

International Geographical Union Commission on 'The Dynamics of Economic Spaces'



Dates: Commission Main Meeting Barcelona 2008: August 5-8, 2008.

Tuesday 5th August 2008: Welcome reception and presentations

Wednesday 6th August 2008: Field Trip

Thursday 7th August 2008: Presentations

Friday 8th August 2008: Presentations and Conference Dinner

Venue: Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona - Casa Convalescència in Barcelona City.

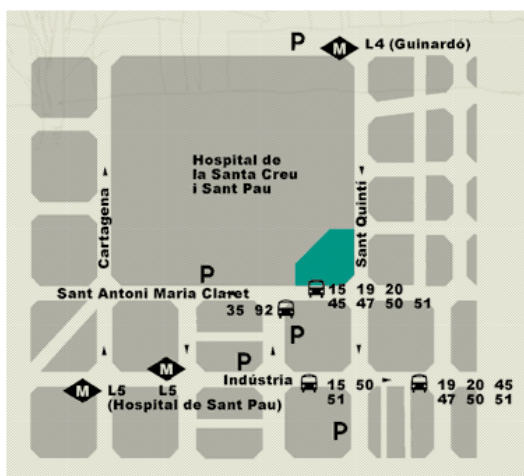
Venue URL: <http://www.uab-casaconvalescencia.org/>

Casa Convalescència is located on the corner of Carrer St Quinti and Carrer Sant Antoni M. Claret in Barcelona

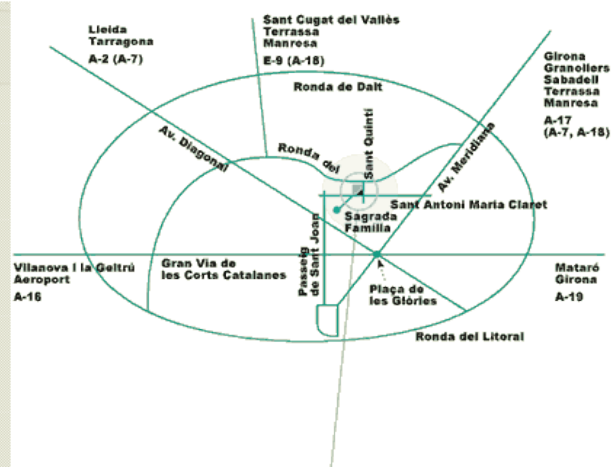
Metro: Blue Line (L5), Station "Hospital Sant Pau".

Yellow Line (L4), Station "Guinardó"

Buses: 15, 19, 20, 35, 45, 47, 50, 51, 92.



Map of location of Casa Convalescència



Highway access map

Number of participants expected: Between 50 and 60.

*International Geographical Union Commission on 'The Dynamics of Economic Spaces'
Barcelona 2008 Meeting Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona - Geography Department
5-8 August 2008*

Focus of conference

We invite papers that contribute to the conference theme:

“Worlds of new work? Multi-scalar dynamics of ‘new’, ‘transition’ and ‘old’ economy spaces”

In the 21st century economic geographers in many countries have been making major contributions to understanding the emergence of new economic spaces and new dimensions of established economic spaces. The Commission’s 2008 theme continues the exploration of the multi-scale dynamics of new economic spaces by highlighting the worlds of new work that are accompanying the making of new economic spaces.

Recent Commission meetings suggest that, depending upon where in the world economic geographers are living, working and undertaking research, makes a considerable difference to the issues being addressed, the literatures regarded as especially relevant and approaches selected to disclose understandings of new economic geographies.

The 2008 theme is intended to offer economic geographers from a wide range of perspectives, countries, contexts and work situations, the opportunity to participate in the Barcelona meeting. Papers are sought that use the conference theme as a strategy to explore fresh dimensions of established understandings, identify new aspects too.

A number of sub-themes that might form the setting for the exploration of worlds of new work include:

- Economic development, innovation and technology from the perspective of the firm
- Institutional and regulatory frameworks: the role of public, private and not-for-profit sectors in the innovation economy.
- Local logistic adaptations to global trends. Case studies of logistic investment and infrastructure (ports, airports, high-speed train lines, telecommunications).
- Government initiatives in high-technology development. Case studies of local, regional or national state government programs to stimulate, attract, or retain high technology industrial development.
- Cities, city-regions and new spaces of work
- New regional politics and regional entrepreneurialism
- Knowledge transfer in enterprises
- Organisations, intellectual property and inimitability
- Urban spaces, higher education and work
- Agglomeration, knowledge spaces and knowledge transfer
- Evolution of jobs and skills in different geographical contexts
- Geographical perspectives on migrant labour and migrant transnationalism
- Food regimes and changing agri-food relationships
- Globalisation and the changing roles of the state
- Cities, consumption and new economy spaces
- Creative industries and work dynamics
- Work in post-socialist economic landscapes
- Other suggestions are most welcome

Deadline of abstracts. Abstracts are required by 24 February 2008

Abstract should be of no more than 250 words. Please, submit electronically by email to the Local Organizers via e-mail (meeting@economicspaces.com). Please be sure to include name, affiliation, title, and keywords.

People submitting abstracts will be notified of the outcome relating to their paper by 31 March 2008. A preliminary program will be available by 30 April 2008.

Paper presentation

The time for the paper presentation will be of 15 minutes + 5 for discussion.

Local organizers:

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Travel awards:

Information on the two Travel Awards for the Barcelona meeting can be seen on the Commission's website. http://www.sges.auckland.ac.nz/conferences/igu_commission/
 The awards are a grant –in-aid of US\$500 only and are available for post-graduates and early career academics. Applications must be submitted by 24th February 2008 and applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by 31 March 2008.

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