



Call for Papers

6th International Seminar on Regional Innovation Policies

Constructing Sustainable Advantage for European Regions

13-14 OCTOBER 2011, LUND, SWEDEN

The [6th International Seminar on Regional Innovation Policies](#) will take place at CIRCLE, Lund University, Sweden, on 13-14 October 2011. The conference offers two days of plenaries, presentations and intense discussions on preconditions and strategies for regional innovation policy and regional development in Europe. Previous conferences were held in Porto (University of Porto), Salzburg (University of Salzburg), Santander (University of Cantabria), Edinburgh (Napier Edinburgh University) and Grimstad (University of Agder, Norway). This year's conference is hosted by CIRCLE (Centre for Innovation, Research and Competence in the Learning Economy), Lund University, Sweden.

We are now inviting senior and junior scholars to participate and present their research at the seminar, in particular work that is related to the following themes: (1) *preconditions for sustainable development (economically, socially and environmentally) in European regions*; (2) *the role of universities in the promotion of regional development*, (3) *sectoral specificities (for example, resource based, food, health and cultural/creative industries) and their impacts on regional competitiveness*, (4) *less developed regions and their strategies to grow out of the global economic crisis*, and (5) *the growth of emerging economies in Asia and Latin America and consequences for European regions*.

Confirmed **keynote speakers** include Meric Gertler (University of Toronto), Claire Nauwelaers (OECD), Staffan Laestadius (Royal Institute of Technology KTH), Dominic Power (Uppsala University), Mario Rui Silva (University of Porto) and Cristina Chaminade (Lund University). Further details can be found on the conference website.

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, but it is also possible to attend without presenting a paper. Discussants will be appointed for every paper, and as such the seminar will be an excellent opportunity to receive feedback on your work and stay informed about trends and research agendas in the field.

TIMEFRAME

The conference will start in the morning of Thursday, October 13 and will end in the afternoon of Friday, October 14. Sessions are scheduled from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. On Thursday, October 13, sessions are followed by a conference dinner. A welcome reception will take place in the evening of Wednesday, October 12.

- Deadline for abstract submission: June 1, 2011
- Decision of abstract acceptance: June 22, 2011
- Preliminary program available: July 20, 2011
- Deadline for registration: September 14, 2011
- Deadline for full paper submission: September 22, 2011
- Final program available: October 1, 2011

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Participants who wish to present their work at the seminar should email a 250-word abstract and 3 keywords to RIP2011@circle.lu.se before June 1st, 2011. Authors of accepted abstracts should register before September 14th, 2011 to be included in the program, and submit full papers to the same email address by September 22nd, 2011. Participants at the seminar may be asked to act as discussants. We aim to invite a selection of papers given at the seminar for publication in a special issue of an international peer-reviewed journal.

REGISTRATION

The deadline for registration is the 14th of September, 2011. The seminar fee is SEK 2700 (or approximately 295 EUR or 430 USD), and this includes lunch on Thursday and Friday, as well as a welcome reception on Wednesday evening and the conference dinner on Thursday evening.

To register for the seminar, please fill out the registration form using the link on [the conference website](#). Participants can pay the registration fee using credit card or bank transfer. When registering for the conference, participants also have the option to book hotel rooms in Lund with special conference rates. More information can be found on the conference website.

LOCATION

Lund, an old university town of about 80.000 inhabitants, is dominated by the university. Indeed, it is often said that Lund is the only 'university town' in the Nordic countries. Sweden's third largest city, Malmö, with close to 300,000 inhabitants is only 10 minutes away, and Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark with around 1.2 million inhabitants is only 50 minutes away by train. Fast (35 min) and frequent (every 20 min) trains link Lund to Copenhagen international airport, Kastrup.

Lund University is one of Europe's foremost universities and Sweden's leading research institution. Founded in 1666, this is not only the third oldest university in the Nordic countries, it is also the largest, with more than 46,000 students and 6,000 academic and administrative staff.

CIRCLE (Centre for Innovation, Research and Competence in the Learning Economy), largely funded by VINNOVA (the Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems), the Swedish Research Council (VR) and Lund University, is an interdisciplinary research centre of excellence spanning several faculties at Lund University. Since its creation in July 2004, CIRCLE has become a leading centre for research on R&D, innovation, entrepreneurship and economic dynamics. A detailed description of CIRCLE's research programs, research evaluations and CIRCLE Annual Reports can be found at www.circle.lu.se.

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Find the latest information on the conference website:
www.circle.lu.se/events/6th-regional-innovation-policy-seminar