.at.

Deadlines:

Submission of abstracts: July 14, 2019

Notification of acceptance: August 1, 2019