

**Regional Studies Research Network on Geographical Localisation, Intersectoral
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REPORT

This was a very successful meeting. Professor Danny Dorling (University of Sheffield) was invited to be one of the key-note speakers and following acceptance of our invitation the first call for papers was sent out in April 2008. We also invited Professor Andrew Clark (Paris School of Economics) to be the second key note speaker and he accepted our invitation in July 2008. A dedicated web site was designed and posted at the address below:

<http://econlab.uom.gr/workshop/>

The deadline for abstract submissions was set for the end of July and more than 50 papers were received as a result of the wide circulation of the initial call for papers. Given the high number of papers that we have received we decided to organize parallel sessions that would allow us to accommodate as many sessions as possible in one day. The scientific committee comprised Dimitris Ballas, Silvia Grandi, Vasilis Monastiriotis, Gianluigi Pelloni and Theodore Panagiotidis. The quality of the papers submitted was the sole criterion of assessment and on that basis the scientific committee chose 25 papers in total out of the more than 50 papers that were submitted. The final programme of the workshop can be found at the above web site as well as in the end of this document. The seminar participants were from a number of European countries representing universities such as the London School of Economics, the University of Sheffield, the Paris School of Economics, University of Bologna, the Institute of Advanced Studies in Vienna, CORE (Louvain), the Graduate Institute in Geneva, the University of Nottingham and the University of Athens among others.

The high quality of the papers presented have triggered a lot of stimulating discussions and resulted in discussions for the need to have a special issue out of this workshop. The editor and associate editors of the *Review of Economic Analysis* offered generously the space needed for this. The call for the special issue is available in the web site and in the end of this document as well.

Although the stakes are high and the success of the first meeting make our job difficult we are committed to organizing an even better workshop in Rimini in Italy in May 2009.

Programme

8:15-8:45: Coffee and Brief Welcome by Prof Karfakis HoD

8:45-10:15: Session 1A (Chair: G. Chortareas):

“Macroeconomic effect of Immigration in a New Keynesian Model” G. Chortareas, **K. Katirtzidis** and J. Tsoukalas.

“Off shoring and Manufacturing Employment: A general equilibrium analysis” **C. Beverelli**.

“Labour Dynamics in EU: a Bayesian Markov Chain Approach” G. Christodoulakis and **E. Mamatzakis**.

8:45-10:15: Session 1B (Chair: W. Polasek).

“Regional Heterogeneity for Austrian Inter- and Intrasectoral employment-to-employment flows” **C. Aumayr**.

“Unemployment Convergence in Transition” D. Katrencik, **J. Tyrowicz** and P. Wojcik.

“Regional employment and firm growth through infrastructure investments” **W. Polasek**.

10:15-10:30 Coffee.

10:30-11:15 Keynote Speech (Chair: D. Ballas)

“Social Evils – from unemployment to idleness to prejudice - some suggestions for mapping the modern equivalents of old evils”

[Prof D. Dorling](#)

11:15 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 13:00 Session 2A (Chair: C. Constantatos)

“Home Market effect versus Multinationals” **E. Toulemonde**.

“Economic Integration’s Effects on Industrial Location Disparities” **C. Romocea-Turcu**.

“Heterogeneous intermediate firms and distribution of plants” **K. Tsubota** and J. Li.

11:30 – 13:00 Session 2B (Chair: V. Monastiriotis)

“Immigrant population in a new host-region” **A. Rovolis** and A. Tragaki.

“What drives skill-biased regional employment growth in West Germany?” **A. Cordes**.

“Unemployment persistence and economic duality in Greece” **V. Monastiriotis**.

13:00-14:15: Lunch.

14:15 – 15:00 Keynote Speech (Chair Prof T. Palivos)

“Happiness, Habits and High Rank: Comparisons in Economic and Social Life”

[Prof A. Clarke](#)

15:00 – 15:15 Break.

15:15-16:45: Session 3A (Chair: D. Ballas).

“Spatial inequalities of potential factors of well being” **S. Kalogirou** and A. Rovolis.

“Determinants of regional employment changes in the peripheral and metropolitan regions in the European Union” **Y. Psycharis** and A. Rovolis.

“Modelling of the socio-economic and environmental determinants of subjective happiness and well-being” **D. Ballas**, S. Fritz and M. Tranmer,

15:15-16:45: Session 3B (Chair: V. Monastiriotis).

“To migrate or to commute?” **S. Gruber**.

“Commuting flows and urban regional development in Thessaloniki” G. Kandyliis and **D. Kallioras**.

“Spatial Dynamics regional labour markets and commuting patterns” **R. Patuelli**, A. Reggiani, P. Nijkamp and U. Blien.

16:45-17:00: Break.

17:00 - 18:30: Session 4A (Chair: S. Grandi).

“Structural Aspects of EU economic integration” **D. Kallioras** and M. Tsiapa.

“Trade liberalisation and intersectoral reallocation of labour in Italian industrial districts” **S. Grandi**.

17:00 - 18:30: Session 4B (Chair: N. Varsakelis).

“Inequality and poverty in Greece” **D. Aggelopoulou**, St. Zografakis and P. Sypsas.

“Living in a deprived neighbourhood in the Paris agglomeration” **F. Sari**.

”European Regional Knowledge spillovers and technological convergence” K. Karantininis and **N. Varsakelis**.

18:45 Dinner

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