

Call for Papers

8th *Geoffrey J.D. Hewings* Regional Economics Workshop on

Services and Regional Growth

Vienna, 3-4 September, 2015

The Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) – Regional Economics Workshop is organized 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 fields like economics, economic geography, urban and regional planning, input-output analysis and others, and is always eager to share his knowledge and give advice to younger scholars.

This year's workshop will focus on topics around services and their contribution to regional growth. Services are not only responsible for an increasing share of economic activities, they play a core role in influencing the competitiveness of other sectors like manufacturing. However, not very much attention has been paid to the spatial and regional distribution of services, their impact on the performance of regional economies and their interregional and intersectoral linkages.

This year's key note will be held by *Özge Öner* of the Research Institute of Industrial Economics in Sweden. In her research, *Özge* has focused very much on the service sector and its role within regional economies, dealing with questions like the distance sensitivity of retail activities or the spatial determinants of growth in the hospitality sector.

The workshop aims at bringing together researchers from various fields of economics working mainly at the regional level to discuss ideas and exchange knowledge. Besides papers related to the overall theme of the workshop, service-driven regional growth, contributions on other relevant topics in the field of regional economics are also more than welcome. Moreover it should be emphasized that the workshop also intends to attract contributions characterized as "work in progress" and those from young researchers.

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 Oliver Fritz at oliver.fritz@wifo.ac.at.

Deadlines:

Submission of abstracts: June 28, 2015

Notification of acceptance: July 17, 2015