

# International Geographical Union Commission on 'The Dynamics of Economic Spaces'

Barcelona 2008 Meeting: "Worlds of new work? Multi-scalar dynamics of 'new', 'transition' and 'old' economy spaces"



1. **Dates:** Commission Main Meeting Barcelona 2008: August 5-8, 2008. From Tuesday to Friday. The meeting will feature three days of conference and one day for a field trip.
2. **Venue:** Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona - Casa Convalescència in Barcelona City. [http://www.fundaciouab.com/casa/main\\_eng.html](http://www.fundaciouab.com/casa/main_eng.html)
3. **Address of venue:** Casa Convalescència is located on the corner of Carrer St Quinti and Carrer Sant Antoni M. Claret in Barcelona (see maps below)  
**Metro:** Blue Line (L5), Station "Hospital Sant Pau". Yellow Line (L4), Station "Guinardó"  
**Buses:** 15, 19, 20, 35, 45, 47, 50, 51, 92.

Map of location of Casa Convalescència



Highway access map



4. **Number of participants expected:** Between 50 and 60.
5. **List of hotels.** Information on hotel accommodation.

Good rates are available for participants at two nearby hotels. Participants have to book rooms directly with the hotel (using the booking contact of the hotel), and announce they are participating in the “The Dynamics of Economic Spaces. International Geographical Union Meeting.”

- Sant Pau Hotel. Sant Antoni M. Claret, 173 Barcelona. Across street from the conference venue.

<http://www.amrey-hotels.com/hotelsantpau/EN/IndexHeader.php>

Located in the top right hand side of the Eixample area close to the Sagrada Família church, and the Sant Pau Hospital. It is well connected with the rest of Barcelona by public transport (metro and bus).

Booking: (+34) 93 445 15 30

[hotel\\_amrey\\_sant\\_pau@barcelona-on-line.es](mailto:hotel_amrey_sant_pau@barcelona-on-line.es)

Price: Individual room with breakfast per night 83 € Double room with breakfast per night 103 €

- Residence for Researchers (CSIC). Hospital, 64 Barcelona. 20 minutes by metro or bus from the conference venue  
Located in the centre of Barcelona, close to Ramblas and Plaça Catalunya, in Ciutat Vella district. It is well connected by public transport (metro and bus).  
Booking: +34 93 443 27 59  
[info@residencia-investigadores.es](mailto:info@residencia-investigadores.es)  
Price: Individual room with breakfast per night 62,50€ Double room with breakfast per night 86,50€

6. **Conference fee:** Details will be available shortly  
As the conference involves a dedicated programme over several days the conference fee will be for the whole conference period. An early bird registration option is planned.

The conference fee will cover the tea/coffee sessions, lunches and the fieldtrip “Multi-scalar dynamics of Barcelona’s economic space”.

The Conference dinner **is not** included in the conference fee. This will be a separate cost.

7. **Fieldtrip.** Title “Multi-scalar dynamics of Barcelona’s economic space”.  
Description: The fieldtrip will visit to Barcelona’s new logistic hub: the airport and high-speed train lines. It will explore the physical infrastructure of the city’s market space.



8. **Focus of conference.**

*We invite papers that contribute to the conference theme:*

***“Worlds of new work? Multi-scalar dynamics of ‘new’, ‘transition’ and ‘old’ economy spaces”***

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century economic geographers in many countries have been making major contributions to understanding the emergence of new economic spaces and new dimensions of established economic spaces. The Commission’s 2008 theme continues the exploration of the multi-scale dynamics of new economic spaces by highlighting the worlds of new work that are accompanying the making of new economic spaces.

Recent Commission meetings suggest that, depending upon where in the world economic geographers are living, working and undertaking research, makes a

considerable difference to the issues being addressed, the literatures regarded as especially relevant and approaches selected to disclose understandings of new economic geographies.

*The 2008 theme is intended to offer economic geographers from a wide range of perspectives, countries, contexts and work situations, the opportunity to participate in the Barcelona meeting. Papers are sought that use the conference theme as a strategy to explore fresh dimensions of established understandings, identify new aspects too.*

A number of sub-themes that might form the setting for the exploration of worlds of new work include:

- Economic development, innovation and technology from the perspective of the firm
- Institutional and regulatory frameworks: the role of public, private and not-for-profit sectors in the innovation economy.
- Local logistic adaptations to global trends. Case studies of logistic investment and infrastructure (ports, airports, high-speed train lines, telecommunications).
- Government initiatives in high-technology development. Case studies of local, regional or national state government programs to stimulate, attract, or retain high technology industrial development.
- Cities, city-regions and new spaces of work
- New regional politics and regional entrepreneurialism
- Knowledge transfer in enterprises
- Organisations, intellectual property and inimitability
- Urban spaces, higher education and work
- Agglomeration, knowledge spaces and knowledge transfer
- Evolution of jobs and skills in different geographical contexts
- Geographical perspectives on migrant labour and migrant transnationalism
- Food regimes and changing agri-food relationships
- Globalisation and the changing roles of the state
- Cities, consumption and new economy spaces
- Creative industries and work dynamics
- Work in post-socialist economic landscapes
- Other suggestions are most welcome

9. **Deadline of abstracts. Abstracts are required by 24 February 2008**

Abstract should be of no more than 250 words. Please, submit electronically by email to the Local Organizers. People submitting abstracts will be notified of the outcome relating to their paper by 31 March. A preliminary program will be available by 30 April. Abstracts should be submitted to:

[montserrat.pallares@uab.cat](mailto:montserrat.pallares@uab.cat)

10. **Local organizers.** Montserrat Pallares-Barbera, Antonia Casellas, Esteve Dot, Pere Suau.

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11. **Peer review.** Scientific Committee Prospective names: Richard Le Heron, Mike Taylor, Antonia Casellas, Montserrat Pallares-Barbera, Antoni Tulla, Paul Plummer, Susan Hanson, Carol Ekinsmyth, Simon Leonard, Enric Mendizábal.

12. **Programme.** Preliminary and tentative.

Tuesday 5 August: Welcome reception; and Presentations  
Wednesday 6 August: Mid-conference field trip.  
Thursday 7 August: Presentations  
Friday 8 August: Presentations. Conference dinner

13. **Time for paper presentation:** 15 minutes per paper.

14. **Arrangements for payment.** Details will be provided shortly.

15. **Website.** This will be operational shortly. In the first instance go to the Commission's website:

[http://www.sges.auckland.ac.nz/conferences/igu\\_commission/](http://www.sges.auckland.ac.nz/conferences/igu_commission/)

16. **Travel awards:** Information on the two Travel Awards for the Barcelona meeting can be seen on the Commission's website.

[http://www.sges.auckland.ac.nz/conferences/igu\\_commission/](http://www.sges.auckland.ac.nz/conferences/igu_commission/)

The awards are a grant-in-aid of US\$500 only and are available for post-graduates and early career academics. Applications must be submitted by 24<sup>th</sup> February 2008 and applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by 31 March 2008.

