

# 17<sup>th</sup> Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Regional Economics Workshop & 16<sup>th</sup> GfR Summer Conference in Regional Science

WIFO, Arsenal Object 20, 1030 Vienna | **September 17-18, 2026**

**Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 8:35 – 16:45**

08:35 – 08:55 Arrival (Foyer)

**08:55 – 09:10** **Welcome by Christine Mayrhuber**, Deputy Director, External Relations at WIFO, Chairwoman of the Austrian Pension Commission and **Dieter Pennerstorfer**, Executive Board GfR, Associate Professor at the Johannes Kepler University Linz at the Department of Economics

## Session 1

Session Chair: **Julia Bachtrögler-Unger**

09:10 – 09:45 **Ulrich Morawetz**: The evaluation of ensemble protection policies. Insights from Vienna, Austria

09:45 – 10:20 **Antonia Schneider**: Building mixed neighborhoods? Evaluating social mixing in Vienna's recent development areas through small-scale mobility data

10:20 – 10:55 **Sarah Kuhn & Holger Seibert**: Structure and development of commuter movements in Lusatia (Lausitz)

**10:55 – 11:05 Coffee Break 10'**

## Session 2

Session Chair: **Dieter Pennerstorfer**

11:05 – 11:40 **Yuki Kanayama**: Lot shape matters a lot: The geometry of urban land market frictions

11:40 – 12:15 **Marco Mariani**: Long-Term Effects of Conversion Incentives to Organic Farming: A Causal Analysis with Endogenous Survival

12:15 – 12:50 **Emilio Becker**: Spatial Spillovers in Local Labour Markets: Tourism Employment and Wage Bills across Chilean Municipalities

**12:50 – 13:00 Coffee Break 10'**

### Keynote

13:00 – 14:00 **Hans Koster**, Full Professor of Urban Economics and Real Estate in the Department of Spatial Economics at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam; Research Fellow at the Tinbergen Institute and the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), a Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics, and an elected board member of the Urban Economics Association:  
**The Persistence of Urban Decline**

14:00 – 15:00 Lunch

### Session 3

Session Chair: **Anja Sebbesen**

- 15:00 – 15:35 **Heinrich Hirsch**: Effects of Greenfield Public Transit Investment on Land Prices in Lower Austria
- 15:35 – 16:10 **Julien Deimling**: Cross-border spillovers of drug decriminalization: Evidence from the Czech–Austria border
- 16:10 – 16:45 **Anna-Theresa Renner**: Does Ownership Matter in Emergency Medical Services?

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**18:00 Workshop Dinner**

Restaurant Ringsmuth, 1100 Wien, Johannitergasse 1 – <https://www.der-ringsmuth.at/>

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**Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 08:45 – 16:25**

08:45 – 09:00 Arrival (Foyer)

**Session 4**

Session Chair: **Michael Klien**

09:00 – 09:35 **Juan Alvarez Vilanova:** Regional Institutions and Economic Resilience to Global Shocks: Evidence from the Brexit Negotiation Period

09:35 – 10:10 **Daniel Jin:** AI-driven Smart City and Spatial Dispersion of Corporate Functions

**10:10 – 10:15 Coffee Break 05'**

10:15 – 10:50 **Jakob Hoffmann:** Is innovation a privilege of the core? Labor networks and regional innovation differences in Germany

10:50 – 11:25 **Balázs Páger:** Exploring Socioeconomic Drivers of Entrepreneurial Activity and Survival in Hungarian districts

**11:25 – 11:35 Coffee Break 10'**

**Session 5**

Session Chair: **Peter Huber**

11:35 – 12:10 **Jan Cornelius Peters:** Working from home, urban wage growth, and inequality

12:10 – 12:45 **Michael Moritz:** Worker Sorting, Industry Sorting, and Agglomeration Effects

12:45 – 13:20 **Peter Njekwa Ryberg:** Density-induced specialization and the routinization of work

**13:20 – 14:20 Lunch**

**Session 6**

Session Chair: **Oliver Fritz**

14:20 – 14:55 **Fernando de la Torre Cuevas:** A multi-sectoral macroeconomic model to measure the energy impacts of telework

14:55 – 15:30 **Qi Su:** Aggregation Bias in the Measurement of Diffusion through Production Networks

15:30 – 16:05 **Jacopo Canello:** Local Supplier Risk Prevention Strategies and the Reconfiguration of Global Value Chains: A Theoretical and Empirical Regional Perspective

16:05 – 16:25 **Sum-up and Farewell** by **Geoffrey J.D. Hewings**, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Emeritus Director, Regional Economics Applications Laboratory (REAL), Emeritus Professor of Geography and Regional Science, Economics, and Urban and Regional Planning

**~ 16:25 End of Workshop**

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