

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME



Title: Pathways to Future Regional Development

Date: May 20th, 2025

Location: [Austrian Institute of Economic Research](#)

08:30 – 09:00 | Registration & Welcome Coffee

09:00 – 09:15 | Opening Remarks (WIFO, SPRiNT)

- Welcome from the organisers
 - Overview of the workshop objectives and structure
 - Introduction of participants and the day's agenda
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09:15 – 10:00 | Keynote 1

Speaker: Riccardo Crescenzi (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Title: Green(ing) Foreign Direct Investment and Sustainable Regional Development

10:00 – 10:15 | Coffee Break

10:15 – 12:15 | Session 1: Regional Innovation and Technological Upgrading in the Twin Transition Era

- Regional windows of opportunity in GVCs: The impact of inward FDI on local subcontractors' upgrading (Gianluca Capone)
 - Exploring regional twin transition pathways with an empirical agent-based model on knowledge creation (Theresa Bürscher and Thomas Scherngell)
 - Villages of Tomorrow Project: Digitalization and Rural Development Perspective (Elifnaz Sevim and Elif Bilge Avci)
 - China's Twin Transition: Regional Patterns and Drivers of Technological Diversification (Simone Grabner)
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12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00 | Session 2: Climate Shocks, Green Paths, and Scientific Shifts: Multi-Scale Perspectives on the Sustainability Transition

- Challenges for inclusive, just and green industry path development in old industrial regions: Case of Moravian Silesian region (Suyash Jolly and Petr Rumpel)
 - The impact of extreme weather events on gendered economic insecurity and well-being in Malawi (Raffaela Grigolli)
 - Pathways to Sustainability: The Role of Institutional and Professional Embeddings in Advancing Sustainability Research (Carolyn Nast)
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15:00 – 15:15 | Coffee Break

15:15 – 16:00 | Keynote 2

Speaker: Ljubica Nedelkoska (Complexity Science Hub, Harvard Growth Lab) **Title:** What is hindering the economic integration of migrants across the EU?

16:00 – 17:30 | Session 3: Territories in Transition: Policy and Spatial Dimensions of Regional Change

- Analysis of the Strategic Plans of the South Tyrolean Regional Administration. Objectives, Measures, and their Interdependencies (Thomas Schatzer, Urban Perkmann and Alexander Pöder)
 - Multilayer Network Analysis of European Regional Flows (Emanuele Calo)
 - From Asylum to Stability: Network Perspectives on Legal Journeys of Migrants and Refugees in Austria (Ola Ali)
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17:30 – 18:00 | Formal Closing Remarks

18:30 | Dinner at [Klein Steiermark](#)