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Inclusive and Liveable Regions



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## Call for Papers

### ERSA Congress Special Session (S29)

Universities, concentration of high-skilled individuals and regional development: smart regions getting smarter?

Scholars investigate a broad variety of external effects caused by high-skilled workers and residents. The majority of studies focuses on positive externalities. In the literature regional knowledge spillovers, consumption externalities and the diffusion of new technologies through high-skilled individuals are considered.

Another branch of the literature analyzes location patterns of high-skilled individuals. In the US, researchers find evidence for a divergence in the spatial distribution of human capital. Hence, smart regions are getting smarter as Glaeser and Berry have put it. Evidence for other countries supports this view. However, the mechanisms behind the phenomenon are not fully understood yet.

The aim of our special session is twofold. First, we want to discuss (external) effects from the regional concentration of high-skilled individuals, as well as effects from local knowledge-creating institutions, such as universities and R&D institutes. Second, special emphasis is laid on the regional mobility and the role of local universities for the distribution of high-skilled workers. We welcome empirical contributions on these topics.

#### Proceedings:

- Please submit an extended abstract (1,200 – 2,000 words) or a draft paper until February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 via the ERSA congress homepage: [cork.ersa.org](http://cork.ersa.org)
- Accepted presenters must upload a full (draft) paper until June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018
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