

Call for Papers

10th International Conference on Regional Innovation Policies

October 15-16, 2015, Karlsruhe, Germany
Pre-conference doctoral day October 14, 2015, Strasbourg, France

The Karlsruhe Institute of Technology together with Fraunhofer ISI and the University of
Strasbourg/BETA will organize the

10th International Conference on Regional Innovation Policies

The conference will take place at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology on October 15-16 2015 with a pre-conference doctoral day organized in Strasbourg at BETA on October 14. Karlsruhe and Strasbourg are, though located in two different countries, at a 40 minute distance by train.

The conference

The Regional Innovation Policies Conference picks up a tradition as a venue for researchers, practitioners and policy-makers with an interest in regional innovation, regional development and innovation policy. The conference will feature keynote addresses and parallel sessions. Participants are encouraged to submit papers for consideration on topics with a focus on regional innovation policy, in particular in relation to the following topics:

- New modes of innovation (e.g. social innovation, open innovation, open source innovation, user-based innovation, frugal innovation, low-tech innovation)
- Advances in innovation system modeling
- Urban versus regional innovation systems
- Geography of creativity
- New approaches to knowledge and technology transfer
- Smart specialization
- Renaissance of industrial policies
- The role of proximity in national and regional innovation policy
- Cross-border regions
- Economics of winery territories
- Networks and complexity

Keynote speakers at the conference

- David Doloreux (Telfer School of Management, University of Ottawa)
- Dominique Foray (EPFL Lausanne)
- Robert Hassink (University Kiel)

Pre-conference doctoral day

The pre-conference doctoral day addresses advanced PhD students working in the fields of development of territories with a special focus on innovation, creativity, governance and change. The workshop will be led by internationally renowned senior scientists who organize small sessions in order to guarantee intensive discussion and feedback on papers that were accepted for presentation. Confirmed session organizers are

- Björn Asheim (University of Stavanger, University of Lund, University of Oslo)
- Robin Cowan (University of Strasbourg)
- David Doloreux (Telfer School of Management, University of Ottawa)
- Jean-Alain Héraud (University of Strasbourg)
- Patrick Llerena (University of Strasbourg)
- Emmanuel Muller (University of Strasbourg, Fraunhofer ISI)

Participants

The conference is directed toward researchers, policy-makers, and practitioners interested in issues related to regional innovation policy, regional competitiveness and regional development. Participants are encouraged to present their work in open or organized sessions. The latter consist of three related papers with a title suggested by the session organizer. It is also possible to attend without presenting a paper. Discussants will be appointed for every paper.

Time Schedule

The *conference* will start Thursday, October 15 at 9.00 a.m. and will end Friday, October 16 at 4.00 p.m. On Thursday, October 15, sessions are followed by a conference dinner. The *pre-conference doctoral day* starts Thursday, October 14 at 10.00 a.m. and finishes at 5.00 p.m. Transportation from Strasbourg to Karlsruhe will be provided. A welcome reception will take place in the evening of Wednesday, October 14, at the Center for Art and Media (ZKM) Karlsruhe.

Abstract submission and registration

Participants who wish to present their work at the conference should submit a 250-word abstract including the reference of the conference topic the paper wants to contribute to, up to 5 keywords, name of the author(s), affiliation and mail address before June 21, 2015.

PhD students who wish to attend the doctoral day should submit the 250-word abstract including up to 5 keywords, name, affiliation, name of supervisor, and month and year of commencing the PhD thesis. In order that the Doctoral Day might assist PhD students in their ongoing work, participating students should at least be working on their thesis for one year.

Authors of accepted abstracts should register before September 1, 2015 to be included in the program and submit full papers by October 1, 2015.

Participants at the conference may be asked to act as discussants.

The deadline for registration is September 1, 2015. The conference fee is 295€. This includes coffee breaks and lunch on Thursday and Friday, as well as a welcome reception on Wednesday evening and the conference dinner on Thursday evening. The rate for PhD candidates is 260€ and includes participation at the pre-conference doctoral day. There is a discounted rate of 260€ for early bird registration for those participants that register by June 21, 2015.

Abstract submission and registration will be open by May, 2015 at www.rip2015.de.

Important dates:

- Deadline for abstract submission and early bird registration: June 21, 2015
- Decision of abstract acceptance: July 10, 2015
- Preliminary program available: End of July
- Deadline for registration: September 1, 2015
- Final program available: September 30, 2015
- Deadline for full paper submission: October 1, 2015

Scientific Committee

- Björn Asheim (University of Stavanger, University of Lund, University of Oslo)
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