

**International Geographical Union (IGU) -  
Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces**

**2011 Vechta Mini-conference**

**Globalizing Rural Places**

**Programme**

*40 minutes per paper (20 minutes presentation, 20 minutes discussion)*

Friday, 20 May 2011

	Sessions A: Room U 020	Sessions B: Room U 123
08.00	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p><i>Marianne Assenmacher, President of the University of Vechta</i></p> <p><i>Neil Reid, Chair of the IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces</i></p> <p><i>Javier Revilla Diez and Christine Tamásy, Local Organizers</i></p>	
08.20 - 09.20	<p><b>Keynote</b></p> <p><b>Doing economic geography - initiatives and insights from globalizing rural places</b>  <i>Richard Le Heron (University of Auckland, New Zealand)</i></p>	
09.20 - 10.00	<p><b>Morning Coffee/Tea</b></p>	
10.00 - 12.00	<p><b>A: Session 1: Globalization and Rural Spaces I</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Birte Nienaber</b></p> <p>Impact of the recent recession on rural areas in the United States  <i>Neil Reid, Michael C. Carroll, Xinyue Ye (University of Toledo, USA)</i></p> <p>Origin labelled food products in Europe - an opportunity for rural development  <i>Andreas Voth (University of Vechta, Germany)</i></p> <p>The role and meaning of the rural when the world is approaching - individual and community resilience following international migration?  <i>Susanne Stenbacka (Uppsala University, Sweden)</i></p>	<p><b>B: Session 1: Rural Entrepreneurship</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Charles Mather</b></p> <p>Non-farm start-ups in rural areas - response to crisis or exploiting opportunities? Evidence from Southeast Asia  <i>Jürgen Brünjes, Javier Revilla Diez (Leibniz University Hanover, Germany)</i></p> <p>Producer companies as new players in Indian agro-food networks  <i>Anika Trebbin (Philipps University Marburg, Germany)</i></p> <p>Immigrant entrepreneurship and transnational networks: the case of EU and non-EU immigrant entrepreneurs in Northwestern Sweden  <i>Ali B. Najib (Uppsala University, Sweden)</i></p>
12.00 - 13.00	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>	

	Sessions A: Room U 020	Sessions B: Room U 123
13.00 - 15.00	<p><b><i>A: Session 2: Rural Labour Markets</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Chair: Baruch A. Kipnis</i></b>  Gender, employment and the rural labour market in Germany  <i>Kim Schumacher (University of Vechta, Germany)</i></p> <p>Employment effects of collaboration in the workplace and segregation by skill  Fabian Böttcher (<i>Lower Saxony Institute of Economic Research, Hanover, Germany</i>)</p> <p>Migration to popular and less-popular rural areas in the Netherlands: a comparison of the characteristics and motivations of migrants  <i>Rixt Bijker, Tialda Haartsen (University of Groningen, The Netherlands)</i></p>	<p><b><i>B: Session 2: Globalization and Rural Spaces II</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Chair: Neil Reid</i></b>  Cars are growing in our fields: globalization as a threat to sustainability of a local community  <i>Vladan Hruška (Masaryk University, Czech Republic)</i></p> <p>Economic entanglements and the reshaping of place in the global countryside  <i>Michael Woods (Aberystwyth University, UK)</i></p>
15.00 - 15.30	<b>Afternoon Coffee/Tea</b>	
15.30 - 16.50	<p><b><i>A: Session 3: Value Chains I</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Chair: Michael Taylor</i></b>  A fish value chain on the rocks? Shrimp production and rural change in Newfoundland and Labrador  <i>Charles Mather, Barbara Neis (Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada)</i></p> <p>The dairy value chain in Lower Saxony  <i>Karsten Lehmann, Peter Dannenberg, Elmar Kulke (Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany)</i></p>	<p><b><i>B: Session 3: Innovation and Learning I</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Chair: M. Rose Olfert</i></b>  Metropolitan regions and rural development: Bremen-Oldenburg in North-West Germany as a case study  <i>Annika Neubauer, Christine Tamásy (University of Vechta, Germany)</i></p> <p>The impact of globalized national core on rural regions: the case of Israel  <i>Baruch A. Kipnis (University of Haifa, Israel)</i></p>
19.30 - 22.00	<b>Conference Dinner at Kalaboush</b>	

Saturday, 21 May 2011

	Sessions A: Room U 020	Sessions B: Room U 123
09.00 - 10.20	<p><i>A: Session 4: Value Chains II</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Kim Schumacher</i> SME transnationalization: the significance of 'rural' culture <i>Michiel van Meeteren (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)</i></p> <p>Agriculture in Chains: farms, firms and contracts <i>Michael Taylor, Matthew Tonts (University of Birmingham, UK)</i></p>	<p><i>B: Session 4: Innovation and Learning II</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Andreas Voth</i> Arranging support of collective learning and innovation in rural Saarland, Germany <i>Wioletta Frys, Birte Nienaber, D. Roep, W. Wellbrock (Saarland University, Germany and Wageningen University, The Netherlands)</i></p> <p>Arranging support of collective learning and innovation in rural areas, some good practices from the Westerkwartier, Netherlands <i>Wiebke Wellbrock, Dirk Roep, Johannes C. Wiskerke (Wageningen University, The Netherlands)</i></p>
10.20 - 10.50	<b>Morning Coffee/Tea</b>	
10.50 - 12.50	<p><i>A: Session 5: Innovation and Learning III</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Michael Woods</i> Between local buzz and global pipelines. The measurement of the region's impact on intra-firm learning <i>Claudius Schiller (Leibniz University Hanover, Germany)</i></p> <p>Innovation capability of rural regions in Germany <i>Rüdiger Meng (University of Mannheim, Germany)</i></p> <p>The rural challenge: spatial accessibility to secondary education during transition era in Poland <i>Magdalena Dej, Robert Guzik, Grzegorz Micek (Jagiellonian University, Poland and National University of Singapore, Singapore)</i></p>	<p><i>B: Session 5: Rural Policies I</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Peter Dannenberg</i> Rural land use conflicts in the era of globalization <i>Michael Kriszan, Birte Nienaber, Wioletta Frys (Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography and Saarland University, Germany)</i></p> <p>Rural development initiatives as stakeholders in processes of regional learning: the example Upper Lusatia <i>Robert Nadler, Joachim Burdack (Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Germany)</i></p>
12.50 - 13.50	<b>Lunch</b>	

	Sessions A: Room U 020	Sessions B: Room U 123
13.50 - 15.10	<p><i>Session 6: Rural Policies II</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Richard Le Heron</i></p> <p>Triage at the periphery: place-based policy in resource-dependent rural communities  <i>M. Rose Olfert, Samira Bakshi, Mark Partridge, Mengis Chokie (University of Saskatchewan)</i></p> <p>The role of side activities in building rural resilience: the case of Kiel-Windeweer (Netherlands)  <i>Marianna Markantoni, Heike Delfmann, Bettina van Hoven (University of Groningen, The Netherlands)</i></p>	
15.10 - 15.30	<b>Final Discussion and Farewells</b>	