

Call for Papers

10th **Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Regional Economics Workshop**, and 10th **Summer Conference in Regional Science on** **Digitalization, Urban Sprawl and Regional Economics**

Vienna, September 25 - 26, 2017

The Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) in cooperation with the Gesellschaft für Regionalforschung (GfR), the German speaking section of the European Regional Science Association, are very pleased to announce their joint International Summer Conference 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 digitalization, settlement patterns and urbanization. Additionally, empirical contributions falling in the broader range of regional economics are also welcome. 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 **Dr. Emmanouil Tranos** from the University of Birmingham as our keynote speaker for the conference. Emmanouil Tranos is an economic geographer focusing primarily on digital geographies. He has published on issues related to the spatiality of the internet infrastructure, the economic impacts that this infrastructure can generate on space and the position of cities within spatial, complex networks. His research in this area led to a monograph on "The Geography of the Internet: cities, regions and Internet infrastructure". His keynote speech will focus on "Ubiquitous Digital Technologies and Spatial Structure: an Update".

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, 2017

Notification of acceptance: August 10, 2017