

Call for Papers

14th Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Regional Economics Workshop

Keynotes: **Prof. Dr. Ron Boschma, Dr. Frank Neffke** | Vienna, October 2 - 3, 2023

The Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) is very pleased to announce the 14th 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. He is famous for being a scholar always eager to share his knowledge and give profound and positive advice to younger researchers.

Any empirical contribution within the field of regional economics is welcome. The topics of interest include questions related to:

- 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 proud to announce that we have been able to attract Professor Dr. **Ron Boschma** as keynote speaker. The title of his talk will be:

**“Opportunities spaces of European regions:
the role of regional capabilities and inter-regional linkages”**

Ron Boschma is a reputable expert in the fields of Regional Economics and Economic Geography and Professor at the Department of Human Geography and Spatial Planning at the Faculty of Geosciences, Utrecht University. He is also affiliated as Professor at the University of Stavanger, Norway. From 2013 to 2015 he was Director of the Centre for Innovation, Research and Competence in the Learning Economy at Lund University. He has widely published in international journals on evolutionary economic geography, the spatial evolution of industries, regional systems of innovation, the structure and evolution of networks, agglomeration externalities and regional growth and diversification. In an interdisciplinary context, he is engaged in the programs “Institutions for Open Societies” and “Pathways to Sustainability”. He has been member of the Research, Innovation and Science Experts (RISE) High-Level Advisory Body to European Commissioner Carlos Moedas 2015-2016 and is Board member of the International Regional Studies Association. From 2018-2020 he was member of the Scientific Advisory Group of DG Regional and Urban Policy, from 2018 to 2025 Ron Boschma is nominated as a member of the Commissie Sectorplan Social Sciences and Humanities in the Netherlands (National Advisory Group to the Minister of Education, Culture and Science).

Also, we are very delighted to announce Dr. **Fank Neffke** as an additional keynote speaker for the second day of our workshop.

Frank Neffke has been the team leader of the Science of Cities group at the Complexity Science Hub since July 2021. Before joining CSH, Frank was the research director of the Growth Lab at the Harvard Kennedy School, USA. Frank's research focuses on economic transformation and growth. He has written on a variety of topics, such as structural transformation and new growth paths in regional economies, economic complexity, division of labor and teams, the consequences of job displacement and the future of work (<https://www.csh.ac.at/researcher/frank-neffke/>).

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 should also 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.

Extended deadline for submission of abstracts:	July 30, 2023 August 7, 2023
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Notification of acceptance:	August 11, 2023
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