

Invitation & Call for Papers

“Crisis in Europe, Europe in Crisis – Financial Markets, Regions, Cities and Uneven Development in Europe”
International Seminar (Hamburg, 3rd & 4th May 2012)



Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th of May 2012, Hamburg, Germany

Venue: HafenCity University, Hamburg

Sponsored by: Regional Studies Association (RSA)

Organised by: RSA Research Network on Geographies of Finance and Post-Socialist Transformations

Supported by: Urban and Regional Economic Studies Group, Prof. Dr. Gernot Grabher (chair)

Dear colleague,

we would like to invite you to the second of the three international seminars organised under the auspices of the Research Network on Geographies of Finance and Post-Socialist Transformations and sponsored by the Regional Studies Association (RSA).

The key objective of the Network is to promote a dialogue and synergies between geographies of finance and post-socialist studies. The need for such a dialogue has been highlighted by the dramatic consequences of the ongoing global financial and economic crisis in both the 'West' (US and Western Europe) and the 'East' (former state-socialist countries).

The first *seminar in London* aimed to bring together experts on financial geographies and scholars researching post-socialist transformations, with the view of exploring intriguing concepts and critical perspectives on finance, post-socialism and crisis. The *seminar in Hamburg* seeks to extend these discussions, but also aims at bringing scholars, policy makers and practitioners together to understand the effects and consequences of the ongoing financial and economic crisis for the uneven developments of financial markets, financial centres, cities and regions across Europe (both 'old' and 'new'). Contributions offering theoretical insights on these concepts (either individually or in conjunction with each other), and/or their practical implications or empirical manifestations in different geographical contexts, are both encouraged.

Given the exploratory nature of this endeavour, it is intended that the seminar will offer opportunities for contributions in various formats – including full papers (ca. 20 min) and short interventions (5-10 min) – as well as offering a plenty of room for sharing views, debating and informal discussion.

Participation on the seminar (and lunch) is free, but places are limited. Booking is essential for logistical and catering purposes.

If you would like to attend, want to book a place or require more information about the event, please email: tim.heinemann@hcu-hamburg.de, HafenCity University Hamburg (HCU), Urban and Regional Economic Studies.

DEADLINE for registration is Fri 13th April 2012 - via Registration Form (downloadable from our Network website – see below).

If you would like to present a paper or short intervention, please email your idea or topic to:

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More information about the “RSA Research Network on Geographies of Finance and Post-Socialist Transformations” can be found [here: http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/social-applied-sciences/geographical-and-life-sciences/research/GeographiesOfFinance.aspx](http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/social-applied-sciences/geographical-and-life-sciences/research/GeographiesOfFinance.aspx)

Note: A small number of TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION BURSARIES (normally around £100 - £150) can be made available for participants from eligible countries (Band B, C or D). You must be a Regional Studies Association (RSA) member to qualify. DEADLINE for Bursary applications is Fri 13th April 2012. To find out more about RSA, or to join the Association, please go to: <http://www.regional-studies-assoc.ac.uk/>

For enquiries and applications for travel bursaries in relation to the seminar, please contact: Tim Heinemann (Hamburg); Email: tim.heinemann@hcu-hamburg.de