Second Meeting of the RSA Research Network Group

‘Bridging old and new divisions in regional governance between ‘core’ and ‘periphery’ in Europe’s ‘east’ and west’

Gdansk-Gdynia, 6 – 7 November 2009

Draft Programme
Day 1 (Friday 6 Nov)

* Arrival in the morning up until 12. Check in at the hotel ‘Anthracyt’ in Gdynia

* 12.30 Registration and lunch (buffet lunch to allow ‘mingling’)

* 13.15 Session 1: Welcome and introduction to the symposium
  - Welcome to the symposium (Iwona Sagan)
  - Aims and objectives, plans, etc for Symposium (Tassilo Herrschel)
  - The conventional view: Peripherality as geographic margin (Mike Danson)
  - Peripherality as functional/created marginalisation – even in core cities/regions. Summary of discussions at the Malmö workshop (Stephen Syrett)

14.00-14.20 Coffee

* 14.20 Session 2: Peripheralisation and marginalisation in the Gdansk-Gdynia Region
  - Pomorskie – regional socio-economic features and development tools. Bartosz Kozicki (Office of the Marshal of Pomorskie Voivodeship in Gdansk):
  - Tri-City region: cooperation to boost visibility and tackling peripherality. Iwona Sagan (University of Gdansk)

Questions and Answers

15.35 Workshops: Peripherality as relative quality (discussion of topics raised above)

16.15 Coffee

16.35 Plenary: reporting back by workshops and discussion/summary of main findings/views

17.00 Session 3: Challenging Peripherality as a Perception
  - Overcoming Peripherality – Building bridges: Lessons from the Øresund Region for the Baltic Sea Region? (Tassilo Herrschel)
- EU support in the regional capitals of eastern Poland. Agata Miazga (Ministry of Regional Development in Warsaw)

Questions and Answers

18.00 End of sessions, to hotel (check in, if not done so already)

19.30 evening programme, incl. Dinner

Day 2 (Sat 7 November)

* 09.00 Session 4: Peripheralisation in metropolitan regions – international observations

Exclusions and Marginalisations among actors and places in the Vancouver Region (Peter Holt)

Exclusions and Marginalisations among actors and places in the Frankfurt Region (Carsten Klug)

Exclusion and Marginalisation of places and actors through national (state) policies. A UK perspective (Derek Walker)

Questions and Answers

* 10.15 coffee

* 10.35 Workshops: parallel discussion sessions on set topics based on previous papers

* 11.20 Plenary: Report back from workshops, comparing notes

* 11.45 Coffee refill

12.00 Final Plenary: Summary of main points raised so far, and view ahead

EU policies, marginalisation through governance? Inclusions and exclusions. Who are/have been the main players in shaping a regional agenda? What about the less obviously involved places and actors? Are they shut out or have they got the opportunity to join the main policy-making networks?

13.00 End of formal part of symposium, Lunch

14.00 Afternoon programme: Evidence of peripherality in the Gdansk-Gdynia city region (excluded/marginalised places/actors)
Location of Hotel ‘Antracyt’ and Workshop Venue (Dept of Geography) in the centre of Gdynia.

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Location
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