



IGU COMMISSION ON "THE DYNAMICS OF ECONOMIC SPACES"  
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'The Dynamics of Economic Spaces' (DES)**



**Ankara University  
Department of Geography**



**Turkish Association of Geographers (TAG)  
Economic Geography Specialty Group (EGSG)**

## **IGU DES ANKARA CONFERENCE 2015**

***Local and Regional Development  
in Emerging Economic Geographies***

**CALL FOR PAPERS**



**22-24 October 2015  
Ankara, Turkey**



**The IGU Commission on The Dynamics of Economic Spaces (DES)** aims to extend international research and scholarship in geography, to promote international collaboration in research activity and the dissemination of research findings, and to facilitate the transfer of knowledge, experience and expertise between countries and institutions. The IGU Commission also aims to play a leading international role in the development, promulgation and dissemination of new ideas in economic geography. It has as its goal the development of a strong analytical perspective on the processes, problems and policies associated with the dynamics of local and regional economies as they are incorporated into the globalizing world economy. Via the organization of mini conferences The IGU Commission on '*The Dynamics of Economic Spaces*' aims to bring together small groups of scholars for in-depth discussion on some of the latest issues in the field of economic geography.

Economic geography has been an extremely vibrant and versatile field of research both in human geography and in the social sciences. In recent years, economic geographers have shown increased interest in local and regional development dynamics. Local and regional development is one of the oldest and biggest themes that economic geographers study. Even though local and regional development is always at the heart of economic geography, it cannot be addressed from one single perspective as it is one of those multi-faced topics. Indeed, local and regional development is an increasingly multidisciplinary subject and therefore need to be understood not only from a multi-disciplinary perspective but also from different geographical and context-specific dimensions. This conference will provide a multi-disciplinary forum for researchers and practitioners in the field of economic geography, regional economics and regional planning, with a local and regional development orientation.

**The 2015 IGU DES Ankara Conference** aims at discussing this exciting interface between local/regional dynamics and economic geography and at cross-fertilizing ideas and methodologies between the two areas. The conference focuses on the diverse and complex characteristics of local and regional economies. The conference's theme will focus on key issues such as regional and local economic development and regional policy, evolutionary perspectives on local and regional growth, industrial districts, agglomeration and clustering, innovative and creative industries, entrepreneurship, embeddedness, path dependence and regional development, creative cities and regions, regional innovation systems, regional economic resilience, geographies of international trade and investment, uneven geographies of capitalism, place marketing and regional economies, location choice of firms and so on. Adopting the *economic geographical* perspective, this conference will bring together academic researchers, practitioners, professionals as well as policy-makers in these fields particularly from universities and regional development agencies.

Another important objective of the conference is to create opportunities for networking. The organizers would like to facilitate transfer of knowledge and international research collaboration between people, institutions and countries. We encourage contributions coming from various regions and countries such as core (North America, Western and Northern Europe, Japan and East Asia) and emerging economies. We would welcome sound empirical studies based on the established theoretical background.

We invite contributions to the conference on the following topics:

- New concepts and approaches to local and regional growth and development
- Evolutionary, institutional and relational perspectives on regional development
- Regional determinants of economic performance
- Regional inequality and disparities
- Regional resilience: Regional growth and decline



- Regional economic change and evolution
- Regional clusters and competitiveness
- Regional innovation, learning and investment
- Regional knowledge transfer, spillovers and networks
- Transnational knowledge flows, FDI and migration in regional development
- Role of innovation and entrepreneurship in local development processes
- Role of labor and human capital in the regional development processes
- Knowledge and innovation-driven regional growth and development
- Regional path dependence, lock-in/out and path creation
- Regional diversity and specialization
- Role of regional development agencies and institutions
- New regional development strategies and smart specialization
- Regional policy and practice in developed and less developed economies

Please note that the above topic list is not exhaustive. We invite any contribution that fits with the general theme of the conference and topics related to local and regional dynamics of economic spaces.

While this conference is sponsored by the *International Geographical Union Commission on The Dynamics of Economic Spaces*, we are particularly interested in participants from a variety of academic disciplines (including, but not limited to, geography, economics, planning, sociology, international business, anthropology, public policy, gender studies, and policy makers).

### **Local Organizer:**

Nuri YAVAN  
Ankara University  
Department of Geography  
Ankara, Turkey

### **Important Dates:**

- Deadline for Abstract Submission: **15 July 2015**  
(Abstracts of up to 500 words should be submitted to Dr. Nuri Yavan via e-mail at [nuri.yavan@ankara.edu.tr](mailto:nuri.yavan@ankara.edu.tr); abstract should include names of all the authors, affiliation and full contact details).
- Notification of Paper Acceptance: **1 August 2015**
- Deadline for Registration (fee payment): **1 September 2015**
- Preliminary Conference Program: **15 September 2015**
- Deadline for Sending Full Paper: **1 October 2015**
- Conference in Ankara: **22-23 October 2015**
- Post-Conference Field Trip to Cappadocia (optional): **24 October 2015**



### Conference Publications:

Papers presented in this meeting will be considered for the Commission's publication initiatives (The Dynamics of Economic Space book series published by Ashgate, <https://www.ashgate.com/default.aspx?page=2524>). Soon after the conference the selected papers will be considered for publication in an edited book. Presenters who are interested to participate in such a book are invited to submit a full paper by **1 October 2015**.

### Registration (Fee Payment):

The *Conference Package* includes two lunches, two conference dinners, tea and coffee breaks and snacks, and conference materials (name badge, certificate of attendance, program, blocknote, pen and file) excludes accommodation (hotel): **150 Euro** (for only PhD students and members of the Turkish Association of Geographers **100 Euro**)

Accompanying person: **100 Euro**

#### Bank Account Information for Payment:

Name of the Bank: ISBANK

Name of the Euro account: Nuri Yavan

IBAN No: TR060006400000242186578211

BIC (Swift) Code: ISBKTRIS

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### Field Trip (optional):

One or two-day post-conference field trips to the **Cappadocia** Region will take place on either on 24 October 2015, Saturday (1 full day) or 24-25 October 2015, Saturday and Sunday (2 days or One and a half days). The decision for 1 day or 2 day will be based on demand.

*1 day Cappadocia Tour* is **50 Euro** per person including transportation, professional English-speaking guide during trip, hot and cold beverages on the bus, and lunch but excluding museums entrance fee. The departure will be at 6.30 am from the Koza Suite Hotel and return to Ankara at 22.00 pm.

*2 days Cappadocia Tour* is **125 Euro** per person including transportation, professional English-speaking guide during trip, hot and cold beverages on the bus, two lunch, one dinner, Traditional Turkish Night Show, and one night cave style hotel accommodation but excluding museums entrance fee. The departure will be at 8.30 am from the Koza Suite Hotel on Saturday and return to Ankara at 15.00-16.00 pm on Sunday.

**Registration Form:** Those who want to attend the conference and the field trip should send their *registration form* (see attachment) via e-mail to Nuri Yavan at [nuri.yavan@ankara.edu.tr](mailto:nuri.yavan@ankara.edu.tr) in advance before 1 August 2015 and pay the field trip fee by 1 September 2015.

#### *About Cappadocia*

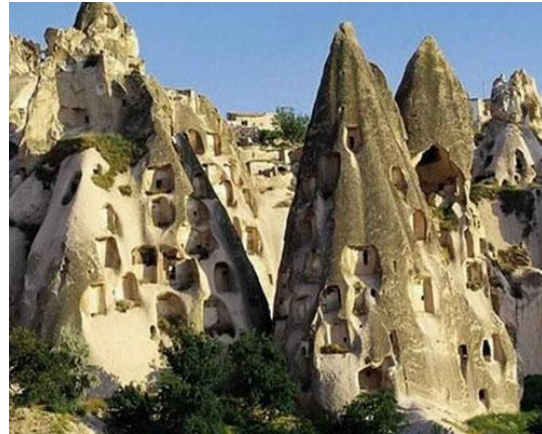
Cappadocia is an area in Central Anatolia in Turkey best known for its unique moon-like landscape, underground cities, cave churches and houses carved in the rocks.

Cappadocia is Turkey's most visually striking region, especially the "moonscape" area around the towns of Ürgüp, Göreme, Uçhisar, Avanos and Mustafapaşa (Sinassos), where erosion has formed caves, clefts, pinnacles, "fairy chimneys" and sensuous folds in the soft volcanic rock. The Bible's New Testament tells of Cappadocia, but in fact this part of central Anatolia has been





important since Hittite times, long before the time of Jesus. Prime activities here are visiting the historic painted cave churches of the many monastic valleys (especially the Göreme Valley and Zelve Valley), flying in a hot-air balloon at dawn above the incredible landscape, hiking the volcanic valleys (especially the Rose Valley [Güllüdere]), and spending the night in a comfortable cave hotel room with all the modern comforts.



Some parts of the Cappadocia region are listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Cappadocia were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1985 as 7 parts: Göreme National Park, Derinkuyu Underground City, Kaymaklı Underground City, Karlık Church, Theodore Church, Karain Columbaria and Soğanlı Archaeological Site.

The most significant feature of Göreme National Park and Rock Cut Cappadocia Region is the existence of a plenty of fairy-chimneys, formed by the wind and the rain water. The columbarias on the high slopes of Soğanlı, Zelve and Üzenji Valleys, and the monk cells carved in the depths of the valleys add value to the site.

The region was covered with the tuff when many volcanoes including Erciyes, Hasan and Göllü Mountains erupted. Cappadocia, which was sculpted out of this tuff through millions of years by sand and water erosion, has been a settlement area with its unique geological structure since the Paleolithic Era and a witness to the cultural history of Anatolia.

Hundreds of churches are sculpted in the rocks at Göreme and its surroundings and hundreds of underground cities such as Derinkuyu and Kaymaklı built for security purposes at extraordinary times still remain a mystery.

The caravanserais, tombs, madrasas which are the finest examples of Seljuk stonemasonry and the structures from the Ottoman Period arouse the attention of visitors.

Apart from all these qualities, civil architecture property in Ürgüp, Mustafapaşa, Avanos, Göreme and Uçhisar are the cultural values of Cappadocia Region worth seeing.

### **Conference Venue**

The conference will take place at Koza Suite Hotel in Ankara. All the sessions and activities of the conference will be organised at Koza Suite Hotel. Further detailed information is available from their web site: <http://www.kozaotel.com.tr/>

### **Koza Suite Hotel (Gaziosmanpaşa, Ankara, Turkey)**

Address: Koza Sokak No: 52 G.O.P., Ankara, Turkey



### **Accommodation**

Ankara is a very big city with about 5 million inhabitants. Many different national and international conferences are organized in Ankara throughout the year. So, a number of hotels are available for accommodation nearby the Conference Venue. Participants may prefer different options taking into account different transport opportunities in Ankara.

But **Koza Suite Hotel** is among the most attractive as an accommodation place. This beautiful boutique hotel is great place to stay, located in Gaziosmanpaşa, one of the most prestigious neighborhoods of Ankara, at the heart of the Presidential Residence, embassies, the head offices of national and international institutions and some shopping and entertainment centers.





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Special rates have been negotiated with the Koza Suite Hotel which is also the conference venue. A special conference rate is available for conference attendees. To get this special rate either book through the Koza Suite Hotel website (please use the Group Code "IGU" when booking your room) or contact with local organizer Dr. Nuri Yavan via his e-mail at [nuri.yavan@ankara.edu.tr](mailto:nuri.yavan@ankara.edu.tr) with all the necessary information. Please note that Koza Suite Hotel is small boutique hotel with 37 rooms. Therefore, *I strongly recommend participants to make their reservations a few months earlier than the conference time if they want to have rooms at Koza Suite Hotel.*

### **Koza Suite Hotel (Gaziosmanpaşa, Ankara, Turkey)**

Price: Single Room **50 Euro**, Double Room **70 Euro** including breakfast

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E-mail: [info@kozaotel.com.tr](mailto:info@kozaotel.com.tr)

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### **About Ankara**

Ankara, the capital of Turkey and the country's second largest city after Istanbul, is a city in located in the Central Anatolia Region of Turkey. Although it was a small town before the proclamation of the republic in the early 1920s, Ankara today is the second largest city in Turkey with a population of about 5 million. As the capital city, Ankara has many administrative and public institutions and many central organizations are located there. The city houses the Turkish Parliament and Government, Ministries and embassies, all of which play an important role in the city's economy. Industry and particularly high-tech research and development centers, together with universities, have increasingly become important driving sectors of the city in the recent years.





Ankara is a sprawling modern city which can appear as little more than a dull, concrete jungle at first glance. As a result, many tourists tend to use it merely as a transit point for getting to places like Konya or Cappadocia. However Ankara has a symbolic significance for the secular Turks. It is the place where a new era for the Turkish people started. It is a symbol for independence, development and Western values.

As Ankara is one of the largest tourist cities in Turkey, it does have a lot to offer for those prepared to look a bit deeper. The city offers many opportunities for the participants to learn about the rich historical, social, cultural and geographical characteristics of the area. Ankara has numerous sights and museums. This is a list of all the suggested notable tourist attractions in the City of Ankara.

- Anıtkabir (Atatürk's Mausoleum)
- Ankara Citadel
- The Temple of Augustus
- The Roman Bath
- The Roman Theatre
- Museum of Anatolian Civilizations
- Ethnography Museum
- State Museum of Painting and Sculpture
- Museum of the Republic
- Museum of the War of Independence (1st Parliament Building)
- Cer Modern: Museum of Modern Arts
- Çengelhan Rahmi Koç Museum

#### *Shopping in Ankara*

There is no shortage of shopping centres in Ankara, offering a variety of international brands and designer names. "A modern and popular shopping district" can be found within area of Kavaklıdere: *Tunalı Hilmi Street* is lined with many shops, cafes, restaurants and bars, and is a popular place to hang out, day and night. However, "a local and traditional shopping district" is located in the old part of Ankara in Ulus. For a little more local character, the local markets (pazars), around the Citadel and particularly along the *Çıkırıkçılar Yokuşu* (the Weaver's Road) and *Bakırcılar Çarşısı* (Coppersmith Bazaar) offer a range of items, from traditional fabrics, hand-woven carpets, leather products to spices.

**Transportation:** *How to Go to the Conference Venue and the Koza Suite Hotel (Accommodation) From the Airport*

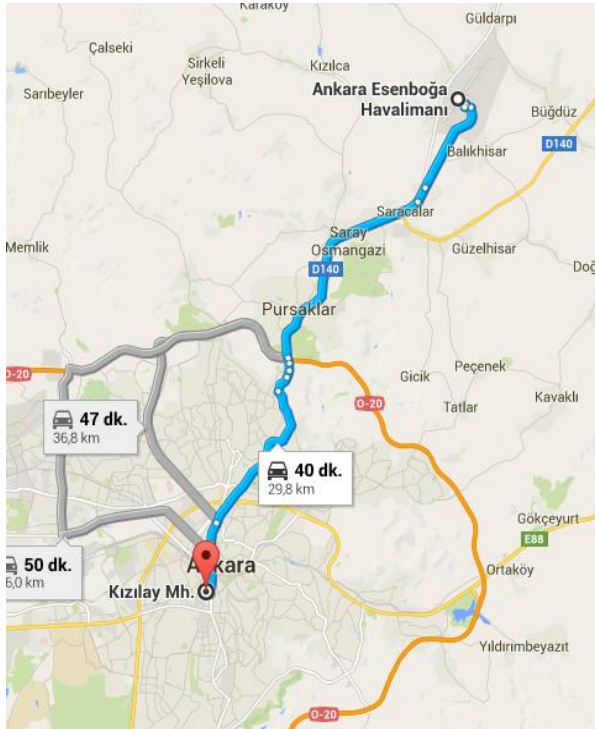
**By Bus:** Koza Suite Hotel is located in the central Ankara and it is very easy to get there from many different districts of the city. Esenboğa airport (Ankara's only airport) is 34,5 km away from Koza Suite Hotel, and transportation from the airport to Koza Suite Hotel can be provided by municipality shuttle bus (BELKO AIR) or taxi. When you arrive at Esenboğa Airport, there are shuttle bus services; BELKO AIR, provides access between Ankara Esenboğa Airport and the city center. Please use BELKO AIR Shuttle bus to reach the city centre. BELKO AIR bus services are scheduled for all flights arriving at Esenboğa Airport. Every 10-15 minutes buses leave for the city center. The journey to the city Centre (Kızılay) takes about 30 minutes. You should get off the shuttle bus at the KIZILAY bus stop in Kızılay. The bus fare is 8 Turkish Liras, about 3 EUR. You may get the bus ticket directly from the attendant on the bus with 8 TL. Information about the bus schedule can be received from this link <http://www.belkoair.com/>.



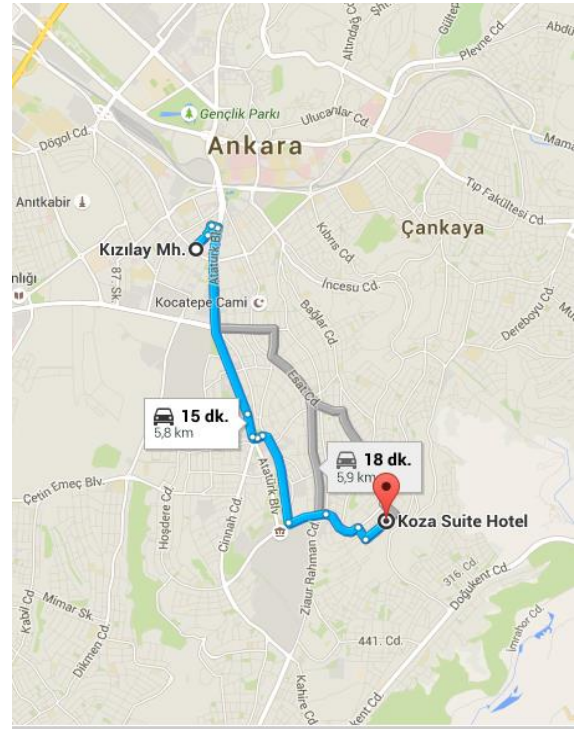


When you arrive at the city centre, Kızılay, Koza Suite Hotel is accessible by public bus (Ego) and by dolmush (minibus) as well as by taxi from the Kızılay (the City Centre). So, you have 3 options to reach the hotel or the conference venue. Taxi rate from the Kızılay to Koza Suite Hotel is 5 km away and cost approximately 20 TL, about 8 EUR. The public bus (Ego) and the Dolmush (minibus) cost 2,25 TL (about 1 EUR) to reach the Hotel.

**By Taxi:** Transportation from the airport to the Koza Suite Hotel by taxi may cost approximately 100 TL, about 25-35 EUR.



From the airport to the City Centre (Kızılay)



From the City Centre (Kızılay) to the Koza Suite Hotel

### Contact:

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### Further Information:

More information about the conference will be forthcoming on the Commission website  
<http://www.uni-vechta.de/igu/conferences.htm>

I look forward to seeing you in Ankara!

**Please feel free to forward this invitation to your colleagues and others who might be interested.**