Cities in City Regions
1st Bi-Annual EURA Conference
11-14 May, 2006, Warsaw, Poland

Call for Papers

The main focus of the conference papers is the relationship between cities and their surroundings (suburban zone) as well as the internal diversification within city regions. Papers will be presented in parallel series of workshops which will focus on:

- Planning. These workshops will be devoted to present-day challenges related to spatial planning for city regions. In many cases city regions are formally divided with municipal borders, and the coordination of planning between separate local government units is one of the main challenges. Papers may also address challenges related to the integration of planning in city regions – the practice as well as recommended solutions for the integration of three types of urban planning: spatial (physical), financial/investment and overall development strategies.

- Economic development – papers should concentrate on the issue of economic links between central cities and their suburban zones as well as economic competitiveness of European cities. The workshops will also concern economic development strategies, policies and initiatives to alleviate economic disparities and social deprivation in urban regions.

- Governance in city regions: This series of workshops will be devoted to current trends of political and social changes in city regions, such as participation and community involvement, patterns of voting behaviour, public-private networks and partnerships, or new modes of regional coordination.

- Social Variation in City Regions. These workshops will focus on the social ecology of city regions. Papers may address issues related to such phenomena as for example social segregation, racial problems or patterns of migration.

Papers may include case studies or comparative analysis covering several cases within one or more countries located across Europe.

Draft Programme

11 May (Thursday)
Afternoon – opening session with key lectures

12 May (Friday)
All day parallel workshop sessions

13 May (Saturday)
Morning – parallel workshop sessions
Noon – summary session, reports from workshops
Afternoon – coach tour of Warsaw (focused on urban development in the transition period)

14 May (Sunday)
Morning – General Assembly of EURA, election of Board
Followed by the new board meeting
Afternoon, evening – departure of participants.

Deadlines

Submission of abstracts: 31 October 2005
Information on accepting papers: 23 December 2005
For registration and paying conference fee: 27 March 2006 (conference fee will be increased after that date)
For canceling registrations: 22 April 2006 (no refunds after this date, earlier cancellations subject of 25-50 euro cancellation fees).

Registration Fees

Non-members: 300 Euro
EURA Members: 250 Euro
Non-members from Central-Eastern Europe 175 Euro
EURA members from Central- Eastern Europe and research students: 125 Euro

Additional 50 euro charged after 27 March 2006.

Submission of abstracts as well as any enquiries may be directed at the e-mail address:

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More details as well as registration forms will be available soon at:

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