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Welcome

Dear colleagues

The Bulletin and the Commission's website (now at the updated site: http://www.sges.auckland.ac.nz/conferences/igu_commission/index.htm) continue as the principal means to circulate information to economic geographers and others interested in the activities of the Commission. For convenience we designate the Bulletins by year and month. This Bulletin is the December 2006 edition.

To minimise costs the Bulletin is distributed by email and accessible on the web. Please let us know if there is someone who should be sent a hard copy of the Bulletin.

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2007 Commission Meeting, part of Second Global Economic Geography Conference, Beijing

Commission participation in Second Global Conference on Economic Geography, Beijing

Second Global Conference on Economic Geography
25-28 June 2007, Beijing International Convention Center, Beijing, China

For information on the conference go to the Conference website:
<http://courses.nus.edu.sg/course/geoywc/conference/econgeog.html>

The Commission's programme as part of the Beijing meeting embraces two themes:

Theme I: Different and Emerging Regional Worlds

- global and regional financial markets
- regional economic blocs, regulation and economic performance
- government and institutions for progressive economic policy regional comparisons
- international comparisons of alternative regional models
- socially responsible businesses, conceptions from different cultures

Theme II: Creating Enterprise: Repositioning Local Economic Development (see also the E4 Network later in the Bulletin)

- theories of local economic development
- comparative perspectives on local economic development
- implicit assumptions and learning processes of local economic development practitioners and policy makers
- measuring important drivers and outputs of local development processes

Papers presented in these themed sessions will be considered for Commission publication initiatives. The Commission is pleased to be able to support one Commission Travel Award to the Beijing meeting.

Action steps:

- Pre-register as soon as possible by going to the conference website:
<http://courses.nus.edu.sg/course/geoywc/conference/econgeog.html>
- Indicate participation in one of the Commission's sessions
- Complete abstract by 30 April 2007
- If you are aiming to apply for the Commission's Travel Award then the deadline for this is 17 March 2007

Scheduled Meetings in 2008

The Commission's main theme for 2008 is **World's of New Work? Economic Diaspora, Human Capital and Regional Futures** This theme will be explored at three meetings during 2008.

Meeting 1: 2008 Commission Mini Meeting in Norway

Date: 14-15 May

Theme: Theoretical approaches in labour geographies

Deadline for submitting abstracts: 1 December 2007

Deadline of registration: 28 February 2008

Submission of papers: 30 April 2008

This mini meeting provides an opportunity for economic geographers associated with the Commission to focus on theoretical and conceptual issues.

Call for papers and general information about registration, location, accommodation and other details will be disseminated in June 2007. One Commission Travel Award will be available for this meeting.

For further information please email Hege Knutsen: h.m.knutsen@sgeo.uio.no

Papers presented at this meeting will be considered for Commission publication initiatives.

Meeting 2: Barcelona, Spain

Date: most likely in the week prior to the 31st International Geographical Union Congress in Tunisia dates to be finalised.

Theme: Worlds of new work? Multi-scalar dynamics of new economy spaces

Preliminary information on the conference registration and organisation will be available at the Commission's website by the end of September 2007. Two Commission Travel Awards are confirmed for this meeting.

For further information please email Montserrat Pallares-Barbera: montserrat.pallares@uab.cat

Papers presented at this meeting will be considered for Commission publication initiatives.

Meeting 3: The 31st International Geographical Congress, Building together our territories!, Tunis

Date: 12-15 August 2008

The Commission will be organising a number of sessions as an integral part of the programme that is developed for the Congress.

For more information go to <http://www.homeofgeography.org/>. See in particular the links to Tunis 2008, which includes a statement of intention to participate. Information on the Commission's involvement will be posted on the Commission's website by the end of September 2007.

Commission's Presentation to IGU Secretariat, 2008

The life of the IGU as an international community of geographers revolves very much around the research, meeting and publication activities of its Commissions. The Commission on 'The Dynamics of Economic Spaces' has been a prominent Commission since the early days of the IGU, making a distinctive contribution that has been guided by its various mission statements.

The cycle of a Congress every four years provides an opportunity for the IGU to consider the research directions of the next four years. This involves a report to the IGU Secretariat on the work of each Commission and the preparation of proposals for the continuation of existing commissions and the creation of new commissions. Customarily the announcement of commissions for the next cycle of four years are made during the Congress, the next time for this being Tunis in 2008.

At both the Toledo and Auckland meetings of this Commission some discussion took place about developing a new agenda in economic geography that builds upon and extends the work of the current commission in new directions. As Chair and Vice-chair of the Commission we invite suggestions from those interested in collaborating in the preparation of the Commission's report and proposal to the IGU Secretariat. If you wish to make a contribution to the development of a research agenda or wish to make suggestions about the organisation of the Commission's activities please feel free to contact us before 31 August 2007 at:

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E4 Network

Economy, Enterprise, Employment and Environment

The idea for the E4 Network has its genesis at the annual meeting of the International Geographical Union's Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Space (IGU-CDES) that was held in Toledo, Ohio in the summer of 2005. Five of the network members (Mike Carroll, Richard Le Heron, Neil Reid, Christine Tamasy, and Mike Taylor) attended the Toledo meeting and, through listening to each other's conference presentations, discovered that they were all dealing with very similar economic development issues, but within very different geographic contexts. The idea for a network of scholars to share ideas and potentially develop a research agenda was thus born. At the IGU-CDES meetings in Auckland, New Zealand in the summer of 2006 the same group (plus Bruce Smith) reconvened and decided to take the E4 Network from conception to birth. Additional meetings with some network members were held in Toledo (November 2006) and Birmingham, England (January 2007).

The network's aim is to develop a five-year research agenda around the topic of local economic development. The network presently comprises eight scholars representing five institutions in three countries and regions (North West Ohio, USA; West Midlands, UK; Auckland, New Zealand). Known as the E4 Network, it will focus on the interplay between Economy, Enterprise, Employment, and Environment in the local economic development process. E4's goals are to identify and share best practices in the field of local economic development, contribute to theoretical, methodological, and policy literatures on local economic development, help local economic developers understand and implement economic development best practices, and engage students in cutting edge debates and research in the field of local economic development. Contributions from the E4 Network and the IGU-CDES will be made in 2007 at the Second Global Conference on Economic Geography, Beijing, in late June and at the Institute of British Geographers Conference, London, in late August.

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Other senior economic geographers may be added.

Mission Statement of the Commission

The Commission has always followed closely its advertised agenda. The following Mission statement gives a sense of purpose and direction to the Commission's activities for the period 2005-2008.

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.

To facilitate knowledge transfer about economic geography and associated policy-related issues between countries and institutions.

Publications 2001-2006

The publication strategy of the Commission has been to publish the theoretical and practical findings of the conferences in either book or journal form. A longstanding relationship with Ashgate has enabled the Commission to raise the awareness in the international scientific community of the research of economic geographers from many countries and widely disseminate the work of these scholars and researchers. The Commission has been particularly successful in facilitating the publication, through the Ashgate series, of the work of young and emerging researchers from developing countries.

- Daniel Felsenstein and Mike Taylor (eds), 2001, *Promoting Local Growth: Process, Practice and Policy*, Ashgate, Aldershot, pp 392.
- Roger Hayter and Richard Le Heron (eds), 2002, *Knowledge, Industry and Environment: Institutions and Innovations in Territorial Perspective*, Aldershot: Ashgate, pp 420.
- Special issue of *Geografiska Annaler*, 84B (2), 2002, pp 65-139, on "Local development: Issues of competition, collaboration, and territoriality", Guest editors: Päivi Oinas & Bjørn Asheim
- Arnoud Legendijk and Päivi Oinas (eds), 2005, *Local Development: Issues of Competition, Collaboration and Territoriality*, Ashgate, Aldershot, pp 336.
- Claes Alvstam and Eike Schamp (eds), 2005, *Industry in a Networked World*, Ashgate, Aldershot
- Richard Le Heron and James Harrington (eds), 2005, *New Economic Geography. New Economic Spaces*, Ashgate, Aldershot, pp 235.
- James Harrington and Peter Daniels (eds), 2006, *Knowledge-based Services: Internationalisation and Regional Development*, Ashgate, Aldershot, pp 309.

Publications in Press and in Preparation

- Jay Gatrell and Neil Reid (eds), 2007, *Enterprising Worlds: A Geographic Perspective on Economics, Environments and Ethics*, GeoJournal Library, Vol 86, pp 278.
- Sam Ock Park and Mike Taylor (Guest editors), (forthcoming), Special Issue of *Urban Geography* on E-commerce and urban economic development.
- Peter Daniels and James Harrington, 2007 (forthcoming), *Perspectives on Services and Development in the Asia-Pacific*, Ashgate, Aldershot.
- Christina Stringer and Richard Le Heron (eds), (forthcoming), *Agri-food Commodity Chains and Globalising Networks*, Ashgate, Aldershot.
- Christine Tamasy and Michael Taylor (eds), (forthcoming), *Globalising Worlds: Geographical Perspectives on New Economic Configurations*, Ashgate, Aldershot.

Publications in Press

Perspectives on Services and Development in the Asia-Pacific

Edited by Peter Daniels and James Harrington

The Reputation Game: The Market For Professional Business Consultancy In Ahmedabad, India
Harald Bekkers

Services and Metropolitan Development in China: the Case of Guangzhou
Fiona F. Yang, Department of Geography, The University of Hong Kong

Locational Patterns of Information Technology Services in Japan
Noboru Hayashi, Graduate School of Environment (Geography), Nagoya University, Japan

Metropolitan cities as the innovation centers of knowledge-intensive business services: the case of Seoul in Korea
JS Choi Science and Technology Policy Institute, Regional Innovation Team, Seoul, Korea

Reluctant State, Decentralized Market, and Under-developing Community: The Construction of Futures Trading Industry in Taiwan
Jinn-yuh Hsu and Pin-Hsien Chen Department of Geography, National Taiwan University

Transformation of an Industry Stimulated by Local Economic Growth Policy: the case of the shochu (liquor) industry in Kyushu, Japan
Atsuhiko Takeuchi, Koshi Hachikubo and Hideo Mori Nippon Institute of Technology, Saitama-ken, Japan

Relationships, networking and 'partnership governance': the case of Auckland's Economic Development Strategy
Steffen Wetzstein School of Geography and Environmental Science, University of Auckland, NZ

SIA and Singapore: Competition, Changes in Organization and Technologies and the Impacts on Economic Development
Shuang-Yann Wong Humanities and Social Studies Education Academic Group, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Development of the Third Form of the Car-making Producers Service Industry in Shanghai, China and its Location Factors
Yufang Shen The Yangtze Basin Development Institute, East China Normal University, Shanghai

International Business Incubator and SMEs Rejoin into the Global Value Chain: A Case Study of Window Korea Project in China
Shuguang Liu and Guogang Ren School of Economics, Ocean University of China and Beijing Research Institute, ZGW Strategic Consultancy, Beijing

Change in the Clustering of Service Firms in a Metropolitan Area: A Case Study of Graphic Design Firms in Melbourne 1981-2001
Peter Elliott and Kevin O'Connor Department of Sustainability and Environment, State of Victoria, Melbourne and Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, University of Melbourne

Enterprising Worlds: A Geographic Perspective on Economics, Environments, & Ethics

Edited by Jay Gatrell and Neil Reid

1. Introduction

J. Gatrell, Indiana State University, and *N. Reid*, University of Toledo

Part 1- Localized Economic Development & The Cluster Approach

2. Which mode of (cluster) promotion for which aspect of entrepreneurship? Discussing institutional approaches in support of automotive sectors

M. Fromhold-Eisebith, University of Salzburg

3. The Dynamics of Foreign Direct Investment of the TFT-LCD Cluster: A Study of Japanese Firms in Taiwan

W.C. Wang National Sun Yat-Sen University, Taiwan

4. Cluster Development: The Case of the Northwest Ohio Greenhouse Industries from Concept to Implementation

N. Reid University of Toledo, and *M. Carroll*, Bowling Green State University

5. Green(house) Industries: Local Markets & Global Competitors

J. Gatrell, Indiana State University, *N. Reid*, University of Toledo, *P. Lindquist*, University of Toledo, *E. LaFary*, Indiana State University, and *S. Griffey*, Indiana State University

6. High Technology and Urban Development in Bangalore, India

R. Kalra, Kent State University

7. The Animation Industry: Technological Changes, Production Challenges, and Global Shifts.

H. Yoon, Ohio State University

8. An Evolutional Model of US Manufacturing and Service Industries

J. Helsel, Kent State University, *H. Kim*, Kent State University, and *J. Lee*, Kent State University

9. Clusters: A critique of Porter

M. Taylor, The University of Birmingham

Part 2. Sustainability, Entrepreneurship & Landscape

10. Reconceptualising entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial processes: contributions from economic geography

R. Le Heron, University of Auckland

11. Entrepreneurial processes in agglomeration areas: Attitudes, behaviours and outcomes of different types of entrepreneurs

C. Tamásy, University of Auckland

12. The business and sustainability of water supply in Singapore: The case of Hyflux

S. Yann-Wong, Nanyang Technological University

13. Entrepreneurship: The Search for New Means of Support for Community Colleges (3000 words)

M. Rudibaugh, Lakeland Community College

14. Sustainable Development and the Political Economy of US Military Bases in Okinawa.

S. Banasick, Kent State University

15. Paternalism and Struggle at Weirton Steel Corporation

A. Massey, Kent State University

Part 3. Ethics, Social Capital & Globalisation

16. Ethics in Economic Geography

C. Tamásy, University of Auckland

17. Who's Development? A study on the Tribal Involuntary Dislocation in the Sardar

S. Chattopadhyay, Kent State University

18. Social and Business Entrepreneurship Strategy and Economic Development: A Case Study of a Jeep Museum for Northwest Ohio.

H. Rennie, Heidelberg College

19. Formalising the informal: dilemmas over social standards and informalisation of labour.

H. Knutsen, University of Oslo

20. Volatility and lack of credit are murderous for business”: Perspectives on economic institutions in Argentina

M. Fuchs, University of Cologne

21. Conclusion

Report on 2006 Auckland Conference

Globalising Worlds: Geographical Perspectives on Old and New Value Chains, Commodity Chains, Supply Chains

Auckland, New Zealand, 27 June 1 July, 2006

(the full conference programme is available at the Commission's website)

Highlights

- A traditional powhiri (welcome) to the Waipapa Marae at the University of Auckland.
- The conference venue was the historic Old Government House at the University of Auckland (Fig 1).



Figure 1. Old Government House, the Auckland Conference venue.

- Opening address by Drs Nick Lewis and Gordon Winder from the School of Geography and Environmental Science at the University of Auckland, on 'Sporting narratives and globalisation: Making links between the All Black tours of 1905 and 2005' (a copy of the address may be obtained from Nick Lewis at: n.lewis@auckland.ac.nz).
- Presentation of papers by the two commission Travel Award recipients:
 - Damian Maye, Coventry University, England
 - Sabine Panzer, University of Jena, Germany
- Weaving of two themes at the conference
 - Agri-food and globalising networks
 - Globalising worlds and new economic configurations
- Participation of delegates from 18 countries Australia, Canada, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Taiwan, United Kingdom, United States of America

Report on 2006 Auckland Conference - cont...

- Family/Partners/Spouses programme (Fig 2).



Figure 2. On top of Mt Victoria, Devonport, Auckland's north shore.

- Visit to the Auckland headquarters of Fonterra (Figure 3), New Zealand's dairy corporate that is ranked 5th in the world in terms of revenue from dairy activities, trades in more than 140 countries, processing milk on four continents and is linked in substantial partnerships with large global food companies such as Nestle, Kraft and Masterfoods (for more information on Fonterra see: Gray, S., Le Heron, R., Stringer, C. and Tamásy, C. (forthcoming), 'Competing from the Edge of the Global Economy: The Globalising World Dairy Industry and the Emergence of Fonterra's Strategic Networks', *Die Erde* and Stringer, C., Tamásy, C., Le Heron, R. and Gray, S., 'Growing a global company: The case of Fonterra' in Stringer, C. and Le Heron, R. (eds), *Agri-food Commodity Chains and Globalising Networks*, Ashgate, Aldershot, (forthcoming)).



Figure 3. Fonterra's headquarters in the heart of Auckland City.

- Visits to several vineyards in the Auckland region
- Two internationally refereed books in preparation from the conference:
 - Stringer, C. and Le Heron, R. (eds) *Agri-food Commodity Chains and Globalising Networks*, Ashgate, Aldershot
 - Tamasy, C. and Taylor, M. (eds) *Globalising Worlds: Geographical Perspectives on new Economic Configurations*, Ashgate, Aldershot

International Geographical Union Commission on The Dynamics of Economic Spaces

Participating in the Second Global Conference on Economic Geography
25-28 June 2007, Beijing International Convention Center, Beijing, China

Commission Travel Award Application for support to Beijing meeting (one Award)

The Commission's Travel Award is open to early career scholars who have completed or are close to completing their doctoral dissertation.

A. Personal Details

1. Name: _____
2. Title: (Ms, Mr. Dr. etc) _____
3. Contact details: _____

B. Educational details

1. Degree in which you are enrolled: _____
2. Name and address of institution at which you are enrolled: _____

3. Institution to which doctoral dissertation has been/will be submitted (if different from above):

C. Dissertation details

1. Title: _____
2. Name and contact details of main supervisor:

3. Name and address of two other academics who can comment on your work:
 - i. _____

ii. _____

4. Date of submission or proposed submission: _____

D. Please attach:

1. A curriculum vitae including details of existing or forthcoming publications.
2. A 500-word summary of your proposed paper and how it relates to either of the two themes (see details earlier in Bulletin) nominated by the Commission for the Beijing meeting.
3. Abstract of doctoral dissertation.

I certify that the above details are correct and I accept that the decision of the Commission is final and not subject to appeal.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Return this form and attachments (e-mail or airmail) by 17 March 2007 to:

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A decision on the award will be made by 31 March 2007.