

## Preface

This volume has been prepared by the Doctoral School in Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration at the University of Szeged on the occasion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Central European PhD Workshop on Regional Economics and Economic Geography, with the title “Regional Growth, Development and Competitiveness”. The volume provides a review of selected papers presented at the PhD Workshop.

The Doctoral School in Economics at the University of Szeged aims at organizing a series of PhD workshops for Central-European doctoral schools in collaboration with the Doctoral School in Regional- and Economic Sciences at Széchenyi István University, Doctoral School in Regional Policy and Economics at the University of Pécs and the Hungarian Regional Science Association, ERSA Hungarian Section. The workshop offers specific training and provides opportunity for interaction amongst senior and young researchers in line with the research activity of the doctoral schools on the field of regional economics and economic geography.

The first part of the volume is dealing with regional growth, de-growth and development. It consists of five articles highlighting the role of territorial capital, possibilities in economic and urban development, opportunities of teleworking houses and concept of de-growth. The second part puts clusters and regional competitiveness in focus. Five articles provide insight to cluster development and policy, attractiveness of foreign direct investments, show measurement approaches of competitiveness in city-regions and facts on unemployment. The six articles of the third part are focusing on regions and innovation systems discussing university patenting, regional entrepreneurship, informal relations in innovation, technology transfer, activities of knowledge-intensive industries, theory of path-dependency and related variety.

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