

IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces (CDES)

Proposal to Continue the Commission for 2012-16

1) Commission Name

- a. Our proposal is requesting that the name Commission on the **Dynamics of Economic Spaces** be continued.

2) Commission Mission

The Commission's Mission is to extend international research and scholarship in economic geography through the development and dissemination of critical theoretical, conceptual and methodological frameworks, the conduct of rigorous empirical and policy analyses, and the building of research capacity in economic geography in different national and institutional contexts, to promote international collaboration in research activity and the dissemination of research findings and to facilitate knowledge transfer about economic geography and associated policy-related issues between countries and institutions.

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4) Work Plan for 2012-16

a. The Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces plans to hold at least four residential conferences during its lifetime. Please note that the conferences listed below represent the minimum activity of the Commission. CDES will take respond to other opportunities for workshops, conferences, and scholarly activities as they arise during 2012-16. The proposed locations, themes, and scholarly focus for the conferences that are currently proposed by CDES are as follows:

i. 2013, Berlin, Germany. **Dynamics in Food Supply Chains.**

Organizers: Peter Dannenberg and Elmar Kulke (Humboldt-University at Berlin, Germany).

During the last decades fundamental changes in the way food is produced (e.g. industrialization of agriculture), distributed (e.g. globalization of food trade), marketed (e.g. supermarketisation, globalization and structural change of the retail sector) and consumed (e.g. growing market share of processed food, globalization of culinary culture, new rise of ecological food) occurred in many countries of the world. The changes include fundamental shifts in the structure, organization and governance in food production and supply chains. These developments stand in direct interaction and dependencies with their regional and international framework. The conference invites geographers and experts from related fields to contribute on these topics. Presentations may include theoretical works (e.g. on Global Production Networks, Global Commodity Chains, regional food clusters, new institutional economics) case studies (e.g. regional examples, commodities, supply chains, retail and trade developments, institutional changes) and further scientific and applied works.

ii. 2013. Amsterdam, Netherlands. **Globalisation and the New(er) International Division of Labour.**

Organizers: Niels Beerepoot, Jana Kleibert, Bart Lambregts (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)

The proposed meeting aims to further the discussion of the conferences in Oslo (2008), Cologne (2010) and Seoul (2011) on understanding how new patterns of service production organization reshape the international division of labour. Global competition and the current financial crisis pressure firms to look more critically at the ways they organize production. While technological innovations enable long-distance provision for an increasing

number of service activities, there is also a tendency towards increasing regionalization of value chains with production moving back to the firm's region of origin. In addition, there is the emergence of multinational enterprises from the global South which rapidly expand their global presence. This conference welcomes contributions that deal with the drivers of the international reconfiguration of services production as well as papers on its impacts on labour in the global North and South.

iii. 2014. St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. **New Resource Geographies.**

Organizer: Charles Mather (Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada)

The field of resource geographies is undergoing an important phase of intellectual renewal. This is partly a consequence of the resource boom, which has followed the global financial crisis of 2008. But it is also a result of new insights into resource geographies that have come from geographical work on materiality and the environment. The result is a new vibrancy in the sub-discipline. Resource geographies and resource peripheries are no longer at the margins of geographical research and theorizing; on the contrary, work on resource geographies is now the source of some of the most interesting research in the discipline. Newfoundland and Labrador is an excellent place to be discussing new resource geographies. This is, after all, the place that witnessed the collapse of cod fishery, no doubt one of the most significant resource collapses the world has seen. At the same time, the recovery of the province's economy has been led by the discovery and exploitation of offshore oil resources. Resources are part of this province's past, present and future. This conference aims to bring together papers on a range of topics related to resource geographies. We invite contributions on resource geographies that could include case studies, new perspectives and presentations on resource futures.

iv. 2015. Ankara, Turkey. **Local and Regional Development in Emerging Economic Geographies.** Organizer: Nuri Yavan (Ankara University, Turkey)

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 theme that economic geographer 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. This 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 perspective 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 economy, 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.

CDES is also exploring the possibility of hosting conferences in Leeds (England), Sydney (Australia), and Christchurch (New Zealand) during 2012-16.

- b. CDES also plans to continue its publishing relationship with Ashgate Publishers. CDES conferences typically result in the publication of one edited book (sometimes two) that is published as part of Ashgate's Dynamics of Economic Spaces series (<http://www.ashgate.com/default.aspx?page=2518>). Depending on the quantity and quality of the presentations made at CDES conferences we will also pursue special issues of peer-reviewed journals where appropriate.

5) Scholarly Importance

Much of the work that will be covered in the proposed conferences for 2012-16 will build upon the work conducted by CDES during 2008-12. The intended scholarly contribution of each of the conferences is described in the individual descriptions of each conference in the Work Plan above. CDES believes that continuity between different incarnations of the Commission is important. Therefore it is critical that the work of CDES during 2012-16 complement and build upon the work of CDES during 2008-12. The 2013 conference on the **Dynamics of Local Food Chains** in Berlin, Germany will complement the conference on Local Food Systems in Old Industrial Regions that was held in Toledo, USA in 2010 and the conference on Globalizing Rural Places that was held in Vechta, Germany in 2010. In a similar fashion the conference on **Globalisation and the New(er) International Division of Labour**, to be held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands in 2013, will extend the work of CDES that was undertaken at the conference on Theoretical Approaches in Labour Geographies held in Oslo, Norway in 2008 as well as the conference on Industrial Transition: New Global-Local Patterns of Production, Work, and Innovation that was held in Cologne, Germany in 2010. The conference on **New Resource Geographies** that will be held in St. John's, Canada in 2014 will complement the conference that was held on Globalizing Rural Places that was held in Vechta, Germany in 2010. Finally, the conference on **Local and Regional Development in Emerging Economic Geographies** that will be held in Ankara, Turkey will build on the special sessions on Emerging Economic Spaces that will be held at the IGU Conference in Cologne in 2012 as well as the Dynamics of Local Economic Growth conference that was held in Perth, Australia in 2009 and the conferences on New Patterns of Production, Work, and Innovativeness that was held in Cologne, Germany on 2010 and Local Food Systems in Old Industrial Regions that was held in Toledo, USA in 2010.