

## Regional Studies Association Research Network Seminar Series

### **Policy Implications**

**for  
Knowledge Intensive Business Services (KIBS)  
and  
Innovation in Regions in a Globalised Economy**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

#### **First Research Seminar**

Regional Geographies of KIBS

27th and 28th October 2010

University of Jena, Germany

KIBS play important roles in systems of innovation, internationally, nationally, and regionally in both urban and rural environments. The overall approach of the network is to contribute to new understanding of theoretical explanations for KIBS activity, provide a review of methodological approaches and new evidence, and inform policy making.

This first workshop is intended to review 'National and regional trends in the distribution of KIBS in Europe'. Contributions should be on one or more of:

1. Current evidence and insights on long-term regional, including inter-urban and urban-rural trends
2. The impacts of the recession on KIBS and policy attitudes towards them
3. Recent methodological developments, especially through the convergence of interdisciplinary thinking about KIBS

The discussions in the form of rountables on the different topics will be led by Professor Peter Wood, Department of Geography, UCL (theme 1).

There will also be keynotes by Professor Simone Strambach, Professor at the Department of Geography, Philipps-University Marburg, and Prof. Dr. Emmanuel Muller, Fraunhofer Institut System- und Innovationsforschung (ISI), Karlsruhe (theme 2); and Professor Ulrich Hilpert, University of Jena (theme 3).

Researchers and practitioners are invited to take part in the seminar. We encourage attendance and contributions from PhD students and early career, as well as established, scholars.

There is no charge for attendance at the seminar. The RSA network provides limited bursaries for RSA members who fall into the category of early career, PhD students or associate members. We encourage participants from Germany, France, Scandinavia and Eastern Europe

Abstracts of up to 500 words plus a one paragraph biography should be submitted to Maja Savic (maja.s@freeuk.com)

**Deadline for abstract submission: September 14th 2010.**