

RKK40 Anniversary conference

Regional and rural development trends over the last forty years



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Programme

Wednesday, 29 May 2024

9:00 -	Registration (Granary entrance)
10:30 - 12:50 (Bonipert room)	Plenary session: Welcome and Keynote speeches (Bonipert room) Tibor Navracsics (Minister of Public Administration and Regional Development) Roland Jakab (Chief Executive Officer, HUN-REN Hungarian Research Network) Imre Fertő (General Director, HUN-REN Centre for Economic and Regional Studies) Franziska Sielker (Professor, TU Vienna & University of Cambridge) James W. Scott (Professor, University of Eastern Finland) József Benedek (Professor, Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca)
12:50 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Parallel sessions in 4 rooms
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 - 17:30	Parallel sessions in 4 rooms
17:30 - 18:00	Coffee break
18:00 - 19:30	Roundtable (Bonipert room)
20:00 - 22:00	Dinner

Thursday, 30 May 2024

9:00 - 10:30	Parallel sessions in 3 rooms
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:30	Parallel sessions in 3 rooms
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 15:00	Parallel sessions in 3 rooms
15:00 - 16:00	Plenary lecture and closing of conference

Parallel session rooms

Date	Time	Room Bonipert	Room Belon	Room Ground floor	The Lapidarium („Kőtár”)
Wednesday, 29 May	14:00 - 15:30	SS7	S3	S9/A	S12/A
	16:00 - 17:30	S4/A	S12/B	SS2	S11/A
Thursday, 30 May	9:00 - 10:30	S9/B	SS1/A	SS6	
	11:00 - 12:30	S4/B	SS1/B	S5	
	13:30 - 15:00	SS8	S10	S11/B	

Parallel sessions

Special Session 1/A: Subnational diplomacy: a Fashion or an Opportunity?

Special Session 1/B: Quality of governance

Special Session 2: Social and Political Trust – Territorial Patterns across Europe

Session 3: Agricultural challenges

Session 4/A: Sustainability challenges I.

Session 4/B: Sustainability challenges II.

Session 5: Urban development characteristics in Central- and Eastern-Europe

Special Session 6: Cultural and Creative industry in the development of regional centres

Special Session 7: Initiating a change in perspective with images of the future & visions

Special Session 8: Rural tourism and agritourism

Session 9/A: Demographic challenges I.

Session 9/B: Demographic challenges II.

Session 10: Cohesion and cross-border development

Session 11/A: Economic development

Session 11/B: Economic development and digitalization

Session 12/A: Regional inequalities

Session 12/B: Regional inequalities and social integration

Plenary session

Chair: Viktor Varjú

Wednesday, 29 May, 11:15 –12:50, Room Bonipert

Tibor Navracsics

Past and Current Challenges of the Hungarian Regional Development

Roland Jakab

The Mission of the HUN-REN

Imre Fertő

Visions of Regional Studies in the HUN-REN KRTK

Franziska Sielker

Cooperating across urban and regional boundaries - spatial dynamics and development trends

James W. Scott

Tracing multifarious links between borders, geopolitics and geographical imaginations

József Benedek

The geography of sustainable development

Roundtable discussion

Re-industrialization in the core and peripheral regions in Hungary: the case of Győr and Pécs

Moderator: Zoltán Gál

Wednesday, 29 May, 18:00 –19:30, Room Bonipert

Invited contributors:

Judit Berkes, HUN-REN CERS Institute for Regional Studies

József Betlehem, University of Pécs

Gábor Lux, HUN-REN CERS Institute for Regional Studies

Melinda Smahó, HUN-REN CERS Institute for Regional Studies

This roundtable discussion delves into the reindustrialization processes in post-socialist Hungary, with a comparative focus on the cities of Győr and Pécs. As Hungary has integrated into the global economy through substantial foreign direct investment (FDI) and the development of modern industries, the global economic crisis has further shifted policy priorities towards reindustrialization. Our panel will evaluate whether Hungary, especially cities like Pécs and Győr followed different development path during the transition, has the potential for endogenous reindustrialization, or if government policies continue to favor low-value-added FDI investments. The discussion will also examine regional and local impacts of reindustrialization efforts, considering the factors essential for fostering sustainable growth. Győr represents a model of successful reindustrialization largely driven by the presence of the multinational corporation Audi, highlighting the role of FDI in economic transformation. In contrast, Pécs illustrates the challenges of transitioning from an industrial past to a cultural and economic future, facing hurdles such as a lack of diversified industrial structures, insufficient institutional support, and difficulties in leveraging local capabilities for sustainable growth. We aim to explore the conditions necessary for promoting endogenous reindustrialization and discuss how policies can better support local industries. The discussion will also address the sustainability and resilience of Győr's FDI-driven model and the potential for Pécs to overcome its peripheral disadvantages.

Special Session 1/A: Subnational diplomacy: a Fashion or an Opportunity?

Chairs: Ilona Pálné Kovács & Balázs Brucker

Thursday, 30 May, 9:00 – 10:30, Room Belon

Balázs Brucker

Alternative Platforms of the European Parliament for the Representation of Interests of Sub-national Actors

Zsuzsanna Zsibók – Petra Kinga Kézai

Regional centres' sister city network in Hungary

Nóra Baranyai – Péter Balogh

Twinning relations of Hungarian settlements with considerable ethnic minority

Special Session 1/B: Quality of governance

Chairs: Ildikó Egyed & Balázs Brucker

Thursday, 30 May, 11:00 - 12:30, Room Belon

Ildikó Egyed – Réka Horeczki

Doughnut economics and city diplomacy – where is the common intersection?

Zoltán Hajdú

Local-county government diplomacy during the disintegration of Historical Hungary, 1918 – 1923

András Igari

Role of the social factors behind the spatial inequalities of the European vaccination

Special Session 2: Social and Political Trust – Territorial Patterns across Europe

Chairs: Zoltán Grünhut & Katalin Füzér

Wednesday, 29 May, 16:00 - 17:30, Room Ground floor

Adrián Bene

Empathy, reciprocity, solidarity: a phenomenological outline of the conditions of social trust

Ákos Bodor

Trust and trust functions in Swedish and Hungarian society – A comparative analysis

Katalin Füzér

Institutional trust dynamics in participative turns: synodality, innovation ecosystems and local development

Zoltán Grünhut

Turning towards Trust: Late Modernity, Reflexive Scientization and the Future of Regional Studies/Regional Science

Márk Hegedüs – Péter Szegedi

Hell or Heaven? – Narratives of Sweden in the Hungarian Media

Session 3: Agricultural challenges

Chair: Katalin Kovács

Wednesday, 29 May, 14:00 - 15:30, Room Belon

Bálint Koós

Changing farming employment in post-transition Hungary

Katalin Kovács – Eszter Hamza – Bálint Koós – Katalin Rácz – Nigel Swain – Monika Mária Váradi

From labour glut to labour shortage in a reshaped farming structure: a situation analysis of the post-transition stage

Vera Iváncsics

Morphological analyses of urban sprawl patterns at the example of 18 Functional Urban Area of Hungary

Zita Izakovičová – Jana Špulerová – Andrej Raniak – Marta Dobrovodská

Changes in the rural landscape of Slovakia after the transformation period

Session 4/A: Sustainability challenges I.

Chair: Tamás Hardi

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Lilla Judit Bartuszek

The role of the European Union in the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals

Tamás Hardi – Ádám Páthy – Andrea Uszkai – Júlia Tamás – Péter Csontos

Green infrastructure on the edge of urban areas: how does the immigration form the green areas of urbanizing villages?

Kata Varjú – Péter Zilahi – Donát Rétfalvi

The Role of Energy Access and Use in Sustainable Development of Deprived Rural Settlements in Hungary

Elemér Szabó

GIS-based analysis of the quantity and composition of materials stocked in buildings: case study of selected areas in Budapest

Session 4/B: Sustainability challenges II.

Chair: Gábor László Vasárus

Thursday, 30 May, 11:00 - 12:30, Room Bonipert

Gábor László Vasárus, József Lennert, Jenő Zsolt Farkas, András Donát Kovács, Edit Hoyk, Ádám Szalai

Spatial development challenges in Hungary - the case study of the Sand Ridge Region

Mahla Shojae Anari – Ákos Jakobi

Illuminating the Predominant Urban Big Data Challenges of Tehran: A Government and Urban Systems Perspective

Viktória Czuppon

Societal and economic impact of the Danube river basin biodiversity protection activities

Andrej Raniak – Zita Izakovičová – Marta Dobrovodská

Ecological consequences of the development of urbanization in Slovakia

Session 5: Urban development characteristics in Central- and Eastern-Europe

Chair: Dóra Bálint

Thursday, 30 May, 11:00 - 12:30, Room Ground floor

Ádám Páthy

Typologies of urban development in Central and Eastern Europe

Szilárd Rácz – Réka Horeczki – Stefan Bilasco – Ferenc Szilágyi

Evolution of urbanisation and metropolitan development in Romania

Dóra Bálint

Platform-attracted urban places – a case study from Hungary

Boglárka Barsi

Cities, technologies and happiness

Special Session 6: Cultural and Creative industry in the development of regional centres

Chair: Gábor Lux & Réka Horeczki

Thursday, 30 May, 9:00 - 10:30, Room Ground floor

Kinga Anna Gajda – Piotr Michałowski

An Open and Inclusive Model for Humanist Participatory Management of Cultural Heritage in Rural Areas

Judit Sulyok – Eszter Németh – Júlia Tobak

'Culture is in the air' - Culture as a tool for regional development in the Veszprém-Balaton 2023 ECoC region

Gábor Lux – Dóra Bálint – Réka Horeczki

Creative industries in peripheral cities: The case of coworking centres in Pécs

Special Session 7: Initiating a change in perspective with images of the future & visions

Chair: Benjamin Altrichter

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Ágnes Varga - Szonja Ondrik

Rural immobility: experiences in a Hungarian sample area

Aleksandra Gajić Protić – Nikola Krunić – Danijela Srnić

Spatial Development and Recent Trends in Rural Areas of Serbia

Kerstin Schmid – Benjamin Altrichter

Initiating a change in perspective with images of the future & visions

Hans Kramar

Vulnerability check for Austrian cities: designing evidence-based profiles of local vulnerabilities

Special Session 8: Rural tourism and agritourism

Chair: Dezső Kovács

Thursday, 30 May, 13:30 - 15:00, Room Bonipert

Magdalena Drăgan – Munteanu Gabriela – Cocean Pompei – Bilaşco Ştefan – Vasiliţă-Crăciun Ileana – Nicula Gabriel

Tourism development in Northern Transylvania – an analysis on the increasing number of tourist resorts

Nataliia Andreeva (presenter: János Molnár)

Development of agritourism in Russia

Dezső Kovács

Three decades in rural and agro-tourism in Hungary- how and where to go from here?

Enikő Veress

(Re)invention of the rural cultural landscape: urban sprawl in the metropolitan area of Cluj-Napoca/Kolozsvár, Transylvania

Session 9/A: Demographic challenges I.

Chair: Péter Balogh

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Yaren Varol

Contours of Power: Immigrant Experiences in Hungary and the Neoliberal Influence on Labor Dynamics within Political Discourse

Sumit Kumar

Decolonizing Panchayats in India: Exploring Gandhian decentralization as a mechanism for grassroots involvement

Gergely Tagai

Geographies of unequal participation in European research collaborations

Session 9/B: Demographic challenges II.

Chair: József Lennert

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József Lennert

Exploring the spatial differences in the demographic prospects of Hungary – updated projection results based the Census 2022

Tibor Kovács – Csaba Ruskai – Mária Vasvári

Comparative analysis of loss mapping results in two rural post-socialist shrinking regions – Greater Cumania (East Hungary) and Altmarkkreis Salzwedel (East Germany)

Annamária Uzzoli

Effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on health inequalities in Hungary

Session 10: Cohesion and cross-border development

Chair: Zoltán Pámer

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Zoltán Pámer – Petra Buttinger – György Márton

The evolution of SME development in EU's cross-border cooperation: the example of direct funding in the Hungary-Croatia Interreg programme

Bence Varga

The role of the cross-border labour market in the central and eastern part of the Hungarian-Slovak border region

Anna Taraczközi

European Union at the Crossroads of Challenges: Competitiveness, Cohesion, and Resilience Reloaded

Gábor Lados – Réka Horeczki – Dávid Nagy

Economic and demographic challenges in border areas: a Central European analysis

Session 11/A: Economic development

Chair: Zoltán Gál

Wednesday, 29 May, 16:00 - 17:30, Kötár

Gergely Bogdán

Financial stability and financial autonomy of municipalities in Hungary

Wencelaus Musyoka Muthama

Fiscal decentralization in Kenya: the impact of intergovernmental transfers on own-source revenue

Vu Trinh Nguyen – András Bethlendi

Local banks still matter in the age of digitalization

Zoltán Gál – Gábor Lux

The territorial dimensions of FDI dependence and economic policy alternatives

Henry Obaga Were

Determinants Of Small Firm Internationalization: An Augmentation of Urban-Rural Dichotomy

Session 11/B: Economic development and digitalization

Chair: Melinda Smahó

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Bennour Mohamed Hsin – Stefan Apostol – Gyimesi András

Adoption of digital web technology, inequality and the role of space

Boglárka Barsi– Melinda Smahó

Social enterprises and profit oriented enterprises – how to enhance co-operation

Melinda Smahó

How autonomous vehicles are going to reshape our cities? Examples from Europe

Katinka Tóbiás

The impact of video games and their play on the sense and production of space

Viktória Józsa – Gábor Kozma – **Tamás Szabó** – **Ernő Molnár**

Investments based on Individual Government Decision and the Development of the Hungarian Urban Network

Session 12/A: Regional inequalities

Chair: Judit Berkes

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Judit Berkes – Tamás Dusek

The socio-economic performance of the Hungarian NUTS3 regions between 2010-2020

Gábor Bodnár – **Izabella Szakálné Kanó** – **Zsófia Boglárka Vas** – **György Vida**

Spatial Aspects of Structural Change in Hungary and Central and Eastern Europe Over the Past Decade

Bálint M. Gogolák – Gábor Ferenc Kiss

County-level economic growth - The role and impact of domestic and European Union research, development and innovation fundings on growth in Hungary

Anna Csizovszky

Spatial implications of community resilience in Hungary

Session 12/B: Regional inequalities and social integration

Chair: Luca Sára Bródy

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Luca Sára Bródy

Exploring narratives of social integration: Civic roles in alleviating poverty

Julianna Boros

Presence with a thousand faces – the situation of catching up settlements and the helping activities taking place in settlements

György Mikle – Katalin Fehér

Growing regional disparities on the Hungarian housing market (2011–2022)

György Málovics

Social justice oriented university community engagement and its spatial aspects in Hungary