Call for Papers

Research Area X:

"Knowledge, Networks and Regions"

EAEPE Annual Conference 2022 in Naples, September 7 – 9 2022 (on-site event)

The accumulation of knowledge is essential both for growth and development on the national and regional level, as well as for business success on the firm level. At the same time, differentials in the accumulation of knowledge might be an important element in any explanation of the large and persistent economic disparities at the national and regional level both within and across nation states, in Europe as well as overseas. To provide an explicit space to discuss these topics at the EAEPE Annual Conference 2022, RA X invites contributions from various disciplines and paradigms. Contributions may consider different analytical levels, such as:

i. the individual actors of the system,
ii. various types of relationships among these actors, and
iii. the institutions guiding the behavior of the actors in the system, as well as the relevance of systemic dynamics impacting upon the individual actors in the system.

The research area welcomes submission on the following broad set of topics and organizes more focused panels based on the submissions received:
- What is the role of knowledge creation and diffusion for regional development and to what extent can it explain national and international inequalities?
- How can an innovation systems perspective elucidate regional knowledge creation and utilization?
- What kind of policies can foster regional development and reduce inter-regional disparities?
- What role do individualistitic and systemic factors play for regional development respectively?
- How can we identify system failures in technological, sectoral or regional innovation systems?
- What is the role of the relationship between urban and periphery regions?
- Do digital technologies influence the emergence, development and composition of innovation systems?
- How can regional innovation systems stay innovative when they face disruptive technological change?

From a methodological point of view, we **welcome a variety of methods**, including both qualitative and quantitative approaches, social network analysis, agent-based simulations, evolutionary game theory, experimental methods, as well as historical and institutional analyses.

Organization of the panels

The panels of the RA will be organized in a way that both presenters and the audience benefit from a constructive and appreciative discussion. This includes, whenever feasible, the organization of **short co-presentations to each paper presentation**, a moderated discussion with the audience, and the invitation of well-known keynote speakers for selected panels.

More about EAEPE and RA X: Knowledge, Networks, and Regions

For more general information about the EAEPE and its annual conference, please visit the general conference homepage. RA X has been re-founded in 2020 as a successor to the 'old' RA X on networks. You can find more information on the RA via the EAEPE homepage. For more information, feel free to contact the RA coordinators, Muhamed Kudic (muhamed.kudic@uni-siegen.de) and Claudius Gräbner-Radkowitsch (claudius@claudius-graebner.com).

Abstracts of no more than 750 words can be submitted until **April 1** via the EAEPE homepage:
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