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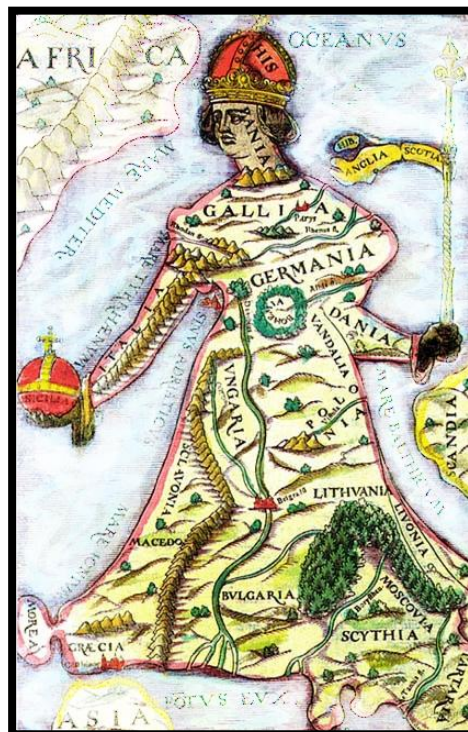
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WARSAW REGIONAL FORUM 2017

Space of flows



Warsaw, 18-20 October 2017

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 Economic Development of the Republic of Poland and Polish Geographical Society. To date, there have been seven 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), *Functional regions—towards a new paradigm of territorial and cohesion policy* (2011), *Territorial Capital—concepts, indicators & policy* (2013) and *Territorial uncertainty and vulnerability as a challenge for urban and regional policy* (2015). During those seven meetings of the Warsaw Regional Forum more than 330 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 seven conferences came from 30 different countries.

The principal topic of the 2017 conference will be concentrated around flows of capital, information, technology, notions, sounds, and symbols (Castells 1997). These flows have become a process that shape the economy, politics and primarily the space. The spatial structure is determined not so much by places, but by the network of mutual linkages and by flows developing between these places. The problem of linkages and flows has become a subject that combines many different fields of science, including especially these disciplines that deal with spatial aspects (such as geography, spatial management and regional economy). Numerous research projects that are carried on in the EU and in the particular countries are directly or indirectly concerned with this process of interaction (*inter alia* under HORIZON 2020 and ESPON 2020). One of the goals of the Warsaw Regional Forum 2017 is to deepen the knowledge about linkages and flows by way of exchange of thoughts and experiences between scholars representing different disciplines and projects.

The organizers invite submission of papers concerning different understanding in various countries of the **concept of space of flows** based on a foundation of different sciences across multiple disciplines (geography, economy, sociology, regional studies, spatial planning, environmental studies, 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.

In particular, the Warsaw Regional Forum 2017 sessions will be built upon the discussions on the following dilemmas and research questions:

- **Infrastructure for flows:**

- What is the impact of transport infrastructure on the scale, structure and directions of population and commodities flow?
- What is the role of information and communications technology (ITC) infrastructure in the development of information society?
- What is the relationship between global infrastructure and local development (air and sea ports; overland linkages between Europe and Asia)?

- In what way is the spatial accessibility changing on a European, national and regional scale?
- What is the role of transborder infrastructure on the internal and external EU borders?
- Does the development of public transport and modal changes bring about the new models of everyday mobility?
- **Economic flows:**
 - What are the recent trends concerning changes in touristic flows in Europe?
 - How the changing composition of trade in goods and services influence the economic development and transformation of regional structures in a globalized world?
 - Advantage or burden – what are the real socio-economic effects of recent migration flows to the EU countries?
 - What are the international patterns of capital flows and their effects on the economies of European countries in the period after global crisis?
 - What should be the “ideal space” for supporting the flow of knowledge and innovations as well as for providing the mechanisms that facilitate transfer of knowledge and technology from the world of science to business and between firms?
 - What is the spatial dimension of internal local economic linkages?
- **Inequalities and flows:**
 - What are current patterns and recent trajectories of territorial inequalities in European countries?
 - What are the relationships between levels and forms of economic and political governance across European nations and territories?
 - What are the levels of economic development and rates of economic growth, through econometric analysis at various scales?
 - What are the connections and effects between trans-national migration and long-distance commuting?
 - How states design fiscal regimes and public services to mitigate the effects of socio-spatial inequalities?
 - How claims for political autonomy are interwoven with territorial inequalities and whether political autonomy can present a mechanism for addressing issues of spatial justice
- **Urban and suburban flows:**
 - What are the flows of population, commodities, services and ideas within the metropolitan areas as well as between metropolitan areas and peripheral areas?
 - What transformations take place in regard to the land-use within the metropolitan areas?
 - What are the mutual functional, communicational and management linkages between different stakeholders operating in the metropolitan areas?
 - What does the vertical and horizontal cooperation look like between stake holders operating within the metropolitan areas?
 - Do the basic exogenous functions of large urban centers change in time due to varying economic, social and political circumstances?
- **Circular economy:**
 - How ecosystem services are utilized in the closed economy?
 - Will renewable energy become the important field of closed economy?
 - What will be the role of waste management in the new circumstances?
 - To what extent will the concept of intelligent cities change?

- **Spatial planning and territorial governance:**
 - What kind of new knowledge we can use in spatial planning?
 - In what way we can coordinate spatial planning while we are more tied then ever?
 - Are the role of formal administrative boundaries is getting stronger or weaker (soft spaces)?
 - How to practice the territorial governance in the space of flows and what kind of institution do we need?

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. This year there will be one day trip free of charge (all-inclusive packet covering transport, meals, reception, map and other excursion materials) for all participants of the Forum who confirm it in the Registration Form (attachment № 1).

A study trip before the this year's Conference will provide a possibility to discuss issues related to population flow (urban sprawl and commuting to places of work), transport flow (road, rail and air), flow of ideas (cooperation between local government territorial units within Warsaw agglomeration), and flow of natural environment resources (specific water system around Warsaw).

Preliminary Program

18.10.2017 (Wednesday)	
8⁰⁰	Departure from Warsaw for one-day pre-conference excursion – <i>Flows</i> (optional)
19⁰⁰	Reception on the study tour
22⁰⁰	End of the study tour; arrival to Warsaw
19.10.2017 (Thursday)	
8⁰⁰–10⁰⁰	Registration for the Conference
10⁰⁰–18³⁰	Plenary Sessions & Panel Discussion
19⁰⁰	Conference Reception
20.10.2017 (Friday)	
9⁰⁰–17³⁰	Parallel Sessions
17³⁰–18⁰⁰	Closing of the Forum

Conference venue

The Ministry of Economic Development, Republic of Poland
The Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization, Polish Academy of Sciences
Warsaw, Poland

Cost of participation

Conference fee: **160 €** (for PhD students and members of the Polish Geographical Society **120 €**) – covers conference materials, lunches, tea / coffee, receptions, participation in the study tour, museum tickets 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).

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/en/hotels/premiere-classe-varsovie-warszawa

(**) Hotel Campanile – www.campanile-varsovie.pl/en/index.aspx

(***) Hotel Golden Tulip – 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 and posters

Participants who wish to give a presentation or present the poster **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 conference website from September 2017 and also will be published in a *Book of abstracts* (with ISBN).

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 2017** due to publication process. In due time, we will inform you about editorial requirements. Posters will be exhibited on the third day of conference (20.10.2017).

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, and beamer. The language of the Forum is English.

Deadlines

Registration with presentation + **abstract** – 31.07.2017

Registration without presentation – 30.09.2017

Organizing Committee

- Prof. Marek Degórski (**Chair**)
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Registration & Contact

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Further information

More information will be available on the conference website:
http://www.igipz.pan.pl/wrf_2017.html and in the Second Circular.

