

Regional Science Academy



Advanced Brainstorm Carrefour (ABC)

Urban Empires -

Cities as Global Rulers in the New Urban World

Monday-Tuesday, August 15-16, 2016, Poznan
Venue: Aula, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan



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We live in the age of cities. The 'urban mode' of living has become a prominent megatrend in the history of human settlements. The structural rise in urbanisation – not only in the developed world but also even more so in the developing world – is nowadays referred to as the '*New Urban World*'.

The rise in city size as well as the rise in the number of cities all over the world is not only a matter of population demography. These drastic changes in the urban population landscape have immediate links with the economic, social, technological, geographic and political functioning of these cities. Modern urban agglomerations – be it concentrated urban areas or polynuclear settlements - tend to become economic and political powerhouses in a global network society. Their action radius and sphere of influence transcend not only national borders, but their role is often reaching out to continents or the world as a whole. Large urban agglomerations – with an unprecedented range of spatial centripetal and centrifugal forces – tend to turn into command and control hubs, not only in terms of economic or technological power, but also in terms of political power.

The aims of this ABC are to organize a fundamental brainstorm activity on the future position of urban agglomerations in an open and globalising world.

The focus is on the following issues:

- Which are the megatrends impacting the development of cities and their socio-economic functionality in the decades to come?
- Which are the challenges (economic, social, technological, logistic, etc.) faced by urban agglomerations in the '*urban century*'?

- Which planning and policy actions are needed to ensure a sound and sustainable development of cities and mega-cities in our world?
- Which are new research directions and conceptual approaches to be explored in order to cope with the opportunities and problems created by the '*New Urban World*'?



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Monday, 15 August 2016

Time	Activities
08.15	Departure by foot from hotel Jowita to the University Aula
08.30 – 09:00	Coffee & Registration
09:00 – 09:15	Opening Ceremony by: Rector, Dean, Director, Waldemar Ratajczak
09:15 – 10:00	Edward Glaeser (<i>keynote speaker</i>) <i>Cities and Economic Development</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Peter Nijkamp <i>Cities: Resilient Engines for Progress</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:30	Jacques Poot <i>Agglomeration and Spatial Cost-of-Living Differences: Implications for the Inter- and Intra-Urban Distributions of Real Personal Income</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Charlie Karlsson <i>Metropolitan Regions: Preconditions and Strategies for Growth and Development in the Global Economy</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Karima Kourtit <i>Social Media Based Management Tools for Resilient Cities</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Buffet lunch
13:30 – 14:00	Albert Meijer <i>Governing the Smart City</i>
14:00 – 14:30	Luigi Fusco Girard <i>Metropolitan Cities: Which Development Strategies? Which Governance Tools? The New Perspectives in Italy</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Soushi Suzuki, Karima Kourtit and Peter Nijkamp <i>In Pursuit of High-Performance Global Cities – An Economic and Environmental Assessment by Means of a Super-Efficient Data</i>

	<i>Envelopment Analysis Model with Urban Preferences and Targets of Welfare Indicators?</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Henk Scholten <i>The Gamification of Cities on the Move</i>
15:30 – 16:00	High-Tea Break
16:00 – 16:30	Neil Reid <i>The New Geography of Industrial Clustering: An Analysis of Craft Breweries in Select American Cities</i>
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16:30 – 17:00	<i>The Voice of Regional Science</i> , by Ake Andersson, on: <i>Infrastructure, Economic Equilibrium and Development</i>
17:00 – 17:30	<i>Great Minds in Regional Science</i> , by Waldemar Ratajczak, on <i>Social Physics in Benon Janowski's Spatial Economics Works</i>
17:30 – 18:30	<i>Open Forum: Elevator Pitch</i> Presentations & Discussions
18:30 – 19:00	Concluding Remarks
19:00 - 19:30	Drinks
19:30 – 20:30	Concert
20:30	Dinner



Tuesday, 16 August 2016

Time	Activities
07:45 – 09:00	<i>'Meet & Greet the Professors'</i> Breakfast with students & young staff members in hotel Jowita
09:30 – 10:15	Reception Town Hall
10:30 – 12:30	Poznan Gate Museum
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch
15:00 – 17:00	Museum and Art Gallery in Rogalin
19:30	Dinner (Optional)