

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME



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THE GLOBAL FORUM FOR CITY  
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## REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE CONFERENCE 2017

**Regional Polarisation and Unequal Development in CEE: Challenges for Innovative Place-based Policies**  
10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration,  
58-60 Teodor Mihali Street, Cluj-Napoca, 400591, Romania

### SUNDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

10:00 – 15:00	Excursion
16:00 – 17:00	City Walking Tour
17:00 – 18:00	Registration desk opens
18.00 – 20:00	Welcome Reception of the National Bank of Romania

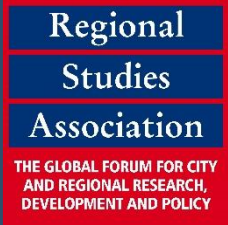
### MONDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

08:00	Registration opens
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome address
09:15 – 11.00	<b>Plenary 1:</b> <b>Iskra Mihaylova, Chair of the Committee on Regional Development, European Parliament, Belgium</b> <b>Peter Berkowitz, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission, Belgium</b> <b>Professor John Bachtler, European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde, UK</b>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	Workshop A
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Workshop B
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 16:45	<b>Plenary 2: Professor Dominique Foray, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland „Smart specialization strategies: past, present and future”</b>
18:00 – 20:00	Conference Welcome Reception, Casino Building

### TUESDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

08:00	Registration opens
09:00 – 11.15	<b>Plenary 3:</b> <b>Professor Jennifer Clark, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA</b> <b>Professor Zoltán Kovács, University of Szeged, Hungary Academy of Science, Hungary</b> <b>Professor Dr. h.c. Peter Meusburger, Heidelberg University, Germany</b>
11.15 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 13:15	Workshop D
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch
14:15 – 15:45	Workshop E
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 – 17:45	Workshop F
19:30 – 22:00	Conference Gala Dinner <b>Gala Dinner Speech by Dr. Emil Boc, Mayor of Cluj-Napoca</b>

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#### WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER 2017

08:30 Registration opens

09:00 – 10:30 Workshop G

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 13:15 **Plenary 4**

**Associate Professor Ewa Korcelli-Olejniczak, Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland**

**Professor Michael Keating, School of Social Sciences, University of Aberdeen, UK**

**Dr. Lech Suwala, Institute of Economy Geography, Humboldt-University Berlin, Germany - Early Career Plenary Speaker**

13:15 Closing remarks | End of Conference