

Invitation/Call for papers:

**6th CEnSE Urban and Regional Economics Workshop,
November 9-11, 2022, on:
*Urban and Regional Development***

Regions are under continuous transformation due to technological change, industrial restructuring, migration, policy initiatives and/or by exogenous shocks such as war, natural disasters, and pandemics. Regions are the arenas where local economic actors interact. The characteristics of regions, in terms of formal and informal institutions, labor market and demography, therefore, determine the potential of firm entry and growth. The region is thus a vital sphere to research, understand, and possibly transform as it has short- and long-term effects on the growth and development of the own region and possible wider spill-over effects. The field of urban and regional development is an extensively studied research area, that has been analyzed from various perspectives and across several disciplines. Nevertheless, there are still many aspects that warrant further research and where we have still much to learn. This is of relevance and interest from both an academic, societal, and policy perspective.

To the 6th CEnSE workshop, we invite researchers to submit papers that investigate novel aspects of urban and regional development, or traditional aspects in novel ways. We aim to bring together researchers who work on these issues to discuss papers and exchange ideas. We welcome submissions related (but not limited) to the following topics:

- Evaluation of impacts from different policies on economic activities and economic outcomes.
- The effect of COVID-19 on regional and urban development.
- Resilience of regions and cities (after crises and exogenous shocks).
- Urban-rural differences in labor market outcomes, income, knowledge creation and learning.
- Demographic change and its impact on regional growth.
- Regional differences in health and well-being aspects.
- Institutional differences.
- Regional differences in entrepreneurship and innovation.

You are welcome to suggest additional topics that you think would be suitable for this workshop. We welcome both theoretical and empirical contributions.

HOW? The workshop is organized by the research centre CEnSE (Centre for Entrepreneurship and Spatial Economics) at Jönköping International Business School, Sweden. The workshop will have three keynote speakers and individual paper sessions. The organizers of the workshop aim to arrange an outlet in the form of a special issue in an international journal. All papers will be assigned a discussant and all presenters/participants are expected to serve as discussants. We aim to encourage constructive discussions in an interactive setting and therefore there will be no parallel sessions. Consequently, the number of participants will be limited.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER I – *Gabriel Ahlfeldt* is a professor of Urban Economics and Land Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science. In his research he has assessed how spatial policies impact different outcomes such as house prices, labor markets, political preferences, and urban structures. Professor Ahlfeldt's research also covers how agglomeration relate and shape the spatial distribution of economic agents and activities. Dr. Ahlfeldt has more than 45 published articles covering both general interest economics journal and within journals focusing on urban and regional economics. Professor Ahlfeldt is the editor of *Regional Science and Urban Economics* and an associate editor of the *Journal of Regional Science*.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER II – *Martin Andersson* is a professor of Industrial Economics at the Blekinge Institute of Technology and is affiliated to the Swedish Entrepreneurship Forum and the Research Institute of Industrial Economics. The main foci of Professor Andersson's research are industry dynamics, entrepreneurship, agglomeration economics, and the spatial distribution of economic growth and innovation. Professor Andersson has numerous publications and is ranked among the top five percent of all researchers within economics in Europe according to IDEAS¹, and he is currently the editor of *Annals of Regional Science*.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER III – *Rosina Moreno* is a Professor of Applied Economics at the University of Barcelona and Director of the research group Regional Quantitative Analysis (AQR). AQR has been officially recognized by the Government of Catalonia for the excellence of its work over the last twenty years and for its achievements. Professor Moreno's research interests focus on the main determinants of economic growth at the regional level with special emphasis on innovation economics and economic geography. Dr. Rosina Moreno is well-published with over 50 articles in journals covering *Research Policy*, *Environment and planning A*, and *Journal of Economic Geography* among others.

¹ <https://ideas.repec.org/top/top.sweden.html>

WHEN? The workshop will take place **November 9th to the 11th, 2022**. On November 9 there is an informal gathering in the evening, and the workshop takes place between November 10 (morning) and November 11 (afternoon).

VENUE? The conference, dinner, and accommodation will be at Hällsnäs Hotel and Conference (<https://www.hallsnas.se/>), which is located in a scenic rural setting conveniently close to Landvetter Airport, Gothenburg. Landvetter is Sweden's second-largest airport with easy access to many international connections (<https://www.swedavia.se/landvetter>).

COST? The workshop attendance is free of charge, and accommodation and meals will be covered by the organizers (for the days 9th to 11th of November). Travel costs, however, will have to be covered by the participants.

ABOUT CEnSE: CEnSE is a multi-disciplinary research institute that conducts applied research relating to issues of entrepreneurship and business renewal, regional development and growth, and the interrelation between urban and rural areas. A substantial part of CEnSE's research addresses policy-relevant problems, for example how accessibility affects regional growth and the way entrepreneurial and innovative processes in business and society are dependent on knowledge and creativity. The project portfolio of CEnSE contains both research of general applicability and projects that are directed towards specific stakeholders. Visit <https://ju.se/center/cense> for more information about CEnSE.

You are encouraged to distribute this call to other interested researchers.

Hope to see you in the fall!

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Deadlines and information:

Abstract submission deadline: June 19, 2022.

Notification of acceptance: June 27, 2022.

(Draft) Paper submission deadline: November 1, 2022.

Please submit contributions to: cense@ju.se