

**The German and the Nordic Section of ERSA jointly organize the
Summer Conference “*Regional transformation: labor, skills, and resilience*”
in Schwerin (Germany) on June 15-17, 2022**

Call for Submission

The demographic transition, digitalization, macroeconomic volatility, and not at least the Covid-19 pandemic shape regional economies and labor markets by generating positive and negative shocks as well as requiring individuals and firms to adapt. At the individual level, rising uncertainties have changed expected labor market outcomes and at the aggregate level, regional transformation processes are widely observed and reshape the geography of economies. However, it is not yet clear whether such changes in local economies translate into resilience or rigidity and to what extent they translate into new growth potentials. The conference aims to unfold and discuss ongoing research focusing on the aspects of regional transformation.

We aim to bring together researchers who work on these issues to discuss papers and exchange ideas. We welcome both theoretical and empirical submissions related (but not limited) to the following topics with a regional focus:

- Labor market research,
- Emergent human capital and skill transformation,
- Firm and individual behavior,
- Demographic aspects and migration,
- Regional transformation and development,
- Short- and long-run aspects of the Covid-19 pandemic,
- Technological change and digitalization,
- Borders and bordering,
- The EU Cohesion policy and its impact in the Nordic countries,
- Place branding and regional development,
- Culture, restaurants and leisure industries,
- Regional development in sparsely populated regions.



The conference is jointly organized by the German and the Nordic Sections of ERSA. The conference will host two keynote speakers and individual paper sessions. All papers will be assigned a discussant and all presenters/participants are expected to serve as discussants. We aim to encourage constructive discussions in an interactive setting.

Location: University of Applied Labour Studies (HdBA), Wismarsche Str. 405, 19055 Schwerin

Fee (incl. conference dinner): 60 € (+50 € membership fee for Nordic Section participants)

Abstract submission deadline: April 30, 2022.

Notification of acceptance: May 15, 2022.

(Draft) Paper submission deadline: June 1, 2022.

Please submit contributions to: <http://gfr.ersa.org/2022/03/03/submission-summer-conference-2022/>

Keynote Speakers:

[Bianca Biagi](#) is Associate Professor in Economics at the University of Sassari (Italy), Researcher at the Centre for North South Economic Research (CRENoS) - University of Sassari and Cagliari-Italy, and external faculty board of the Doctoral Programme in Regional Science and Economic Geography at the Gran Sasso Science Institute (GSSI)- L'Aquila, Italy. She teaches Macroeconomics, Advanced Economic Policies, and Tourism Policies. She earned an Italian Doctorate in Social Sciences (Economics) at the University of Sassari (Italy), a MSc at The University of Reading and a MPhil at the University of Southampton in UK. Since 2020 she has National scientific qualification for Full Professor in Economics. Her publications cover a wide range of topics in regional and urban economics, including migration and its territorial impacts; labour markets; the impact of research infrastructures and universities; regional development and growth; regional quality of life and the tourism market, among others.

[Philip McCann](#) is Professor of Urban and Regional Economics in the University of Sheffield Management School. Philip is also the Tagliaferri Research Fellow in the Department of Land Economy at the University of Cambridge 2015-2019 and Honorary Professor of Economic Geography in the Faculty of Spatial Sciences at the University of Groningen, The Netherlands, 2017-2022. Philip McCann is highly cited and has published numerous articles within spatial economists and economic geography. He is one of the UK's most highly cited social scientists, with 5007 ISI-Web of Science citations, H-index= 34, 6344 Scopus citations, Hindex = 41, and 16,506 Google Scholar citations (H-index = 60). Philip McCann earned the ERSA European Prize in Regional Science in 2019.

