

Call for Papers

15th Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Regional Economics Workshop

Keynote: **Prof. Roberta Capello** | Vienna, September 23 - 24, 2024

The Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) is very pleased to announce the 15th international 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.

Prof. Hewings has published numerous scientific contributions in economics, economic geography, urban and regional planning, input-output analysis, and other fields. He is famous for being a scholar always eager to share his knowledge and give profound and positive advice to younger researchers.

Any empirical contribution within the field of regional economics is welcome. 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

We are proud to announce that we have been able to attract **Professor Roberta Capello** as keynote speaker. The title of her talk will be:

“Regional Growth and Disparities in the Era of Digital Transition”

Roberta Capello is full professor of Regional and Economics at Politecnico of Milan. She is President of ERSA (2024-2028). She is immediate Past-President of AISRe (the Italian Section of the Regional Science Association International). She was RSAI (Regional Science Association International) President. She has been Editor in chief of Papers in Regional Science for nine years, and of the Italian Journal of Regional Science for nearly 20 years. She is a member of the editorial board of many scientific journals. She is the author of a textbook in Regional Economics, published in Italian, in English and in Chinese. She won a Carrier prize of the 50th ERSA (European Regional Science Association) anniversary (Jonkoping, 2010), the Kohno Award for outstanding service in RSAI in 2018 and the Walter Alonso Award of the North American Regional Science Association (NARSC) for the recognition of distinguished scholarly achievements in the field of Regional Science in 2022. She holds a Laurea Honoris Causa from the West University of Timisoara, Romania (2012). She is Fellow of the Regional Science Association International since 2013.

The workshop aims at bringing together researchers from various fields of economics working mainly at the regional level to discuss ideas and exchange knowledge. Moreover, it should be emphasized that the workshop should also attract contributions characterized as "work in

progress" and those from young researchers. Submissions should include an extended abstract (minimum of 300 words) or a full paper.

The workshop will be held at WIFO in Vienna. 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, 2024**

Notification of acceptance: **July 29, 2024**
