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on:

Spatial Dispersed Production and Network Governance

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The contemporary world economy is characterized by the ascendance of knowledge technologies, the accompanying increase in the mobility and liquidity of capital, and the associated regulatory and liberalization reforms of large dynamic international economic sectors – in particular finance, advanced business services and information industries. Recent technical advances and institutional innovations in transport and communications are not only shrinking distance, eroding time and borders, but are also at the heart of the evolution of this world economy into an even more knowledge-rich global production system.

Global markets with extensive outsourcing and ‘just-in-time’ deliveries are requiring ever-increasing on-time shipments of semi-manufactured products, components, spare parts and final goods between production and assembly centers scattered over the globe. As the ‘half-life’ of many new products in this knowledge economy becomes shorter and shorter, and the spatial distribution of supply and demand points is changing rapidly, what is transported, how it is transported, and to where and from where – are all changing. The emerging global knowledge economy is thus a distributed system with a vast array of geographically dispersed economic operations. People, capital, goods and services are increasingly mobile and constitute, in the interactive milieu of the global economy, a large number of networks – embracing scientific knowledge, technology, production, service, finance, culture and so on. Communication technologies have opened the door to systems of global commerce but faster and more reliable transportation systems are needed to support them. Investments in transportation, therefore, not only allow existing patterns of business interactions to be carried out more efficiently but also support the evolution of new and radically different patterns of commerce at the global scale.

In the context of these economic transitions, transportation and communication technologies and infrastructures interact in complex ways. A superficial view holds that communication mostly substitutes for transportation, as when a conference call or exchange of documents via the Internet replaces a face-to-face meeting. Ultimately, however, the relationship is most often complementary. Preliminary interactions via electronic media eventually lead to an international shipment or passenger trip that would not have occurred otherwise. Furthermore, transportation and communication cannot be viewed as distinct entities. They are increasingly melded together, as in the cases of advanced logistical systems or intelligent transportation systems.



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The convergence of increasing personal mobility and exchange of ideas, and growing interactions among diverse knowledge networks are made possible by the innovations and structural change in transport and communications. These changes underlie the accelerating knowledge productivity and creativity as expressed in the production of new and improved economic, social and cultural goods and services. The continued growth of knowledge productivity depends thus on providing incentives that promote increasing interaction among people and knowledge networks. To understand this interaction among people and social entities, social capital and trust plays an essential role in fostering and maintaining network functions. For more than a decade, social capital has been a key concept in analyses of society. Social capital refers to the informal (and formal) institutions and relationships, plus the values, attitudes and norms that shape the quality and quantity of a society's social interactions. Social capital is found in all levels of society. A broader understanding of social capital accounts for both the positive and negative aspects by including vertical as well as horizontal associations between people, and includes behavior within and among organizations, such as firms, non-governmental organizations and politically governed bodies.

The purpose of this symposium is partially to remedy this lack of knowledge. We welcome the submission of papers dealing with topics such as

- Knowledge processes and production,
- Knowledge and collaboration networks,
- Entrepreneurship, citizen learning and learning organizations
- Social capital, knowledge institutions, knowledge spillovers, spatial econometrics and regional dynamics,
- Open versus closed innovations and open versus closed source economies
- One-size-fits-all standard versus one-finds-own-size standard

Around each of these six topics we plan to organise paper sessions to guarantee that all aspects of the symposium theme - ***Spatial Dispersed Production and Network Governance*** – are analysed and discussed during the symposium. Researchers that are interested in organising their own special sessions during the symposium are welcome to contact the organising committee.

Objectives

The objectives of the 11th Uddevalla Symposium 2008 are: i) to provide a unique opportunity for scholars including senior and junior researchers to discuss path-breaking concepts, ideas, frameworks and theories in plenary key-note sessions and parallel competitive paper sessions, and ii) to facilitate the development and synthesis of important contributions into cohesive and integrated collections for potential publication. Therefore, unpublished completed papers are invited for presentation and feedback from other scholars. A selected list of these papers will be subjected to review and development for publication in scholarly venues.

Keynotes & the organisation of the symposium

Following the tradition established by the previous symposia, starting in 1998, this 11th Uddevalla Symposium 2008 is designed to bring together leading-edge views of senior academic scholars and mix them with the critical and creative views of post-docs and PhD students engaged in their thesis work. We welcome researchers from various fields within business administration and management, such as international business, entrepreneurship, and small business economics as well as from regional economics, regional planning, economic geography, economic history, political science, sociology, and engineering interested in the theme of the symposium.



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In previous plenary- and keynote sessions, the contributions of prominent scholars have included Zoltan Acs, Tomas Andersson, Åke E. Andersson, David Audretsch, Corinne Autant-Bernard, David L. Birch, Chris Butler-Jensen, Roberta Capello, Bo Carlsson, Paul Cheshire, Philip Cooke, Juan Cuadrado-Roura, Alexander Eickelpasch, Hamid Etemad, Maryann Feldman, Manfred Fischer, Richard Florida, Harald Furre, Amy Glasmeier, Jack A. Goldstone, Mia Gray, Kingsley E. Haynes, Bronwyn H. Hall, Magnus Jerneck, Börje Johansson, T.R. Lakshmanan, Helen Lawton Smith, Janice Madden, Rico Maggi, Edward Malecki, Franco Malerba, Philip McCann, Peter Nijkamp, Karen R. Polenske, Luc Soete, Olav Spilling, Paula E. Stephan, Lois Stevenson, Robert Stimson, David Storey, Roger R. Stough, Bart Verspagen and Yongda Yu.

Contributions by these plenary keynote speakers of the past played catalytic roles in forging fresh links among research topics, between scholars and senior and junior researchers, and pushed the frontiers forward.

Keynote speakers 2008

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Structure

The 11th Uddevalla Symposium 2008 will have the following structure:

Keynote sessions: Mornings up to lunch are set aside for 3-4 plenary keynote contributions of prominent scholars.

Parallel paper sessions: Afternoons are devoted to parallel paper sessions focusing on the development of emergent concepts, frameworks, and theories for better understanding of the theme of the symposium and the new challenges they pose for scholars and practitioners.

Opening ceremony

The 11th Uddevalla Symposium 2008 will be opened up by **Prof. Kazuo Yoshida**, Dean of Management School in Kyoto University.

Publications

Leading-edge contributions from the previous symposia have appeared in special issues of prestigious journals and nine edited book volumes. This symposium will follow the same practice. In addition to the Uddevalla Symposium Proceedings, a similar effort for publication of a coordinated set of articles in book volumes and journals with high impact will be adopted for the 11th Uddevalla Symposium 2008. For a selected list of publications of previous symposia, please see www.symposium.hv.se

Best Paper Awards

To stimulate high quality papers a **Best Paper Award** of €1.000 as well as a **Best PhD Candidate Paper Award** of €700 will be awarded. The members of the scientific committee will select the winning papers.



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Submission Information

Submission deadline for Abstracts is: January 31, 2008

Abstract - 800 words of summary- **and** a title page including:

1. Title of the abstract
2. Sub-Topic area of the abstract (chooses from one of the six subtopics named above).
3. Name(s) of the author(s).
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**Results of the review process will be communicated to authors by approximately
March 1st, 2008**

Submission Deadline for Completed Papers accepted for presentation (in Word 6.0):
April 10th, 2008

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