



Meeting in the Mountains with the Regional Science



Integrative Mechanisms for Addressing Spatial Justice
and Territorial Inequalities in Europe



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Program:

Thursday May 24

9:00 – 10:00	Joint breakfast
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome and introduction
10:15 – 11:15	High-Tech Pubquiz about Regions in the World
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	New Ideas for Regional Science (I)
12:30 – 13:30	Discovering Salas
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 16:30	Group Showcasing (I)
16:30 – 16:45	Coffee break
16:45 – 17:45	New Ideas for Regional Science (II)
18:00 – 20:30	Hike to El Viso and back
21:00	Dinner

Friday May 25

9:00 – 10:00	Joint breakfast
10:00 – 11:00	Group Showcasing (II)
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 11:45	New Data from the IMAJINE Project
11:45 – 12:15	New Analytical Techniques and Data in Regional Science (I)
12:15 – 12:30	Coffee break
12:30 – 13:30	New Ideas for Regional Science (III)
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 16:30	Group Showcasing (III)
16:30 – 16:45	Coffee Break
16:45 – 18:15	New Analytical Techniques and Data in Regional Science (II)
18:15 – 20:15	Conclusion
21:00	Dinner

Explanation of the main activities

New Data from the IMAJINE Project

The IMAJINE consortium comprises 16 participants from 13 countries. The combined expertise and technical skills of the consortium participants enables IMAJINE to comprehensively cover the wide-ranging brief of the territorial inequalities and spatial justice to adopt a multi-disciplinary and mixed-method approach. The University of Oviedo through the Regional Economics Laboratory (REGIOlab) contribute to the IMAJINE project providing new estimations of local data for several countries of the European Union. This new data offer the possibility of analyzing more deeply the spatial inequalities with a higher level of spatial disaggregation. In this workshop the participants in the IMAJINE project will present the main characteristics of the new dataset in which they are working and discussing the possibilities of this information to the regional analysis.

New Ideas for Regional Science

In presentations of 15 minutes, invited participants present a research question (or set of questions) in regional science or economic geography of which they dream to address it (nightmares not allowed). The focus should be on why such a question is wildly interesting. Towards the end, some attention should be paid to reasons why the question cannot be addressed yet. What would be needed, in terms of data and/or techniques? After the presentations, there will be short discussions.

Group Showcasing

Per research group represented at the meeting, one researcher gives a 10-minutes presentation, focusing on two broad research questions that will most likely be central to the group's research agenda for the next two or three years. After a few of such presentations the entire group will be split into three groups of about six persons each (as diverse as possible) and discuss how progress could be made on the questions.

New Analytical Techniques and Data in Regional Science

In presentations of 15 minutes each, six participants discuss novel developments related to empirical techniques related to economic geography or regional science, or novel data (maybe not available yet, but in the foreseeable future). Some attention should be paid to potential applications. Afterwards, there will be time for plenary discussion.