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Territorial and Productive Strategies in a Context of Global Change

FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS (January 2024)

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Introduction and Scientific Goals

The Economic Geography Group of the Spanish Association of Geography (AGE), in collaboration with the Department of Geography, Prehistory, and Archaeology of the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), is pleased to announce the hosting of the XI Jornadas de Geografía Económica-First Conference of Economic Geography, titled "Territorial and Productive Strategies in a Context of Global Change." The conference will take place at the Faculty of Arts located in the town of Vitoria-Gasteiz on November 14th and 15th, 2024. The aim is to create a space for high-quality scientific-academic exchange, exploring territorial and productive dynamics within the framework of contemporary global challenges.

This conference, marking its international debut, welcomes contributions in both English and Spanish languages. With an inclusive and multidisciplinary approach, the event boasts a scientific committee comprising distinguished experts in the field of Economic Geography and related disciplines.

The XI Jornadas de Geografía Económica-First Conference of Economic Geography will focus on studying the response of territories and their economic activities to the challenges posed by the

current context of geopolitical instability, climate crisis, questioning of globalization, and citizen unrest stemming from increased social and spatial inequality.

Within the European context, the green and digital transition, or the "double transition," emerges as the dominant geoeconomic strategy for adapting to global megatrends. However, it is true that European regions, cities, and rural areas exhibit very different transition paces and priorities, depending on their geographical framework and productive structure.

To provide a structured and contextual framework for academic discussions, the XI Jornadas de Geografía Económica-First Conference of Economic Geography will address three broad -but interrelated- research topics.

RESEARCH TOPIC 1: Energy, Digital, Ecological, and Food Transitions

The response to climate change in the energy field by the business fabric of regions has triggered a series of productive transformations, including diversification of energy sources, production relocation, investment in technology and human capital, among others, to meet the requirements of climate neutrality. The progressive electrification of transportation and the slow development of emerging energies, such as hydrogen, are shaping new geographies and infrastructures. Adapting economic activity to limited emissions is likely to involve a spatial reorganization of economic activity that accentuates socio-economic differences between regions and countries. The context of global political instability further complicates short and medium-term uncertainty, making creative regional and territorial strategies indispensable. On the other hand, the food transition, with the relocation of supply networks and chains, represents another significant challenge to move towards a sustainable production model. Finally, the circular spatial organization of semi-finished products for a cleaner final production from an energy perspective emerges as another pending challenge at the local and global levels in the era of financialized capitalism.

Keywords: climate change, energy transition, financialized capitalism, global crisis, supply networks, circular economy, clean technologies, decarbonization, agroecology, regenerative agriculture, short food supply channels, climate resilience, economic inequality.

RESEARCH TOPIC 2: Territorial Response to the Transitions and their Challenges

At the regional level, various issues requiring differentiated public policies and private actions are identified. The challenge of a just transition for regions affected by the economic void left by the gradual abandonment of the exploitation of polluting energy sources in the European Union remains open. The "green" discontent in European rural areas, facing increasingly unbearable production costs, is eroding food sovereignty. Urban and metropolitan areas feel the geographical remodeling of value chains: reshoring and nearshoring. These urban and metropolitan areas continue to be better equipped for building smart territories: smart cities, smart villages, smart rural. A new challenge they face is that artificial intelligence (AI) adds the dilemma of positioning themselves as territories only consumers or generators of advancements in this new technological leap. The period 2020-2024, marked by the pandemic and changes in the spatial organization of economic activities, may reveal

trends already initiated. Additionally, advances in sustainable mobility of people and goods at different geographical scales are closely linked to energy transition, which has already begun to be implemented. Analyzing public policies to stimulate ecological and digital transition, as well as their territorial outcomes, emerges as another essential thematic area.

Keywords: fair transition, energy conversion, smart territories, smart cities, smart villages, smart rural, artificial intelligence, food sovereignty, reshoring, nearshoring, sustainable mobility, public policies.

RESEARCH TOPIC 3: Research Methodologies and Knowledge Communication in Economic Geography

The increasing complexity of the global and local economic activity environment, along with the research challenges, demands a renewal in data sources and methodological approaches for the study of Economic Geography: Big Data, AI, citizen science, co-construction of knowledge, and public policies. The communication, dissemination, and transfer of knowledge from Economic Geography to regions can be understood as a return on investment by regional, national, and European Union bodies in R&D in academic institutions. The transfer of accumulated knowledge obtained in research to regions is an essential task in advancing towards a more known and recognized discipline.

Keywords: big data, citizen science, co-creation, artificial intelligence, knowledge transfer.

Provisional Program

Thursday, 14th November 2024 – Sessions in the Faculty of Arts Auditorium

[The order of listed activities will be adjusted based on the number of communications presented in each research topic]

Morning Session

9:00 am – 9:15 am: Attendees reception

9:15 am – 9:30 am: Institutional welcome

9:30 am – 10:30 am: Inaugural lecture by Professor Arnoud Lagendijk (Radboud University, Netherlands): "Can local circular economy strategies be a way out of financial capitalism? The potential of combining circular production and circular currencies."

11:00 am – 11:30 am: Coffee break

11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Keynote speech by Professor Julia Salom (University of Valencia): "The impact of global crises on Spanish metropolitan economies."

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm: Papers – Research Topic 1

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Lunch break

Afternoon Session

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm: Papers – Research Topic 2

4:45 pm – 6:00 pm: Papers – Research Topic 3

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm: Economic Geography Group Assembly

7:15 pm – 8:30 pm: Guided tour of the Historic Center of Vitoria

8:30 pm: Dinner

Friday, 15th November – Fieldtrip (Itinerary to be determined)

Morning Session

9:00 am: Meeting at the designated meeting point

9:15 am – 2:00 pm: Fieldtrip

2:15 pm – 3:30 pm: Lunch and closing of the Conference

Key Dates

Pre-registration and abstract submission	5 th March 2024
Deadline for the Scientific Committee to communicate acceptance of abstracts	9 th April 2024
Full paper submission deadline	16 th September 2024
Decision of the Scientific Committee about the papers submitted	16 th October 2024
Registration and fee payment deadline	21 st October 2024
Final deadline for revised paper submission	4 th November 2024
Conference dates	14 th and 15 th November 2024

Fees and Registration Procedure

GGE Members	€200
Other AGE Members	€225
Secondary Education Teachers	€175
Students, unemployed graduates, research personnel in training (proof required), and retired GGE and AGE members	€60
Others	€225

Registration for the Conference INCLUDES:

- Participation in the scientific sessions.
- Coffee break, lunch, and dinner on November 14, and lunch on November 15.
- Bus transportation and field trip activities on November 15, 2024.
- Publication of accepted communications, subject to peer review, in the form of a book chapter within a monographic book of the Conference, which will be published with ISBN and DOI in digital format
- Final communications must adhere to the established editorial guidelines, using the template provided on the Conference's website, available on the Economic Geography Group of the AGE website: <https://geoeconomica.age-geografia.es/xi-jornadas-geografia-economica-vitoria-gasteiz-noviembre-2024/>

The pre-registration form is available at [THIS LINK](#) (the form includes the procedure for abstract submission)

Payment Method

Instructions for fee payment will be provided in the second circular, which will be sent to those who have formalized pre-registration by the specified date.

Accommodation

Accommodation recommendations will be sent in upcoming circulars.