

Call for Papers

9th Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Regional Economics Workshop on Topics in Applied Regional and Spatial Economics

Vienna, 3-4 October, 2016

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 applied regional economics. Additionally, contribution on a sub-regional (grid) level as well as microeconomic analyses of spatial phenomena are explicitly welcomed. The topics of interest include, but are not limited to, questions related to:

- regional growth and cohesion
- regional specialisation
- 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 *Jürgen Essletzbichler* and *Michael L. Lahr* as our keynote speakers for the workshop this year. *Jürgen Essletzbichler* is Professor of Regional Science and Head of the Institute for Economic Geography and GIScience at WU Vienna. Prof. Essletzbichler's research interests include the theoretical development of evolutionary approaches in economic geography, the identification of drivers of metropolitan economic growth and resilience in the U.S., the quantitative analysis of the role of industrial diversity and industrial branching for urban economic transformation and the analysis of the causes of increasing income inequality at the metropolitan scale.

Michael L. Lahr is a Research Professor at the Edward J. Bloustein School for Planning and Public Policy and the Director of Rutgers Economic Advisory Service (R/ECON™) both at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. His main interest is new methods in regional economic modeling, particularly those pertaining to interindustry analysis and regional economic development. But Lahr also has done substantial amount of work in applied micro-economics – particularly with respect to the effects of transit on property values. He is Vice President of the International Input-Output Association, a past President of the Southern Regional Science Association, and a past Chairman of the North American Regional Science Council.

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 28, 2016

Notification of acceptance: August 17, 2016