



Call for Participation

**2ND EVOLUTIONARY ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY WORKSHOP IN CENTRAL AND
EASTERN EUROPE:
AGGLOMERATION ECONOMIES, RELATEDNESS AND SPATIAL NETWORKS**

21th-22th October 2015, Szeged, Hungary

Invited speakers:

Rikard Eriksson, Umeå University
Josef Novotny, Charles University in Prague
Attila Varga, University of Pécs

The Doctoral School in Economics at the University of Szeged is pleased to announce the 2nd workshop on „Evolutionary Economic Geography in Central and Eastern Europe: Agglomeration Economies, Relatedness and Spatial Networks”, which will be co-organized by the Hungarian Regional Science Association and the Regional Committee in Szeged of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Evolutionary economic geography (EEG) experiences a dynamic boost, in which an interdisciplinary mix of geographers, regional scientists and economists apply new concepts and tools to describe regional economic dynamics. The aim of the workshop is to bring together internationally recognized scholars in the field of “Agglomeration economies, relatedness and spatial networks” and provide young researchers in CEE (Central and Eastern European) countries, who aim to understand complex regional dynamics of economic progress, with an overview of the most recent research ideas and quantitative tools. This event will be an important milestone in building an EEG community in CEE countries following a workshop with Ron Boschma in 2013, Budapest, and a special session with Simona Strambach at CERS Conference in 2014, Kosice.

We invite PhD students, and early career researchers from CEE countries to present a paper and discuss future research. Young scholars interested in post-socialist transition, regional progress in less developed countries, and spatial networks are also welcome from other countries.

Participation is free of charge. The workshop organizers provide free accommodation and meals for the presenters. The workshop is open to the public; however, due to place limitations, registration is required.





SUBMISSION AND REGISTRATION:

The workshop language is English. Everyone who wishes to participate in the workshop, and wish to give a presentation must register and submit an abstract (400-600 words) through the workshop website: <http://www.eco.u-szeged.hu/phdworkshop>

Papers are particularly (but not exclusively) welcome in the following topics:

- Spatial dimension of industry dynamics in CEE
- Multinational firms and the local effect of FDI
- Innovation and forms of learning
- University-industry relations
- Regional development in EU accession countries
- Spatial determinants of firm entry and exit
- Proximity and inter-firm networks
- Relatedness, related variety and regional economic growth
- Regional diversification, path dependence and lock-in

The participants have opportunities to either make a short (10 minutes long) or a long presentation (20 min long presentation followed by 10 minutes discussion). Selection of the abstracts for the two kinds of presentation is up to the decision of the abstract selection committee. Aim of the short presentations is to propose research ideas and concepts, while long presentations are aimed at demonstrating and discussing research with results. All authors selected for long presentation may submit a full paper as well, which will be reviewed by senior discussants.

In case of co-authored presentations, all authors should register separately.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Abstract submission (extended deadline): September 18, 2015

Deadline for registration: October 1, 2015

Workshop: October 21-22, 2015

VENUE:

Building of the Regional Committee in Szeged of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Somogyi street 7. 6701, Szeged, Hungary (The venue has changed since the last call.)

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/LGDQW>

PROGRAMME:

The workshop starts on the 20th of October with a welcome reception in the evening. Plenary sessions and sessions are on the 21st and 22nd of October (lunch and dinner is provided each day).

The workshop closes on the 22nd of October with a dinner.

CO-ORDINATORS:

Prof. Imre Lengyel, University of Szeged, chair of Doctoral School

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