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## WARSAW REGIONAL FORUM 2013

### *Territorial capital – concepts, indicators & policy*



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## FIRST CIRCULAR & CALL FOR PAPERS

The Warsaw Regional Forum is organized on a regular basis once every two years (biennially) by the Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization Polish Academy of Sciences, together with the Ministry of Regional Development of the Republic of Poland and Polish Geographical Society. This year co-organizer is also Digital Repository of Scientific Institutes. To date, there have been five meetings held under the common title Warsaw Regional Forum: *Central and Eastern Europe: Changing spatial patterns of human activity* (2004), *The core and peripheral regions in Central and Eastern Europe* (2005), *Contemporary dilemmas of spatial development in Europe* (2007), *Networking in the European, regional and local space* (2009) and *Functional regions – towards a new paradigm of territorial and cohesion policy* (2011). During the five meetings of the Warsaw Regional Forum more than 200 papers have been presented. The research studies dealt with a wide spectrum of themes and the analysis contained within them covered a wide spectrum of spatial scales – ranging from that of the European through the national and regional, to the local level. The participants of all five conferences came from 27 different countries.

In a globalized and highly competitive world, local and regional development is increasingly becoming associated with capital available in a given territory – i.e. potentialities for growth, development and carrying through investment projects, and socio-economic success. Each territory has its own specificity and peculiar linkages between main elements of environment, society and economy. These resources offer various opportunities to be taken advantage of and to be adequately modified. In a further development, factors like governance over territorial capital, cooperation between different actors, proactive approach to implementing innovative measures and processes of education seem to be of crucial importance.

The organizers invite submission of papers concerning different understanding in various countries of the **concept of territorial capital**, based on a foundation of different sciences across multiple disciplines (geography, economy, sociology, etc.) as well as on the basis of political documents of varied level. Certainly, as a complementary result of this discussion, articles will be particularly welcome referring to concrete and tangible cases regarding dynamics and structure of territorial capital of European regions, including the results of research projects touching upon the aforesaid subject matter (e.g. ESPON).

In particular, the Forum 2013 sessions will be built upon the discussions on the following dilemmas:

- According to the contemporary concepts of regional development, **the quality of human resources and cooperation skills** are perceived as the most significant factors behind socio-economic development. Depending on their magnitude and quality, these factors can be either an essential barrier or a stimulus for development. In particular, education and constant expanding one's qualifications are extremely important factors, becoming a driving force behind regional and national development. Usually with an increase in a share of population with a higher education, there is also an increase in an economic potential of rural areas – better-educated areas are characterized by a larger number of economic entities, lower rate of unemployment and higher revenues for local authorities. Also, the active involvement of local communities is regarded today as one of the principal factors behind economic development, as well as actually contributing to building up bonds and trust between members of social groups. Regions having rich citizenship traditions are doing better in economic growth and are enjoying better local governance. Inhabitants of such regions through engagement in different local affairs tend to believe that everyone else is willing to comply with social rules and act honestly. The organizers invite presentations

concerning these issues, which provide effective solutions as to the transfer of knowledge into the areas characterised by low human capital resources, as well as which present proposals how to stimulate or generate initiatives for cooperation and involvement.

- Territorial capital will be looked also at through the prism of discussion on **the shape of cohesion policy as well as on directions of utilizing European funds in the new financial perspective 2014-2020**. In this context, the concept of territorial capital can be identified with regional endogenous resources, providing the support for which is one of the major premises of the territorial cohesion policy. Among the goals of discussion can be mentioned an attempt to answer the following questions: a) what policy can lead to strengthening of territorial capital; b) whether territorial capital can influence the effectiveness of the implemented intervention (including investment measures); c) whether support provided via the European Union assistance funds determines the vulnerability of local economies to the effects of global economic problems; what indicators best illustrate the level of territorial capital, and thus can be employed in evaluation of the implemented policies.

- In the discussions concerning the functioning of institutional system, increasing attention is being given to the issues of **public governance**. Particularly in Central-East European countries this is the subject of topical interest, because there is still so much to be done in that area, and attempts to change that situation are frequently met with stubborn resistance. The organizers express hope that during the conference such issues are going to be raised as: the role of public governance in socio-economic development, a relationship between territorial capital and quality of public governance, new forms of public governance (e.g. multilevel governance), factors facilitating and hindering the introduction of the new forms of governance, specificity of governance at different territorial levels and their coordination.

- One of the chief elements of territorial capital is **environmental potential** understood as endogenous resource, which can generate trajectories of regional development. In this aspect the issues of identification and evaluation will be discussed, *inter alia* eco-system services, analysis of improving regional stickiness based on evaluation of investment attractiveness that follow from environmental and landscape potential as well as from taking advantage of ecological and economic models, including input-output (IOM) and total requirement (TMR) models utilized to optimize the regional governance.

- **Public Capital and Regional Development** – the purpose of the session is to show the theoretical and empirical findings on the role of public capital (infrastructure) in regional development. The main emphasis will be put on technical infrastructure (transport, energy, waste and water systems and communication). Spatial context will be considered in terms of corridor effect and spatial spillovers. Papers on regional accessibility and its impact on socio-economic regional development are warmly welcomed. Papers concerning social infrastructure (health, education etc.) are also acceptable.

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Two-day field study trips have always been an inherent part of each of the Warsaw Regional Forum conference. During these trips there are usually meetings held with representatives of various institutions that play an important part in local development. Thanks to a diverse group of speakers, the participant have an opportunity to confront their own theoretical knowledge with the practicalities of regional and local development. Moreover, every time a route of field study trip is invariably planned in such a way so as to include interesting tourist sites.

A study trip before the this year Conference will provide a possibility to visit the examples of territorial capital (such as natural values, social activity, economic potential, good governance) in Central Poland. The programme prepared by the organizers will include, among others – Kampinoski National Park (an example of utilizing environmental potential as an endogenous resource), Grodzisk Mazowiecki (medium-sized town in the vicinity of Warsaw as an example of good governance practice), Nagawki (an example of social involvement and activity in rural areas), a ride by narrow-gauge railway from Rogów to Rawa Mazowiecka (example of non-governmental organization activity), Mszczonów (an example of utilizing location conditions in economic development) and Belsk Duży (fruit farming and commercial agriculture in a broader sense as a basis for development of rural areas).

The study trip will offer opportunity for seeing an exceptional character of the Polish landscape and beauty of its towns and villages.

## **Preliminary Program**

<b>7.10.2013 (Monday)</b>	
17 <sup>00</sup> –20 <sup>00</sup>	Registration for study tour
<b>8.10.2013 (Tuesday)</b>	
8 <sup>00</sup>	Departure from Warsaw for two-days pre-conference excursion – <i>Examples of different aspects of territorial capital (optional)</i>
19 <sup>00</sup>	Reception on the study tour
<b>9.10.2013 (Wednesday)</b>	
20 <sup>00</sup>	End of the study tour; arrival to Warsaw
<b>10.10.2013 (Thursday)</b>	
11 <sup>00</sup>	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization Polish Academy of Sciences
18 <sup>00</sup>	Welcome Reception
<b>11.10.2013 (Friday)</b>	
8 <sup>00</sup> –10 <sup>00</sup>	Registration for the Conference
9 <sup>00</sup> –18 <sup>30</sup>	Plenary Sessions & Panel Discussion
19 <sup>00</sup>	Conference Reception
<b>12.10.2013 (Saturday)</b>	
9 <sup>00</sup> –17 <sup>30</sup>	Parallel Sessions
17 <sup>30</sup> –18 <sup>00</sup>	Closing of the Forum
<b>13.10.2013 (Sunday)</b>	
Departure of participants	

## **Conference venue**

Warsaw, Poland

## **Cost of participation**

**Conference fee: 150 €** (for PhD students and members of Polish Geographical Society **100 €**) – covers conference materials, lunches, tea / coffee, receptions and possibility to publish an article in Institute's journals.

**Accommodation: 30-150 €** (per night in Warsaw, single room, in hotels and hostels in the vicinity of the Institute).

**Study tour (optional): 150 €** – (all-inclusive - covers transport, one hotel night, meals, reception, professional guides, maps and other excursion materials).

**All participants** are expected to cover travel and accommodation cost.

## **Accommodation**

We recommend three hotels in the vicinity of the Institute (Towarowa 2, 00-811 Warsaw):

(\*) Hotel Premiere Classe – [www.premiereclasse.com.pl](http://www.premiereclasse.com.pl)

(\*\*) Hotel Campanile – [www.campanile.com.pl](http://www.campanile.com.pl)

(\*\*\*) Hotel Golden Tulip – [www.goldentulipwarsawcentre.com](http://www.goldentulipwarsawcentre.com)

But there are also other options – <http://www.warsawtour.pl/en/where-to-stay.html>. If You will have problems to find some accommodation, please contact with us.

## **Papers**

Participants who wish to give a presentation should submit an abstract in the style, layout and format of the pattern (**attachment № 2**) and in accordance to the options listed below. The abstract should clearly and concisely describe the material and results being proposed for presentation. Submitted abstracts will be available on the Institute's website ([www.igipz.pan.pl](http://www.igipz.pan.pl)) from July 2013 and also will be published in a *Book of abstracts*.

There will be an opportunity to submit papers in scientific journals like *Geographia Polonica* or *Europe XXI*. Full texts should be delivered till 31 October 2013 due to publication process. In due time, we will inform you about editorial requirements.

## **Presentation & language**

After every 3-4 presentations scheduled in blocks, there will be some 15 minutes for discussion. In every conference room, the following technical equipment will be available: Laptop, Beamer, Standard slide projector and Overhead projector. The language of the Forum is English.

## **Deadlines**

Registration with presentation + **abstract** – 31.07.2013

Registration without presentation – 30.09.2013

## **Organizing Committee**

- Prof. Marek Degórski (**Chair**)
- A/Prof. Tomasz Komornicki
- Konrad Czapiewski, PhD
- Piotr Siłka, PhD

## **Registration & Contact**

Registration form (**attachment № 1**) should be send via:

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## **Further information**

More information will be available on the Institute's website: [www.igipz.pan.pl](http://www.igipz.pan.pl) and in the Second Circular.

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