INFER Workshop on

Economic Geography, Agglomeration and Environment

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University of Corsica, Corte (France)

Jointly organized by

INFER (International Network for Economic Research)
LISA (Laboratory « Places, Identities, Spaces and Activities ») UMR CNRS

Workshop Objectives:

The aim of this workshop is to provide an opportunity to researchers to exchange their ideas on agglomeration and environment. We wish to focus the discussions around two main topics: first, the economic dynamics of regions and urban expansion on which researchers can broach the questions of the cities and regions size, specialization and inter-connexions in a globalized world economy; second, the effects of agglomeration process on the environment, the impact on citizens welfare, on firms and people location choices, the environmental policies that may be set up and their impact on the agglomeration dynamics.

We invite researchers to submit both empirical and theoretical papers that are broadly consistent with at least one of these subjects.

The special topic of the workshop will be Economic Geography, Agglomeration and Environment. Papers that address these questions through the field of (New) Economic Geography are especially welcomed.

Keynote Speakers:

We are happy to welcome the following internationally distinguished keynote speakers:

Michael Rauscher (University of Rostock)
Cees Withagen (VU University Amsterdam)
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INFER is a non-profit international scientific organization that stimulates research and research networking in all fields of economics through international workshops and conferences. For more details, see the INFER website at: http://www.infer-research.net

UMR «Lieux, Identités, eSpaces et Activités» (LISA) has as main objective to study the relations between nature and society, in their spatial, temporal and symbolic dimensions. Its purpose is to:
- Explore from a specific angle -that of island spaces and societies- the paradigm of sustainable development: the insular space becomes a "place" of analysis and understanding of the complexity that this concept has.
- Help to define the sustainable management of territories. Again the insular space may be the "place" for an experimental simulation of sustainable development policies.

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Paper Submission Procedure:

To submit a paper to the workshop, please send a complete version in a pdf format to the email address "idda@univ-corse.fr" with the subject "Submission to the INFER Workshop". The deadline is June 18th, 2015. Only full papers in English may be submitted, preferably in pdf-format with the following information:

- Authors’ full name and affiliation
- Contact details for corresponding author, such as address, phone and e-mail

All submitted papers will be peer reviewed according to a high-quality and fast referee process overviewed by the Scientific Committee. Authors will be notified whether their paper is accepted for presentation at the Workshop no later than July 31st, 2015. Workshop presenters are expected to discuss one other paper during the sessions. The discussant assignments will be made by the workshop organizers at a later date. As the workshop intends to build a network in this research area, participation is welcome even without paper contributions.

Important dates:

- Deadline for paper submission: June 18th, 2015
- Deadline for notification of paper acceptance: July 31st, 2015
- Deadline for registration and payment: September 10th, 2015

Registration and Registration Fee:

The registration fee for presenting and non-presenting participants will be:

- INFER members: 60 EUR
- Other participants: 120 EUR

Please note: the annual membership fee for private INFER members is 25 EUR only (institutional INFER members 200 EUR). You are invited to become a member.

The registration fee includes all lunches and drinks. It doesn’t include travel and accommodation expenses. All workshop participants have to register for the workshop. Please note that paper submission is not regarded as a registration. Registration can be done as follows:

- by the INFER website + PayPal

Please register on the INFER website (www.infer-research.net). Payment can be done via PayPal on the website. Note that you can use the same website to become an INFER member.

Deadline for registration and payment: September 10th, 2015
In case of late registration, the fees will be increased by 50 %.
Location and Travelling:

The workshop takes place at the University of Corsica, 7 avenue Jean Nicoli, 20250 Corte (France). Corte is located in the center of Corsica. Corte was the capital of the Corsican independent state during the period of Pasquale Paoli. Corte is the headquarter of the University of Corsica Pasquale Paoli, opened in 1981, which hosts approximately 4 000 students.

How to get to Corte from Bastia Airport?

Bastia Airport is located at 22 km from the city center of Bastia and is connected with several European destinations, mainly by Air France. You can join the city center of Bastia:
- By shuffle: the Bastia airport is connected to the train station in approximately 30 minutes with a frequency of one hour and a price of 9 euros. (http://www.bastia.aeroport.fr/AeroportBia/acces_Navette.php)
- By taxi: taxis stand in front of the door of the arrivals terminal of the airport. You can join the train station in 20 minutes. Train station in Bastia connects with train station in the center of Corte. (http://www.train-corse.com/horaire.php)

Accommodation

Participants are responsible for their travel and accommodation arrangements. The enrolment fee does not cover accommodation. We recommend you:

- Hôtel du Nord
  22 Cours Paoli, 20250 Corte
  +33 95 46 00 68
  €96
  http://www.hoteldunord-corte.com/
- Hôtel de la Paix
  Avenue du Général Charles de Gaulle, 20250 Corte
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  Single Confort: €68
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Further Information:

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