

Call for Papers

11th Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Regional Economics Workshop

Winning and Losing Regions in the Age of Digitalisation

Vienna, September 20 - 21, 2018

The Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) is very pleased to announce the 11th international workshop 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 economics, economic geography, urban and regional planning, input-output analysis and other fields, and is always eager to share his knowledge and give advice to younger scholars.

This year's workshop will focus on topics around the urban-rural divide as well as winning and losing regions in times of increasingly digitalized economies and societies. Additionally, empirical contributions from a broader range of regional economics are also welcome. The topics of interest include questions related to:

- regional growth and cohesion
- regional specialization, structural change and knowledge diffusion
- 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 **Wolfgang Dauth** (University of Würzburg and IAB) as our keynote speaker for the workshop. Wolfgang Dauth is an applied micro-economist and works at the cross section of urban, labor, and international economics. He currently focuses on topics such as the impact of technological change and international trade on the German labor market as well as commuting or search and matching on local labor markets.

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: June 30, 2018

Notification of acceptance: July 16, 2018