

Program

July 20, 2014

Sunday, July 20

2.15-2.30 *Gather; refreshments*
Casino 1.812 – Campus Westend – Goethe-Univ.

2.30-3.00 **1** **Welcome and summer institute goals**

Jamie Peck and Marc Boeckler

3.00-4.15 **2** **Brett Christophers plenary: *Order in disorder?***

Reflections on research agendas in economic geography

Chair/discussant: Mark Kear

4.15-4.35 *Break*

4.35-5.45 **3** **Positioning German and “global” economic geographies ... in theory and practice**

Chair: Katharine Rankin

Panelists: Christian Berndt Peter Lindner
 Marc Boeckler Stefan Ouma
 Johannes Glückler Marit Rosol

Walk and Talk to Club Michel

6.30- **Welcome reception, introductions, dinner**
Club Michel – Münchener Straße 12 - FFM
 Welcome from Peter Lindner

Questions and talking points for session **1** include:

1. What am I doing here?
2. What’s this meeting really about?
3. Is it OK if I feel rather ambivalent about economic geography?
4. Where are the bathrooms?

Questions and talking points for session **3** include:

1. What are the geographies of theory production in economic geography? How are these changing?
2. How (effectively) have economic geographers tackled “border crossing” issues like migration, development, globalization, and global environmental change?
3. What can we learn from different national traditions/practices/ cultures of economic geography?
4. What are the causes and consequences of the field’s (increasingly self-conscious) Anglo-centricity?

Monday, July 21

9.30-11.00

4 Keep on turning: what is economic geography for?

Chair: Jamie Peck
 Panelists: Betsy Donald Michiel van Meeteren
 Caro Schurr He Wang
 Adam Romero

Questions and talking points for session **4** include:

1. Does economic geography possess a shared viewpoint, a set of core concerns, a (focal) point, or a guiding “project?” Did it? Should it?
2. What does economic geography’s propensity for “turning” (e.g. the cultural, institutional, relational turns) say about the field?
3. What does/did/might economic geography “stand for,” normatively and/or theoretically?
4. If economic geography did not exist (why) would there be a need to create it?

11.00-11.30

Break

11.30-1.00

5 Taking economic geography to market

Chair: Marc Boeckler
 Panelists: Patrick Bigger Jamie Peck
 Christian Berndt Sophie Webber
 Brett Christophers Leqian Yu

Questions and talking points for session **5** include:

1. Why did it take so long for there to be an economic geography of markets?
2. What risks attach to market centrality?
3. Market politics and market fundamentalism
4. Are markets institutions?
5. Markets and/or networks?

2.00-3.15

6 Marion Werner plenary: Global value chains, market regulation and uneven development after the Washington Consensus

Chair/discussant: Johanna Herrigel

3.15-4.15

Break

4.15-5.45

7 Making a living in/from/near economic geography

Chair: Peter Lindner
 Panelists: Theresa Enright James Murphy
 Melanie Fasche Marit Rosol
 Anthony Howell Marion Werner
 Mark Lorenzen

Questions and talking points for session **7** include:

1. Why do a postdoc? (And where to find one)
2. Getting to, and then through, an academic “job talk”
3. Economic geographers in the wild: careers on the “outside”
4. Surviving the tenure track
5. Life/work balance, and other feats

6.00

Explore Frankfurt

Tuesday, July 22

9.30-11.00

8 Just do it? Method and practice in economic geography

Chair: Jamie Peck
 Panelists: Dillon Mahmoudi Alexander Vorbrugg
 Kirsten Martinus Lili Wang
 Alex Pedersen

11.00-11.30

Break

11.30-1.00

9 A network fix?

Chair: Marc Boeckler
 Panelists: Martin Arias Stefan Ouma
 James Murphy Graham Pickren
 Dorothee Niebuhr
 Piotr Niewiadomski

2.30-4.00

10 Economic geography amongst its others: interdisciplinary (dis)connections

Chair: Brett Christophers
 Panelists: Theresa Enright Adiwana Aritenang
 Nicola Dotti Kirsten Martinus
 Melanie Fasche Julia Verne

4.00

Department of Human Geography
 Campus tour

4.30

Drinks and Discussion
 Sommergarten Goethe University / Campus Westend

Questions and talking points for session **8** include:

1. How is economic geography typically practiced, in methodological terms? What islands of practice can be identified?
2. What can be said about the range and depth of methodological commitments in the field? How has this changed over time?
3. Does a relatively “liberal” attitude towards methodology mean “anything goes?”
4. To what extent is there methodological transparency in economic geography? What is/is not codified?
5. Can there be mutuality of respect between qualitative and quantitative approaches?

Questions and talking points for session **9** include:

1. Where did network approaches come from? Where are they going?
2. Seeing with and beyond the network “optic”
3. GPNs? ANT? STS?
4. Networks as a governance paradigm/institutional fix: realizing its potential or losing its edge?
5. Networks vs markets vs hierarchies—separate spheres?

Questions and talking points for session **10** include:

1. Where is economic geography “located” in interdisciplinary space? How has this changed over time, how does it vary between countries?
2. Is there a distinctive economic-geographical voice? If so, how might it be characterized?
3. What has economic geography taken from/contributed to its cognate disciplines? Is there a trade gap?
4. Really, can’t economic geographers and Economists ever just *get along*?

Wednesday, July 23

All day field trip

- 8.30** Get your bags ready
- 8.45** **Bahnhofsviertel Frankfurt**
*Gentrification, red-light-district, meet »Doña Carmen«
sex workers representation*
(Tram 11 from Hbf/Münchener Straße or Weser-/Münchener Straße
to Schwedlerstraße – 10.27am, 18 min.)
- 11.00** **Pixomondo** (Lindleystraße 12)
*Cultural Industries, special effects studio, follow the sun and
follow the tax break*
- 1.00** **Oosten** – Lunch (Mayfarthstraße 4)
(S-Bahn from Ostendstraße to Taunusanlage, any train – 14.14pm,
4 min.)
- 2.30** **Deutsche Bank** – (Taunusanlage 12)
Corporate responsibility in times of financial irresponsibility
- 5.30** Transfer. Frankfurt to Eltville (Kloster Eberbach) by bus
- 7.30** Dinner at Kloster Eberbach

Thursday, July 24

9.00-10.30

11 Publishing economic geographies

Chair: Peter Lindner
 Panelists: Betsy Donald (*Camb. J. of Regions, Economy & Society*)
 James Murphy (*Economic Geography*)
 Jamie Peck (*Environment & Planning A*)
 Peter Wissoker

10.30-11.00

Break

11.00-12.30

12 Policy, politics, public and applied economic geographies

Chair: Marion Werner
 Panelists: Luis Felipe Alvarez Felipe Magalhães
 Nicola Francesco Dotti Katharine Rankin
 Robby Habans

1.30-2.45

13 James Murphy plenary: *Practiced economies: epistemological considerations for economic geography*

Chair/discussant: Jana Maria Kleibert

2.45-3.00

Break

3.00-4.15

14 "Neoliberalism" (still a question?)

Chair: Brett Christophers
 Panelists: Thomas Biebricher Jamie Peck
 Sayoni Bose Katharine Rankin
 Thanos Andritsos Heather Whiteside

4.15-4.45

Break

4.45-6.00

15 Betsy Donald plenary: *The challenges of regional development in an age of austerity*

Chair/discussant: Sara Hinkley

Questions and talking points session 11 include:

1. What can we learn from the best writing/writers in the field of economic geography?
2. Should I turn my dissertation into a book?
3. Where should I submit my 25,000 word manuscript?
4. What do publishers, editors, and reviewers really want?
5. Why do journal referees seem to be so rude (to me)?

Questions and talking points for session 12 include:

1. Which parts of economic geography are more/less politicized (and how), or politically engaged? Why? What does it mean for economic geography to aspire to "relevance?"
2. Life amongst the policymaking weeds: making a difference or selling out?
3. Public economic geographies—what strategies, pitfalls, role models?
4. What kinds of media strategies are economic geographers using (to what ends)?
5. Who has the minister's ear?
6. Does/should economic geography have a normative project?

Questions and talking points session 14 include:

1. How come neoliberalism is such a "rascal concept?"
2. What does a neoliberalism "optic" bring into focus/push out of focus?
3. Is neoliberalism a figment of the political-economic imagination?
4. What difference did the global financial crisis make?
5. Austerity: neoliberalism redux?

Friday, July 25

9.00-10.40

16 Teaching strategies for economic geographers

Chair: Betsy Donald
 Panelists: Annalisa Colombino Heather Whiteside
 Piotr Niewiadomski Stephen Young
 Graham Pickren
 Carolin Schurr

Questions and talking points for session **16** include:

1. How was it for you? What makes a great economic geography class?
2. Economic geography 101: are there (still) “foundational” concepts, frameworks, approaches? What *has* to be covered in weeks 1-4?
3. What are the strengths and limitations of economic geography textbooks?
4. (How) can I teach through case studies? Or should it be concepts, key texts, controversies ...?
5. Discussion of “model” syllabi

10.40-11.00

Break

11.00-12.30

17 Why we write

Chair: Jamie Peck
 Panelists: Sangeetha Marion Werner
 Chandra-Shekeran Stephen Young
 Annalisa Colombino
 Oona Morrow

Questions and talking points session **17** include:

1. Responses to the Orwell reading
2. Who do we write to reach? What are our audiences?
3. What are the pros and cons of writing with coauthors?
4. What are the challenges and delights of writing for different audiences, in different registers?

1.30-2.45

18 Katharine Rankin plenary: Markets, Planning and Activist Research: The social space of the commercial street in Toronto’s inner suburbs

Chair/discussant: Iris Dzudzek

2.45-3.15

Break

3.15-4.25

19 Reproducing economic geographies

Chair: Marion Werner
 Panelists: James Murphy Marc Boeckler
 Jamie Peck Peter Lindner
 Betsy Donald Katherine Rankin

Questions and talking points for session **19** include:

5. What makes for a “good” (and/or fundable) research proposal?
6. How can I obtain support for my research from research councils/ foundations/international agencies?
7. The pleasure and pain of research collaboration
8. What’s in a research program? Should I be following the field, or cutting my own path? How do I decide what to do next?

4.30-

20 Unfinished business

Jamie Peck and Marc Boeckler