

Call for Papers

18th Uddevalla Symposium 2015 on:

Regional development in an international context Regional, national, cross border and international factors for growth and development

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Abstract Submission Deadline: January 16th, 2015

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The theme of the Uddevalla Symposium

Since the beginning of the European process of economic and political integration in the aftermath of the Second World War, international constraint on regional development measures have increasingly become important. In this sense the theories of neo-functional integration and functional spill-overs have been confirmed to a certain extent in the area of regional policy. In the first years, this process was mainly facilitated by the rules of competition policy. Nowadays, market forces powered by global liberalization are the main drivers, eroding the economic base of many regions and industries in the mature industrial economies. These processes have resulted in a fundamental alteration of the global and to some extent also the European economic landscape, recently also internal in the most developed OECD countries. The financial crisis and the European debt-crisis have reinforced the adjustment, also affecting the public sector and in particular the location of public service. The latter has significant impacts on the regional balance, also in relative good performing economies. Furthermore, these trends illuminate the changes in the framework for regional policy, and stress the need for international and cross border solutions, since national initiatives increasingly becomes obsolete or impossible due to international commitments and the market forces.

The aim of the 18th Uddevalla Symposium is to gather high-quality contributions that bring new theoretical and/or new empirical knowledge of these issues. A central purpose of the symposium is to investigate how economic growth and development are affected by inter and intraregional linkages and spillovers. In this context theoretical and empirical investigations of the economic, social and institutional environment on different layers in economic regions are needed. Of particular interest are studies of innovation, entrepreneurship and human capital, together with assessments of the integration of the regional economy at large into the European and global production system. In this perspective studies of different types of regions with regard to factor endowment, firms and instructional setting as well as the nature of interregional activities (i.e. trade, commuting, innovation cooperation or FDI etc.) are of particular interest.

We invite theoretical and empirical research papers across a range of disciplines and fields to contribute to the symposium. A non-exhaustive list of examples of topics of includes:

- International and intra-national convergence and divergence.
- Regional and firm level impacts of the processes of globalization of the value chain.
- Path dependency and economic renewal.
- Geography of innovating firms and innovation strategies.
- Localization of economic activities in border regions.
- Amenities as driver for regional development.
- Natural preservation as driver or obstacle to the development of tourism and service.
- Spatial sorting of innovative firms and employees.
- Local institutions, social capital and new firm formation.
- The importance of public finance and fiscal federalism in regional development.
- Industry structures and functional specializations as determinants of local entrepreneurship and innovation propensities.
- The role of local industrial heritage and culture on current economic development.
- Innovation system and policy: A European perspective.
- Economic growth and the process of clustering.
- A new urban rural divide? Causes and consequence in different institutional settings.

We welcome the submission of papers to:

I. *Regional development in an international context - regional, national, cross border and international factors for growth and development*

or

to one of the following special sessions:

II. *Cross-border relations and economic development between Denmark and Germany*

(Interreg IVa).

III. *Cross border cooperation in an international context*

IV. *Medium sized city regions: potentials and challenges*

V. *Globalization: Challenges and opportunities for regional companies* (The Danfoss Center of Global Business).

VI. *Tax and location incentives*

VII. *Towards a smart rural Europe – smart specialization and regional entrepreneurship*

VIII. *Learning in a new infrastructure for welfare work* (LINA)

IX. *The role of local industrial and cultural heritage for destination development*

X. *Entrepreneurship and sustainable regional development*

Objectives and publications

Following the tradition established by the previous symposia, starting in 1998, the symposium is designed to bring together leading-edge views of senior academic scholars and mix them with the critical and creative views of post-docs and PhD students engaged in their thesis work. We welcome researchers from various fields, such as economic geography, entrepreneurship, international business, management, political science, regional economics, small business economics, sociology and urban and regional planning.

The objectives of the eighteenth Uddevalla Symposium 2015 are: i) to provide a unique opportunity for scholars including senior and junior researchers to discuss path-breaking concepts, ideas, frameworks and theories in plenary key-note sessions and parallel competitive paper sessions, and ii) to facilitate the development and synthesis of important contributions into cohesive and integrated collections for potential publication. Therefore, unpublished complete papers are invited for presentation and feedback from other scholars. Leading-edge contributions from the previous symposia have appeared in special issues of prestigious journals and eleven edited book volumes. For a selected list of publications of previous symposia, please see <http://www.symposium.hv.se/en/publications>. This symposium will follow the same practice. In addition to an Uddevalla Symposium Proceeding, we are considering to publish either a special issue and/or a book volume consisting of a selection of papers presented and at the symposium.

Submission information

Abstract Submission Deadline: [January 16th 2015](#)

Abstract – maximum 500 words including:

Title of the abstract/paper, selected theme (choose from the list above numbered from I to XIX.), *keywords, Name(s) and academic title of the author(s), Affiliation(s), complete mail address(es), E-mail address(es)* and *corresponding author send by e-mail to:* 2015uddsymp@hv.se

Submit the abstract using the Word 2010 version of Microsoft. We suggest naming your file “PRESENTERS NAME_Uddevalla2014.docx” to avoid confusion between abstracts.

Results of the review process will be communicated to authors by approximately [February 20th, 2015](#)

Submission Deadline for Complete Papers accepted for presentation (in Word 2013 or earlier version): [May 5th, 2015](#)

The organisation of the symposium

The 18th Uddevalla Symposium 2015 will have the following structure. **Keynote sessions:** Mornings up to lunch are set aside for 3-4 plenary keynote contributions of prominent scholars. **Parallel paper sessions:** Afternoons are devoted to parallel sessions focusing on the development of emergent concepts, frameworks, and theories for better understanding of the themes of the symposium and the new challenges they pose for scholars and practitioners.

Best paper awards

To stimulate high quality papers a Best Paper Award of € 1.000 as well as a Best PhD Candidate Paper Award of € 700 will be awarded. The members of the scientific committee will select the winning papers. Only papers submitted before the deadline will be evaluated.

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