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Measuring agglomeration advantages using innovative geo-data

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Previous research has shown that agglomeration advantages exist for individuals and firms. Based on administrative data scholars examined: matching in local labor markets, productivity enhancing knowledge and technology spillovers, specialization and diversity advantages, peer effects, and the importance of transportation costs. The growing availability of detailed data permits a new empirical assessment of such topics. Especially the use of small scale geo-coded data refines classical empirical research on regions because it allows us to analyze social and economic interactions of individuals and firms more accurately. With geo-data we can view economic actors in their direct environment and measure the influence of surrounding actors and institutions. Additionally, geo-coded data is no longer bound to administrative geographic units, which differ between countries. Thus it also improves the comparison of results between countries.

In this special session we want to bring together research on all aspects of agglomerations. We welcome presentations that use newly available small scale geo-coded data and innovative methods of identification in order to empirically assess agglomeration advantages.

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