

The Role of the Local in Improving Cohesion and Spatial Justice: integrating place-based with top-down approaches to local development

2nd RELOCAL Project Conference
7th March 2019 (Thursday), LODZ, POLAND

We are pleased to invite you to the Second RELOCAL Project Conference "*The Role of the Local in Improving Cohesion and Spatial Justice: integrating place-based with top-down approaches to local development*", which will take place on 7th March 2019 and will be hosted by the Department of Regional and Social Geography, University of Lodz, Poland.

The [RELOCAL](#) Horizon 2020 Project is funded by the European Commission and runs from 2016 to 2020. The conference intends to provide the debate on contemporary approaches to local development addressing the challenge of socio-economic and territorial cohesion by emphasizing the role of place and territory, and their specific assets. One of the main aims of the conference is to make room for joint discussion of representatives of related, ongoing or already finalized projects funded by European Commission Programs. Results of this discussion will be taken forward to shape the further work of the RELOCAL Project.

We invite scholars, practitioners and policy makers to share their insights as well as practical experience on identifying policies promoting spatial justice and socio-economic well-being at various levels of governance.

We welcome papers that discuss benefits from as well as challenges to, the integration of place-based and top-down approaches to local development. A crucial question is how to align the policy focus of national-regional and local governments in order to ensure that community or regional needs and preferences are better addressed.

The Venue

The Project Conference will be held in of **Lodz Agency for Regional Development** (łódzka Agencja Rozwoju Regionalnego) which is located in the center of the city (ulica Narutowicza 34, 90-135 Lodz), in a very short distance to the Lodz Fabryczna Railway Station.

All coffee breaks and lunches during our meeting will be served there.

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Program

- 08:30 Registration and a morning coffee
- 09:00 *Opening Session*
Keynote Address
Carlos Mendez, European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde
- 10:15 *Coffee break*
- Morning**
09:00 – 12:30
- Paper Session 1:*
- 10:40 *From Regional to Local with the IMAJINE Project*
Ana Viñuela, University of Ovido
- 11:00 *Transport and spatial inequalities*
Tomasz Komornicki, Konrad Czapiewski, Barbara Szejgiec-Kolenda,
Polish Academy of Sciences
- 11:20 *Integrating and communicating Cohesion Policy, Urban and Rural policies. PERCEIVE project outcomes*
Zbigniew Floriańczyk, Barbara Wieliczko, Paweł Chmieliński,
Polish Research Institute
- 11:40 *LEADER – an instrument for spatial justice? A comparative study across Europe*
Gusztáv Nemes, Katalin Kovacs - Hungarian Academy of Sciences,
Mark Schucksmith, Elizabeth Brooks – Newcastle University,
Enikő Vincze, George Zamfir - Babes-Bolyai University, Foundation Desire
- 12:00 *How to make the place-based and the top-down meet? Introducing the Smart Villages approach to the local*
Oskar Wolski, University of Lodz
- 12:30 *Lunch*
- Paper Session 2:*
- 13:30 *Place-based integration of policies for a healthy and just city*
Joanna Stępień, University of Gdańsk
- 13:50 *Civic budgeting as a tool for, or emanation of better place: Evidence from rural Poland*
Katarzyna Leśniewska-Napierała, Tomasz Napierała – University of Lodz
- 14:10 *The Finnish Way of CLLD*
Patrik Hämäläinen, University of Eastern Finland
- 14:30 *Spatial (in)justice and top-down policies in innovation ecosystems: The case of t Alexander Innovation Zone in Thessaloniki*
Lefteris Topaloglou, George Petrakos, Aggeliki Anagknosotu, Victor Cupcea,
University of Thessaly
- 15:00 *Coffee break*
- 15:20 Panel session involving related projects' representatives, SAB, stakeholders
- 16:30 Closing of the Conference
- Afternoon**
13:30 – 16:30



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