

on December  
11-12, 2014  
in Halle (Saale)

**Conference Venue:**

Halle Institute for Economic  
Research (IWH)  
Kleine Maerkerstrasse 8  
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Germany

Conference room,  
ground floor

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**Conference  
Language:**

English

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## Is the Institutional Formation of Metropolitan Regions a Formula for Economic Success?

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Thursday, December 11, 2014

12:30 **Registration and Small Lunch**

13:00 **Opening**

*Martin T. W. Rosenfeld* (Halle Institute for Economic Research - IWH)

**Keynote Lecture:**

13:15 **Governance and Finance of Large Metropolitan Areas:  
Which Institutional Setting is Needed to Secure Metropolitan  
Economic Growth?**

*Enid Slack* (Director, Institute on Municipal Finance and Governance,  
and Adjunct Professor at Munk School of Global Affairs, University of  
Toronto, Canada)

14:10 **Discussion**

**Session I: The Formation of Metropolitan Regions**

(time for each presentation plus discussion: 30 minutes)

Chair: *Martin T. W. Rosenfeld* (IWH)

14:15 **Spatio-temporal Dynamics of Urban Sprawl in the Bucharest  
Metropolitan Area**

*Ines Grigorescu, Bianca Mitrică, Gheorghe Kucsicsa, Irena Mocanu*  
(Institute of Geography, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania)

14:35 **Discussion**

14:45 **Governance Systems in Metropolitan Regions and their Impact on  
Economic Development, Regarding the Challenge of Providing  
Skilled Labor Force**

*Corinna Porsche* (Technical University of Dortmund, Germany)

15:05 **Discussion**

15:15 **The Potentials and Barriers of Metropolitan Development:  
Case Study of Upper-Silesian Agglomeration**

*Adam Polko, Artur Ochojski* (University of Economics in Katowice, Poland)

15:35 **Discussion**

15:45 **Coffee Break**

16:15 **Determinants of the City Regions in Slovakia**

*Silvia Rucinska*, (University of P. J. Šafárik in Košice, Slovakia)  
*Viktor Niznansky* (Komunalne vyskumne a poradenske centrum,  
Slovakia)

16:35 **Discussion**

## Arrival by plane or train:

From the Leipzig Halle Airport (LEJ), there is a regular train to Halle (Saale), Central Station, taking about 15 minutes.

In Halle (Saale), you may get from the Central Station to the IWH using lines 4/7 (Kröllwitz) or 9 (Göttinger Bogen) or by foot along the Leipziger Straße (10 minutes).

[Link to journey planner of MDV.](#)



Find us at [google maps](#).

## Keynote Lecture:

16:45 **Knowledge Flows and Knowledge Externalities as Ingredients for Urban Economic Growth**

*Charlie Karlsson* (Jönköping International Business School, Jönköping, Sweden)

17:30 **Discussion**

## Session II: The Emergence and Transmission of Creativity and Innovation

(time for presentation plus discussion: 30 minutes)

Chair: *Albrecht Kauffmann* (IWH)

17:45 **Knowledge Transfer to Istanbul: Via Re-Migration of Highly Educated Turks**

*Eberhard von Einem* (Technical University Berlin, Center for Metropolitan Studies, Berlin)

18:05 **Discussion**

18:15 **Walk to the Halle Chamber of Commerce (IHK)**  
(Franckestraße 5; about 10 minutes from the IWH)

18:45 **Policy Session and Informal Dinner at the Halle Chamber of Commerce (IHK)**

**Welcome Note by Dr Thomas Brockmeier, CEO, Halle Chamber of Commerce**

18:50 **Panel Discussion** (in German, simultaneous translation) on

**The Economic Benefits of Metropolitan Regions – Fiction or Reality?**

### Discussants:

Professor Dr Hans-Heinrich Blotevogel, University of Vienna, Austria

Dr Thomas Brockmeier, CEO, Halle Chamber of Commerce (IHK)

Dr Anna Meincke, CEO, Metropolitan Region of Bremen-Oldenburg (North-West Germany)

Reinhard Wölpert, CEO, Central German Metropolitan Region

Chair: *Jörg Biallas* (Editor in Charge of "Das Parlament", the official magazine of the German Bundestag, Berlin)

20:20 **Informal Dinner**

**Friday, December 12, 2014**

09:00 **The Economic Impacts of Expo 2015 in Milan: Too Good to be True?**  
*Jérôme Massiani (Università Cà Foscari di Venezia, Venice, Italy)*

09:20 **Discussion**

**Session III: Local and Regional Conditions for Stimulating Entrepreneurship**  
(time for presentation plus discussion: 30 minutes)

Chair: *Albrecht Kauffmann (IWH)*

09:30 **The Effect of Regional Entrepreneurship Culture on Economic Development – Evidence for Germany**  
*Michael Wyrwich (Friedrich Schiller University Jena)*

09:50 **Discussion**

10:00 **Beyond Innovation and Urban Growth: Questioning the 'Perverse Effects of Diversity'**  
*Ifigeneia Kokkali (Politecnico di Milano, Italy)*

10:20 **Discussion**

10:30 **Coffee Break**

**Session IV: Strategies for Urban Growth**  
(time for presentation plus discussion: 30 minutes)

Chair: *Martin T. W. Rosenfeld (IWH)*

11:00 **Urban Decline, Resilience and Change: How do Cities and Regions Adapt to Socio-economic Crisis?**  
*Thilo Lang (Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography [ifl], Leipzig, Germany)*

11:20 **Discussion**

11:30 **Detroit and Bitterfeld – Managing Decline to Generate Growth**  
*René Kreichauf (Technical University of Vienna, Austria)*

11:50 **Discussion**

12:00 **Lunch Break and Poster Presentation on**

**Socio-Economic Disparities of the Urban Development in the Lower Danube Basin. A Showcase of the Romania's Border Regions**

*Authors: Ines Grigorescu, Bianca Mitrică, Monica Dumitrașcu, Irena Mocanu,*

## Registration fees:

Registration fees will not be charged.

## Accommodation:

A contingent of rooms with special prices is reserved at the Ankerhof Hotel ([www.ankerhofhotel.de](http://www.ankerhofhotel.de)); bookings should be made before November 26, 2014, please use the code word "IWH" for your booking.

## Registration:

Please register to participate in the conference before December 3, 2014, by phone or by E-mail to

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## Session V: The Spatial Structure of Urban Regions

(time for presentation plus discussion: 30 minutes)

Chair: *Martin T. W. Rosenfeld* (IWH)

12:45 **Urban Spatial Structure: An Interaction between Employment and Built-up Volumes**

*Angelika Krehl* (Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development [ILS], Dortmund)

13:05 **Discussion**

13:15 **Territorial vs. Population Growth – Empirical Evidence for East Germany**

*Albrecht Kauffmann* (IWH)

13:25 **Discussion**

13:35 **Closing Ceremony**

*Martin T. W. Rosenfeld* (IWH)

13:45 **End of the Workshop**

14:00 **Guided tour to historical places in Downtown Halle** (optionally)

## Registration Form/Anmeldeformular

I will participate in the/Ich möchte teilnehmen am  
**5<sup>th</sup> Halle Forum on Urban Economic Growth**  
**Is the Institutional Formation of Metropolitan Regions a Formula  
for Economic Success?**  
on December 11-12, 2014

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I will also attend the guided city tour on December 12/Ich werde auch an der  
Stadtführung am 12. Dezember teilnehmen

yes/ja

nein/no

**Please send your registration to/Anmeldung bitte senden an:**

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