

Call for Papers

16th Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Regional Economics Workshop

Keynote: **Prof. Dr. Gabriel M. Ahlfeldt & Assoz. Prof. PD Stefanie Peer, PhD**

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The Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) is very pleased to announce the 16th Regional Economics Workshop in honour of **Geoffrey J.D. Hewings**, Emeritus Professor of Economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and member of WIFO's Scientific Board.

This year's workshop, which aims at bringing together researchers from various fields of regional economics to discuss ideas and exchange knowledge, will be jointly organized with the **European Union - Regional Economics Applications Laboratory (EU-REAL)**, a research network in regional science formed by European scholars tied to the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory (REAL) at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, USA.

We are proud to announce that two distinguished scholars accepted our invitation to give a keynote speech:

Gabriel M. Ahlfeldt, who holds the Chair of Econometrics at the Humboldt University School of Business and Economics. He is a quantitative spatial economist who joined Humboldt University in March 2024. Previously, he was Professor of Urban Economics and Land Development and the director of the MSc Real Estate Economics and Finance at the London School of Economics. He is editor of *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, a visiting professor at the London School of Economics, affiliate of the CEPR and CESifo research networks, and a co-organizer of the Berlin School of Economics Quantitative Spatial Economics Research Seminar. At the workshop Gabriel will talk about the "**Geography of Life**".

Stefanie Peer, who is Associate Professor in the Department of Socioeconomics and Head of the Research Institute for Spatial and Real Estate Economics at WU Vienna. As a transport economist, she specializes in individuals' mobility behavior, transport policy evaluation, and the political economy of mobility.

You are invited to submit any theoretical or empirical contribution within the field of regional economics. The topics of interest include questions related to:

- regional specialization, structural change, and knowledge diffusion
- regional location analyses, spatial location choice, and location concepts
- geographical impact of economic policy measures
- regional labour markets
- regional tourism
- regional planning

or any other topic in regional economics.

The workshop is open for contributions characterized as "work in progress" and for contributions from young researchers. Submissions should include an extended abstract (minimum of 300 words) or a full paper.

There are no fees for participants of the workshop. All papers presented may be published in the **WIFO Working Paper** series. Abstracts of papers and/or full papers intended for presentation should be prepared in PDF-format and be sent to regional@wifo.ac.at.

Deadline for submission of abstracts:	July 15, 2025
Notification of acceptance:	July 31, 2025
