

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL  
UNION'S COMMISSION ON THE DYNAMICS OF ECONOMIC SPACE**

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA: COAST PLAZA HOTEL  
AUGUST 11-15, 2003.

**New Economic Spaces, New Economic Geographies**

**PROGRAMME OUTLINE**

**Arrival Day** (August 10 2003).

10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m. Self-directed walk-about or short excursion (information to be e-mailed).

4.00 p.m. Business Meeting (executive members only)

6.00 p.m. Dinner, Coast Plaza, 35<sup>th</sup> floor

**DAY 1** (August 11 2003).

7.00 a.m. – 8.20 a.m. Breakfast

8.30 a.m. Welcome: Sam Ock Park, Roger Hayter

Session 1: Knowledge, Institutions and Networks: Keynote Addresses.

Chair: Graham Humphrys

8.45 a.m. Richard Le Heron: Challenges ahead: How academic economic geographers might engage in a plurality of practices, policy settings and politics.

9.20 am Sam Ock Park: New economic spaces in the information society: Networks, embeddedness and clusters.

10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. Coffee Break

Session 2: Economic Geography, Reflections on Institutional and Cultural Turns.

Chair: Claes Alvstam

10.30 a.m. Martina Fromhold-Eisebith: Old ideas, new combinations, new insights? Exploring complementary facets of concepts of regional collaboration.

11.00 a.m. Marcus Doel, Kevin Rees and (Tamsin Davies): Negotiating culture and economy in high-technology industries: the governance of knowledge in new economic spaces.

11.30 a.m. – noon. Discussants: JW Harrington and Karen Bakker

Noon – 1.30 p.m. Lunch

Session 3: Graduate Student Presentations (all travel award recipients).

Chair: Sam Ock Park

1.30 p.m. Tim Reiffenstein: Techno-economic paradigms, transectorial impacts and location dynamics: Learning and innovation in the Japanese electronic musical instrument industry 1965-1995

1.50. p.m. Bongman Seo: Embeddedness, networks and geographies of global banking – Japanese city banks in global syndicated credit markets.

2.10 p.m. Raul Pacheco and (Hadi Dowlatabadi): New economic spaces, new restructuring drivers: Environmental regulation in the Mexican leather and footwear industrial districts.

2.30 p.m. Xin Tong: Chinese reaction towards the global transport of e-waste: Industrial geography perspectives

3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. Discussants: David Edgington and Martina Fromhold-Eisebith

3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Coffee break

Session 4: (Special Session): Local Graduate Student Research in Economic Geography.

Chairs: JW Harrington and Richard Le Heron

4.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. Graduate students from SFU, UBC and U of W will briefly introduce themselves and their research interests as a basis for discussion.

5.30 p.m. – 5.45 p.m. JW Harrington and Richard Le Heron to offer final first day comments.

6.30 p.m. Dinner

**DAY 2** (August 12 2003)

7.00 a.m. – 8.20 a.m. Breakfast

Session 5: Entrepreneurship and Networking in Urban and Rural Contexts.

Chair: Yehuda Gradus

8.30 a.m. Norbert Buzas: Entrepreneurial attitudes influencing the formation of spin-off companies in a transition economy.

8.50 a.m. Atsuhiko Takeuchi and Hiroyasu Motoki: Environmental symbiosis and renewal of the old industrial districts in Japan. Cases of Kawasaki (Tokyo) and Kitakyushu (Kyushu).

9.10 a.m. Guy Penny (Travel award recipient): Networks for agricultural supply chain (re) alignment in New Zealand dairy and sheep meat industries.

9.30 a.m. Discussants: Geir Orderud and Kevin Rees

10.00 a.m. – 10.30 am Coffee Break.

Session 6: Direct Foreign Investment and Local Development: Case Studies.

Chair: Baruch Kipnis

10.30 a.m. Jay Gatrell and Neil Reid: Spaces and places of economic geography: The case of Toledo Jeep and its lesson for contemporary economic development

10.50 a.m. David Edgington and Roger Hayter: Japanese electronic firms in Hong Kong: Their sales, finance and logistics operations in Southern China

11.10 a.m. Shen Yufang: New networked economic space: Trends of economic growth of the Yangtze Valley in China and its relationship with foreign direct investment

11.30 a.m. – noon. Discussants: Igal Charney and Martina Fuchs

Noon – 1.30 p.m. Group Photograph and Lunch

Session 7: Institutions, Clusters and Networks in New Economic Spaces.

Chair: Hiroyasu Motoki

1.30 p.m. Jinn-yuh Hsu: Third Taiwan, third China and third Italy: Rural industrialization and the development of the industrial district

1.50 p.m. (Joo-Sung Hwang), Sung-Cheol Lee and (Kark-Bum Lee): Limitation and possibility of knowledge production cluster formation: The case of Daeduck Valley in Korea

2.10 p.m. Ji Sun Choi: New industrial policies in Korea: Implications for networking and embeddedness.

2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Discussants: Marcus Doel and Jay Gatrell

3.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Coffee Break

Session 8: Globalization and the Re-organization of Space.

Chair: Atsuhiko Takeuchi

3.30 p.m. Julie Cidell: Globalization and air transportation

3.50 p.m. Wang Wen-Chen: Geographical metaphors on cyberspace

4.10 p.m. Shuang-Yann Wong: State Governance, Regulatory Processes and Entrepreneurship: Local Banks' Experience in Singapore

4.30 p.m. Discussants: Neil Reid and Nik Solitander

4.50 p.m. – 5.50 p.m. End of day discussions led by Melanie Feakins and Guy Penny

6.30 p.m. Dinner

**DAY 3** (August 13)

7.00 a.m. – 8.20 a.m. Breakfast

EXCURSION: High tech activities in Vancouver metro (8.30 a.m. start). Lunch will be provided during the trip, dinner at 6.30 p.m.

**DAY 4** (August 14)

7.00 a.m. – 8.20 a.m. Breakfast

Session 9: Institutional Perspectives on Regional Development.

Chair: Shen Yufang

8.50 a.m. Melanie Feakins (Travel award recipient): Governing by ‘certifying’. Institutionalising management, process, and assurance: How ISO 9000 and CNM regulate ‘offshore software outsourcing’ in St. Petersburg, Russia

9.10 am. Karen Bakker: Privatizing and re-regulating the British water supply industry

9.30 am. Baruch Kipnis: Post-industrial lifestyle attributes of work and leisure of Israelis at the end of the 1990s: A value stretch analysis

9.50 a.m. - 10.20 a.m. Discussants: Julie Cidell and Wang Wen-Chen

10.20 a.m. -10.50 a.m. Coffee Break

Session 10: Restructuring the Built Environment.

Chair: Jinn Yuh Hsu

10.50a.m. Igal Charney: The internal assets of Canadian down towns

11.10 a.m. Geir Orderud: The house building sector – the how’s and why’s of territorial (dis) embedding

11.30 a.m. – noon. Discussants: Yehuda Gradus and Ji Sun Choi

Noon – 1.30 p.m. Lunch

Session 11: Regulatory Processes, The State, Governing Arrangements and Regions

Chair: Sam Ock Park

1.30 p.m. Nikodemis Solitander: Bargaining for sustainability – toward a new conception of the MNC-host country bargaining power relationship

1.50 p.m. Martina Fuchs: What is the meaning of power? A critical appraisal of recent debates

2.10 p.m. Roger Hayter: The region as institution: Economic geographies as institutional processes

2.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. Discussants: Norbert Buzas and Shuang-Yann Wong

3.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Coffee Break

Session 12: Reflections and Directions.

Chairs: Richard Le Heron and JW Harrington

3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. End of conference discussions led by Tim Reiffenstein, Bongman Seo, Tong Xin and Raul Pacheko.

6.30 p.m. Final Dinner

**Departure Day** (August 15 2003)

7.00 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. Breakfast

### **Registration Materials**

You can collect your registration package at the registration desk which will be accessible on Sunday August 10 from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. and on Monday morning between 7.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

### **Graduate Students in Attendance**

The following graduate students will be part of the 'special session' on Monday afternoon and otherwise be in attendance as much as possible:

Rosemary Hanna (MA student, SFU)  
Aaron Kingsbury (MA student, SFU)  
Chia-Wen (Lydia) Lee (MA student, SFU)  
Junko Otomo (PhD student, SFU)  
Tomasz Majek (MA student, SFU)  
Baoling Wang (PhD student, UBC)  
Katherine E. Richardson (PhD student, UBC)  
Martin Andresen (PhD student, UBC)  
Hyung Joo (July) Kim (PhD student, U of W).

UBC: University of British Columbia, U of W: University of Washington; SFU: Simon Fraser University.

Note also that Xin Tong, Bongman Seo, Raul Pacheko and Tim Reiffenstein are PhD students who are presenting papers.

In the programme, author's names in parentheses are not in attendance.