

**Regional Studies Association
Research Network Seminar Series**

14th and 15th October 2011

CALL FOR PAPERS

Third Research Seminar | Regional Geographies of KIBS |
CIEO, University of Algarve, Faro, Portugal

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

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

The main focus of this third Seminar will be multitasking in the rural world: small firms, technological change and sustainability.

The workshop will be targeted at understanding KIBS in rural and other peripheral areas/regions in Europe, with a close up view of the southern Iberian Peninsula. It will include discussion of the role of public procurement in laggard/peripheral and rural areas and the need for policy choices.

The draft programme is as follows:

An introduction to the Seminar's goals by Professor Helen Lawton Smith, Professor of Entrepreneurship, Birkbeck, University of London and Managing Director of the Oxfordshire Economic Observatory, Oxford University.

It will be followed by three sessions. Each will begin with keynote speakers.

1. KIBS and Innovation:

Keynote speaker

José Tribolet, Professor of Information Technologies and President of the Research Institute of Computer Systems (INESC), Portugal

2. KIBS in Peripheral Regions:

Keynote speakers

Teresa de Noronha Vaz, Professor of Economics of Innovation and President of the Research Centre for Spatial and Organizational Dynamics, University of Algarve.

Paulo Neto, Professor of Regional development and Pro-rector for Strategy of the University of Évora, Portugal.

3. KIBS and Regional Policy implications:

Keynote speaker

Bjørn Asheim, Professor of Policy of Innovation and Director of the Centre for Innovation, Research and Competence in the Learning Economy (CIRCLE), Sweden

4. Closing session Professor Peter Nijkamp, Professor of Spatial Economics, VU University Amsterdam and past President of the Dutch Research Council for Science and Technology.

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

Due to the support of the Regional Studies Association, the Research Centre for Spatial and Organizational Dynamics and the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, there is no fee for attendance at this Seminar. However, registration is necessary. We encourage participants from southern Europe, southern America, and Brazil in particular.

Abstracts of up to 500 words plus a one paragraph biography should be submitted to Maja Savic
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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- ✓ **Abstract submission: 1st July 2011**
- ✓ **Acceptance: 1st September 2011**
- ✓ **Registration: 7th October 2011**

Registration should be sent to Julieta Rosa
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Please find the registration form at <http://www.cieo.ualg.pt/conferences.html>