

# 16<sup>th</sup> Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Workshop in Regional Economics & 20<sup>th</sup> EU-REAL Meeting

WIFO, Arsenal Object 20, 1030 Vienna | **September 24-26, 2025**

**Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 8:50 – 17:50**

08:50 – 9:10 Arrival (Foyer)

**09:10 – 09:20 Welcome by WIFO Director Univ.-Prof. MMag. Gabriel Felbermayr, PhD**

## **Session 1**

Session Chair: **Anna Burton**

09:20 – 09:55 **Anna Cailotto & Francesca Heinrich:** The Price of Gold: Impacts of Artisanal Gold Mining on Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon

09:55 – 10:30 **Nuria Corrales Dios:** The Climate-Efficiency Nexus: Regional Growth Under Environmental Stress in Spain

10:30 – 11:05 **Daniel Schmidtner:** Regional determinants of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions growth: Spatial filtering in the presence of model uncertainty

**11:05 – 11:20 Coffee Break 15'**

## **Session 2**

Session Chair: **Peter Huber**

11:20 – 11:55 **Constantin Tielkes:** From Crown Jewel to Problem Child? The Evolution of Inner Cities in German Housing Markets

11:55 – 12:30 **Juan Andres Piedra Peña:** Territorial effects between natives and immigrants: Discrimination and cultural cleavage in Barcelona

**12:30 – 12:40 Coffee Break 10'**

## **Keynote**

12:40 – 13:40 **Prof. Dr. Gabriel M. Ahlfeldt** (Humboldt University School of Business and Economics, Chair of Econometrics;  
Visiting professor at the London School of Economics; Berlin School of Economics, faculty; Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), fellow;  
Centre for Economic Performance (CEP), affiliate; CESifo, fellow)  
**Geography of Life**

**13:40 – 14:40 Lunch**

### Session 3

Session Chair: **Philipp Piribauer**

- 14:40 – 15:15 **Fernando de la Torre Cuevas:** Remote work, local amenities and job-residential location choices
- 15:15 – 15:50 **Miguel Ángel Márquez:** Identifying 'Left Behind' Spaces in Spain: A Multi-dimensional Analysis at the Municipal Level

**15:50 – 16:05 Coffee Break 15'**

### Session 4

Session Chair: **Julia Bachtrögl-Unger**

- 16:05 – 16:40 **Marco Mariani:** Territorial Opportunities and Firm Training: Heterogeneous Employment Effects of Italy's Industry 4.0 Policy Mix
- 16:40 – 17:15 **Simone Mazzaferro:** The Analysis of Regional Poverty in Europe: An Approach Based on a Spatially Constrained Regression Tree
- 17:15 – 17:50 **Xiuli Liu:** Realizing the Global Methane Pledge by 2030 via Key Pathways in Inter-country Production and Consumption Networks

subsequently around  
**18:15 Workshop Dinner**  
(optional, on your own account, Restaurant Ringsmuth -  
<https://www.der-ringsmuth.at/>)

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**Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 09:00 – 18:15**

09:00 – 09:10 Arrival (Foyer)

### Session 5

Session Chair: **Michael Klien**

- 09:10 – 09:45 **Ulrich Morawetz:** Spatial Competition in a Mixed Market – The Case of Milk Processors
- 09:45 – 10:20 **Diogo Sousa:** Measuring trade sanctions, trade diversion and trade substitution in Russia and the EU – A Structural Decomposition Analysis
- 10:20 – 10:55 **Yannic Prohaska:** Highway to Heaven? The Effects of a Rural Transport Infrastructure Improvement on Local Accessibility and Economic Activity

**10:55 – 11:10 Coffee Break 15'**

### Session 6

Session Chair: **Oliver Fritz**

- 11:10 – 11:45 **Matthias Firgo:** No Country for Opportunity Costs: The Economic and Tourism Impact of a Privately-Funded Formula 1 Circuit in a Peripheral Region

11:45 – 12:20 **Mike Lahr:** Can value added and consumption data improve (multi)regional input-output accounts for impact analyses?

**12:20 – 12:30 Coffee Break 10'**

### Keynote

12:30 – 13:30 **Assoc.Prof. PD Stefanie Peer, PhD** (WU Vienna University of Economics, Institute for Spatial and Social-Ecological Transformations, Head of the Research Institute for Spatial and Real Estate Economics):  
**Efficiency vs. Acceptability: Balancing Behavioral Effectiveness and Public Support in Urban Tolling**

**13:30 – 14:30 Lunch**

### Session 7

Session Chair: **Oliver Fritz**

14:30 – 15:05 **Daniel Ruiz Palomo:** Assessing the Impact of High-speed Rail on Population Growth: The case of Spain

15:05 – 15:40 **Norihiko Yamano:** Assessing the Vulnerability of Global Supply Chains to Cargo Theft: A Multi-Regional Input-Output Approach

15:40 – 16:15 **Wolfgang Schwarzbauer:** From Shock to Recovery: The Effects of Export and Sectoral Diversity on Economic Resilience of EU Regions

**16:15 – 16:30 Coffee Break 15'**

### Session 8

Session Chair: **Oliver Fritz**

16:30 – 17:05 **Vera Ivanova:** Firm Productivity, Local Determinants and Railroads: Evidence from the Russian Empire

17:05 – 17:40 **Philipp Koch:** How AI adoption shapes regional development through export performance

17:40 – 18:15 **Gilvan Santos do Rosário Júnior:** Spatial Concentration of Agribusiness Economic Activities: A Wasserstein Distance Approach

**18:15 End of Workshop Day 2**

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**Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 9:00 – 14:15**

09:00 – 09:10 Arrival (Foyer)

**Session 9**

Session Chair: **Anna Burton**

09:10 – 09:45 **Jan Cornelius Peters:** Changes in dynamic agglomeration effects over time and the role of high-quality jobs

09:45 – 10:20 **Marusca De Castris:** Assessing Urban Well-Being in Rome Through a Capability Approach

10:20 – 10:55 **Philipp Hilmbauer-Hofmarcher:** From Economics of Density to Economics of Destiny? Bombs, Housing and Inequality in Vienna

**10:55 – 11:10 Coffee Break 15'**

**Session 10**

Session Chair: **Julia Bachtrögler-Unger**

11:10 – 11:45 **Alejandro Ricci Risquete:** A Multilevel Spatial Model to Investigate Regional Productive Performance in Europe

11:45 – 12:20 **Lennart Palm:** Place-based Policy in Korea

12:25 – 13:00 **Bartek Rokicki:** Road transport accessibility and regional demand for tourism services

13:00 – 13:15 **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

**13:15 – 14:15 Lunch**

\*\*\* **End of Workshop** \*\*\*