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

2011 Vechta Mini-conference

## Globalizing Rural Places

20-21 May 2011

### *Call for Papers*

The IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces 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 ([http://uac.utoledo.edu/igu\\_commission/](http://uac.utoledo.edu/igu_commission/)).

The 2011 Vechta Mini-conference addresses the restructuring of rural places and communities under globalization, highlighting the interaction of local and global actors to produce new hybrid socio-economic relations. Recent research highlights the heterogeneity of globalization in which rural places are different to each other, but also different to how they were in the past. The purpose of the conference is to explore and discuss opportunities and challenges associated with globalizing rural places, and to identify possibilities for policy and practical intervention by rural development actors.

### **Keynote presentation by**

***Professor Richard Le Heron, University of Auckland, New Zealand***

We invite contributions to the conference on the following topics:

1. Globalization and rural change discourses
2. Global commodity chains, value chains, supply chains and rural development
3. Geographies of responsibility and the agri-food industries
4. Innovative agri-food clusters

5. Rural innovation systems
6. Resilient rural regions
7. New global property regimes
8. Mobility of rural knowledge and expertise
9. Transnational rural entrepreneurship
10. Rural policies and planning in the era of global change
11. Alternative food geographies
12. New rural-urban interactions
13. Globalization and sustainable rural development

Please note that the above topic list is not exhaustive. We invite any contribution that fits with the general theme of the conference.

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

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**Important Dates:**

300-word abstract by **31 January 2011**  
Deadline for registration is **1 April 2011**

**Registration:**

**Conference Package:** includes all meals, and conference materials, excludes accommodation: **150 EUR**

**Pre-conference field trip** (optional): “Agro-technological Clusters in Globalizing Worlds” (19 May 2011): **65 EUR**

**Conference publications:**

Papers presented for this meeting will be considered for the Commission’s publication initiatives.

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