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Call for Extended Abstracts

Winter Seminar of the German-Speaking Section of ERSA

21-27 February 2027
Matrei i. Osttirol/Austria

We are pleased to announce the **2027 Winter Seminar of the German-Speaking Section of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA)**.

Building on a long tradition, the Winter Seminar offers an excellent opportunity for in-depth discussions of topics related to regional science, regional and urban economics, and economic geography. It brings together PhD students and postdoctoral researchers with established scholars and university professors, and provides a focused environment for concentrated work and writing in an inspiring alpine setting.

NEW: Young Scientist Sessions

We invite **early-career researchers**[1] to apply for the **Young Scientist Sessions.** These sessions offer a unique one-hour presentation slot, allowing for comprehensive feedback on (also) earlier-stage papers or dissertation outlines. In addition, GfR will subsidize accommodation costs for selected Young Scientists.

As every year, the **Edwin von Böventer Prize** will be awarded for outstanding presentations by young scholars. Further information and previous prize winners can be found here: https://gfr.ersa.org/edwin-von-boeventer-preis/.

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We welcome submissions of theoretical or empirical contributions with a focus on regional or spatial phenomena, and an economic, environmental, geographical or social science background. Submit your **extended abstract** (up to 2,000 words) by **16 November 2026** via https://gfr.ersa.org.

The attendance of the seminar is free of charge for first-time participants and members of the GfR or other sections of the RSAI. However, travel and accommodation costs must be covered by the participants (see next page for information on the conference venue).

For any **questions**, please contact: gfr@ersa.org.

[1] Eligible applicants are doctoral/PhD students and postdoctoral researchers up to two years after completing their degree.

Conference Venue: Hotel Gasthof Hinteregger, 9971 Matrei i. Osttirol.

Price (half board: East Tyrolean breakfast buffet and evening à la carte menu): EUR 116 per person per day. Single room supplement: EUR 27 per day. Local tax: EUR 2.60 per person per day.

Room reservations in Hotel Gasthof Hinteregger must be made by 20 December 2026. After this date, reservations will be subject to availability. For further accommodation possibilities see, e.g., https://www.osttirol.com/region-orte/alle-orte/matrei.

Important dates:

Deadline for submission of extended abstracts:	**16 November 2026**
Notification of acceptance:	**4 December 2026**