

36th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**The Royal Hotel, Jersey, Channel Islands, UK
16th – 18th August 2006**

Wednesday 16 August 2006

09:15 onwards: Registration

10:00 Plenary and welcome:

Mr Mike King (Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Department in Jersey)

“The economy of Jersey and the challenges it faces”.

11.00 –11.30 Coffee / tea

11:30 –13:00

Island Economies

1. “A comparative analysis of the economic performance of Greek and UK small islands”

Harvey Armstrong, Dimitris Ballas and Adreene Staines (University of Sheffield)

2. “Allowing sustainability indicators to evolve into a corporate framework for sustainable development: Experience from the island of Guernsey”

Patrick McAlpine and Andrew Birnie (States of Guernsey, Jersey)

3. “The modern development of the finance, tourism and agricultural industries in Jersey”

Brychan Thomas (University of Glamorgan)

Spatial Economic Analysis

1. ““Competing models of global dynamics: Evidence from panel models with spatially correlated error components””

Bernard Fingleton (University of Cambridge)

2. “Decomposing economic outcomes for Australia’s regions via historical simulation with a computable general equilibrium model”

James Giesecke (Monash University)

3. “Modelling regional endogenous growth performance: The Australian states”
Robert Stimson, Alistair Robson and T-K Shyy (University of Queensland, Australia)

New Economic Geography

1. “A new geography of interaction? An exploratory spatial analysis of the UK airline network in relation to inter-city connectivity”
Stephen Hincks and Alasdair Rae (University of Liverpool)
2. “Re-examining the spatial sensibilities of new economic geography: What can we learn from the geography of the knowledge-driven economy?”
Rachel Granger (Coventry University)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30

Competitiveness and Concentration

1. “ICT investments and firm’s competitiveness: counterfactual evidence from two outermost regions”
António Almeida (University of Newcastle upon Tyne)
2. “An examination of business formation rates in England”
James Derbyshire (University of Liverpool), Gerry Haywood (The BETA Model, Liverpool), Jeremy Nicholls (The BETA Model, Liverpool) and Alan Southern (University of Liverpool)
3. “A time series analysis of the impact of the formation of airline alliances on selected European – US air traffic”
David E. Pitfield (Loughborough University)

Location Issues

1. “The Barnett Allocation Mechanism: Formula plus influence?”
Alex Christie and Kim Swales (University of Strathclyde)
2. “Location that helps, location that harms: Urban system of Nepal as a case study”
Boris Portnov (University of Haifa, Israel)
3. “Impact of urban transport access on local car ownership”
Graham Crampton (University of Reading)

Statistical Spatial Analysis

1. “How robust is the spatial targeting of urban policy? A comparative study of two methodological approaches”

Peter Batey and Peter Brown (University of Liverpool)

2. “The effect of zone design on statistical relationships in geography”

Robin Flowerdew and David Manley (University of St Andrews)

3. “A cost surface analysis approach to modeling school access and provision using 2002

census data, for County Mayo, Ireland”

Stephen Kelly (National University of Ireland, Galway)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/tea

16:00 – 17:30

Environment and Regional Development I

1. “Spatial distribution of preferences of rural landscape improvements under agrienvironmental schemes: Evidence from Ireland”

Danny Campbell (Queen’s University Belfast), George Hutchinson (Queen’s University Belfast) and Rocco Scarpa (University of Waikato, New Zealand)

2. “The economic and environmental impacts of future changes in Scottish electricity generation”

Grant Allan, Peter McGregor, Kim Swales and Karen Turner (University of Strathclyde)

3. “Deforestation, growth and agglomeration effects: Evidence from agriculture in the Brazilian Amazon”

Danilo Iglori (University of Cambridge and University of São Paulo)

Labour: Migration and Training

1. “The great escape? Migration and labour market outcomes in Australia”

William Mitchell and Anthea Bill (University of Newcastle, Australia)

2. “Innovation, firm cooperation, and the geographical and sectoral origins of labour mobility”

Philip McCann (University of Waikato, New Zealand) and Jaakko Simonen (University of Oulo, Finland)

3. “The importance of ‘onthe-job’ training for national and regional growth in Ireland” *Daniel Kiely (University College, Cork)*

Regional Finance

1. “Exploring the implications of changes in UK monetary policy for sectors of the UK

and Scottish economies”

Julia Darby and Heather Phillips (University of Strathclyde)

2. “The rise (and fall?) of the financial centre Frankfurt – locations of foreign banks in Germany 1949-2004”

Michael Grote (J W Goethe-University Frankfurt, Germany)

3. “The geography of the private finance initiative”

Steven Musson (University of Reading)

18:15 Social event: Boat Cruise

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09:15 – 10:45

University Commercialisation

1. “Under the spotlight: Geodemographic segmentation of higher education market data”

Alex Singleton (University College London)

2. “University-industry collaboration: A casestudy of Ireland”

Almar Barry (University College Dublin)

3. “Exploring university commercialisation: the case of biomedical spinoffs from Oxfordshire’s universities and laboratories”

Helen Lawton-Smith and Saverio Romeo (Birkbeck, University of London)

Migration

1. “Is migration still increasing socio-spatial polarisation? Latest evidence in three English city regions”

Tony Champion and Mike Coombes (University of Newcastle upon Tyne)

2. “A study on Chinese student migration in the UK”

Wei Shen (Loughborough University)

3. “An analysis of gender differences in UK graduate migration behaviour”

Alessandra Faggian (University of Reading), Philip McCann (University of Waikato) and Stephen Sheppard (William’s College, USA)

City Perspectives

1. “Spatial definitions of the city: Four perspectives”

John Parr (University of Glasgow)

2. “Resurgent European cities? Accounting for patterns of urban growth and decline”
Ivan Turok and Vlad Mykhnenko (University of Glasgow)

3. “Growth controls in a system of cities: A welfare economic analysis of Dutch planning policies”

Wouter Vermeulen (Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis and Free University Amsterdam) and Jan Rouwendal (Free University Amsterdam)

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee/tea

11:15 – 12:45

Tourism and the Environment

1. “Assessing the economic value of the coast and marine environment in Wales”

R Griffith, Stephen Hill and D O’Sullivan (University of Glamorgan)

2. “A comparative study of tourism output and employment in Ireland, Scotland and the UK for the year 2000 using tourist satellite accounts”

Jim Deegan (University of Limerick), Martin Kenneally (University College, Cork), Richard Moloney (University College, Cork) and Stephen Wanhill (University of Limerick)

3. “Measuring the environmental impacts of a major sporting event: The rugby six nations”

Andrea Collins and Andrew Flynn (University of Cardiff)

Housing

1. “Effects of the tenurehousing policy on urban spatial structure and social welfare in China”

Komei Sasaki (Tohoku University, Japan)

2. “Migration and the division of England into local housing market areas”

Mike Coombes and Tony Champion (Newcastle University)

3. “Housing market area identification in North West England”

Stephen Hincks and Peter Brown, (University of Liverpool)

Mapping Location

1. “Mapping the location of economic activity within the UK”

Andrew Atherton and Andrew Johnston (University of Lincoln)

2. “The application of circular statistics to explore the geography of the journey-to-work”

Jonathan Corcoran, Prem Chhetri and Robert Stimson (University of Queensland, Australia)

3. “Regional variations in crown court statistics”

John Dewhurst (University of Dundee)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.00 AGM – All welcome

15:00 – 16:30

Industry Mix and Merger

1. “Home biased? A spatial analysis of the domestic merging behaviour of US firms”
Marc Ueber and Michael Grote (J. W. Goethe-University Frankfurt, Germany)

2. “The effect of incoming industries on the economic structure of rural areas: A case study of oil and the Shetland economy 1971 – 2003”

David Newlands and Deborah Roberts (University of Aberdeen)

3. “An analysis of relationships between spatial retail structure and manufacturing firms”

Toshiharu Ishikawa (Chuo University, Tokyo)

Health Geographies I: Papers in Honour of Richard Thomas

1. “The contributions of Richard Wyn Thomas”

Jan Rigby (University of Sheffield)

2. “Societal inequality, health, and wellbeing”

Dimitris Ballas, Danny Dorling (University of Sheffield) and Mary Shaw (University of

Bristol)

3. “Microsimulation models for health care analysis”

Graham Clarke, Kim Proctor, Dianna Smith and Mel Tomintz (University of Leeds)

Networks and Proximity

1. “Network structures of innovation in the frame of the metropolitan economy: An approach to the network analysis of innovation in the metropolitan area of Mexico City”
Ryszard Rózga Luter and Celia Hernández Diego (Autonomous Metropolitan University, Mexico City)

2. “The importance of interaction and geographical proximity for innovation in Irish ‘hightechnology’ sectors: A simultaneous equation approach”

Declan Jordan (University College, Cork)

3. “The determinants of the location of foreign direct investment in UK regions”

Dimitra Dimitropoulou (University of Reading), Simon Burke (University of Reading) and Philip McCann (University of Waikato, New Zealand)

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Productivity and Performance

1. “The role of structural change in productivity: Convergence among EU regions”

Eoin O’Leary (University College, Cork)

2. “Institutions and regional economic growth: An assessment of Mexican regional strategies: 1970-2000”

Maria Luisa Decuir-Viruez (University of Kent)

3. “Industry mix and productivity in UK regions”

Don Webber (Bristol: University of the West of England)

Health Geographies II: Papers in Honour of Richard Thomas

1. “A spatial analysis of psychiatric patient records”

Stewart Fotheringham, Paul Lewis, Mary O’Brien, Martin Charlton (National University of Ireland, Maynooth)

2. “Measuring health performance: local measures accounting for local need”

Catherine E Jones, P A Longley and M Haklay (University College London)

3. “Urban networks on health services supply: A municipal data analysis of Brazil”

Rodrigo Simões, Cristina Guimarães and Pedro Amaral (Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil)

Social and Public Policy

1. “Social policy evolution in Scotland: Uniquely Scottish or becoming European?”

Linda Juleff, L. Kelly, J. Adams and Ron McQuaid (Napier University)

2. “Moses: A hybrid microsimulation model for social policy analysis”

Mark Birkin, Justin Keen, Andy Turner and Belinda Wu (University of Leeds)

3. “Object oriented dynamic spatial microsimulation for public policy analysis”

Dimitris Kavroudakis (University of Sheffield), Dimitris Ballas (University of Sheffield) and Mark Birkin (University of Leeds)

20:00 Conference dinner at *Hotel de France*

Friday 18 August 2006

09.15 – 10.45

Education: Teaching, Training and Research

1. “Who will we be today? Who would you like me to be? Survival of an economic research institute in rural regional Australia”

Julie Arthur (University of Queensland, Australia) and Tom Murphy (Western Research Institute, Australia)

2. “The role of higher education in a successful learning region: The impact on social inclusion”

Jessica Barker (University of Liverpool)

3. “Support for planning in the education Sector”

John Stillwell and Kirk Harland (University of Leeds)

Promoting Regions and Cities

1. “The costs and benefits of providing open space in cities”

Jan Rouwendal and Willemijn van der Straaten (Free University, Amsterdam)

2. “Experimenting with cities, integrating agent-based models and GIS: Applied to segregation”

Andrew Crooks (University College London)

3. “Viable touristic development in island regions: The case of Chios Island”

Electra Pitoska (Florina, Greece)

Environmental Impacts and Governance

1. “Regional, national and global economics impacts of recent natural disasters in the Gulf of Mexico: An assessment after one year”

Bernard Weinstein and Terry Clower (University of North Texas, USA)

2. “Environmental governance for sustainable tourism development: The experience on collaborative networks and institution-building in the Antalya tourism cluster”

Hilal Erku^o-Öztürk and Ayda Eraydın (Middle East Technical University, Turkey)

3. “Regional governments, power to tax, and development in democratic Spain”

Fernando Toboso (University of Valencia, Spain)

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Clusters

1. “Putting local cluster initiatives into practice: A case study of IT Quarter Ireland North West”

Mike Crone (Queen’s University Belfast)

2. “The significance of identifying industrial clusters: A case of Scotland”

Gerald Munyoro (University of Dundee)

3. “Cluster forcing – a model for sustainable development in the automotive industry in Wales?”

Thomas B. Christensen (Roskilde University) and Peter Wells (Cardiff University)

4. “Regional finance and corporate space: Business-to-business barter exchange networks as private sector, complementary currency”

(Melina Young, An Independent Researcher)

Structural Funds and Public Policy

1. “Comparing gross and net employment outcomes from structural fund programmes: Some issues from the Objective 1 Programme in West Wales and the Valleys”

Max Munday (Cardiff Business School) and Gareth Williams (Economic Development and European Services, Ludlow)

2. “Evaluating the evaluations: The case of objective one funding in Europe”

Peter Gripaos, Paul Bishop, Trevor Hart and Eric McVittie (University of Plymouth)

3. “The efficiency of decentralised and devolved government: A framework”

Alex Christie and Kim Swales (University of Strathclyde)

4. “Macroeconomic stability and fiscal decentralisation”

Julia Darby and Graeme Roy (University of Strathclyde)

Demographic Change

1. “Macroeconomic impacts of ageing population in Scotland: A computable general equilibrium analysis”

Katerina Lisenkova, Peter McGregor, Nikos Pappas, Kim Swales, Karen Turner and Robert Wright (University of Strathclyde)

2. “The aging of the labour force and regional development”

Ron W. McQuaid (Napier University)

3. “The spatial separation of work rich and work poor households”

Philip Morrison (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch, End of Conference