

IGU CDES 2026

Strengthening economic resilience: Geographies of policies, knowledge co-creation and industry transformations

May 27-29, 2026, Turku School of Economics (TSE), University of Turku, Finland

PROGRAMME

Venue: Rehtorinpellonkatu 3, Hall LähiTapiola

Wednesday, May 27

12:00- Registration & Coffee

12:30-13:00 Conference Opening

Niina Nummela, Vice Dean, Turku School of Economics, University of Turku

Johanna Hautala, Head of Economic Geography unit, Turku School of Economics

Eva Kiss, Chair, IGU Commission on The Dynamics of Economic Spaces

Erja Kettunen-Matilainen, Head of Local Organizing Committee, Turku School of Economics

13:00-14:30 KEYNOTE SESSION (Chair: Erja Kettunen)

Keynote speaker: *Patrik Ström, Director, Center for Asian Studies, Stockholm School of Economics: Services in a Fragmenting World Economy: Geoeconomic Shifts, Policy Transformation, and Economic Resilience*

Keynote speaker: *Antti Pekanheimo, Chief Operating Officer, Port of Turku: How resilience & emergency supply affects ports today*

14:30-14:45 Coffee

14:45-16:15 Session 1. Industrial transformations under green and geopolitical pressures (Chair: Tommi Inkinen)

Industry Transformations and Regional Resilience under Geopolitical Shocks: From Static Robustness to Transformative Resilience (*Maciej Pietrzykowski, Poznan University of Economics and Business; Pawel Churski, Adam Mickiewicz University, et al.*)

How to remove the sand from the gears: Economic resilience and transitional corporate spatial responsibility under the green transition (*Xuesong Wang, Ritsumeikan University; Tomasz Dorożyński, University of Lodz; Rolf D. Schlunze, Ritsumeikan University*)

The Missing Link? How Investment Promotion Agencies Grow and Embed Strategic FDI (*Juan Alvarez-Vilanova, London School of Economics*)

16:15-16:30 Break

16:30-18:00 Session 2. Resilience policy, industrial strategy and governance (Chair: Nicolas Balcom Raleigh)

Small Regions in the Chip War: Construction of Opportunity Spaces and Industrial Resilience in Finland (*Markku Sotarauta, Tampere University*)

Misinterpretation of Smart Specialization Policy within a Centralized Governance: The Case of a Peripheral University (NEVÜ) in Turkey (*Utku Eren Bağcı, Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University; Nuri Yavan, Ankara University*)

Spatial strategising for industrial transitions: a scoping review on spatial dimensions of re-industrialisation policies (*Lisa Wätzold & Helka Kalliomäki, University of Vaasa*)

18:00 Welcome Reception (Turku City Hospitality) and Buffet City of Turku Welcome Words: *Niina Ratilainen, Vice Chairperson of Turku City Council*

19:00-21:00 Guided walking city tour

Thursday, 28 May

8:30 Coffee

9:00-9:45 KEYNOTE SESSION (Chair: Päivi Oinas)

Keynote speaker: *Martina Fuchs, Professor and Head of the Institute of Economic and Social Geography, University of Cologne: Strengthening Knowledge for Local Sustainability: The Digital & Sustainable Twin Transition*

9:45-11:15 Session 3. Urban and rural resilience under uneven development (Chair: Pawel Churski)

Clustered Urban Growth: A Structural Analysis of Densification in Finland's Urban Regions (*Jouko Lappalainen & Tommi Inkinen, University of Turku*)

Co-construction of Cultural and Productive Itineraries for the Socioeconomic Resilience of the Mountains of Lombardy (Italy) (*Giovanni Baiocchi, Monica Morazzoni, Andrea Brambilla, IULM University of Milan*)

Innovation districts in urban context: Emerging networked models around the world (*Päivi Oinas, University of Turku; Lucía Gómez, Turku School of Economics; Helka Kalliomäki, University of Vaasa; Erja Kettunen, Turku School of Economics*)

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30-13:00 Session 4. Geographies of food production and consumption (Chair: Eva Kiss)

Bridging Institutions and Behavior in Household Food Waste Research: A Multilevel Systematic Review (*Vitria Susanti, Turku School of Economics*)

When Infrastructure Is Not Enough: The Temporal and Socio-Political Embeddedness and Resilience of the Beef Value Chain in Namibia's Zambezi Region (*Leonie Hesselmann, University of Cologne*)

Rethinking Accessibility in Grocery Retailing – Causes and Consequences of City-Centre Residents' Outshopping (*Anna-Maija Kohijoki & Heli Marjanen, Turku School of Economics*)

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Session 5. New technologies supporting and challenging resilient knowledge co-creation (Chair: Johanna Hautala)

New technologies in historical spaces: knowledge mediation through VR and hologram technology in the museum (*Justyna Pierzynska, University of Vaasa*)

Co-creating professional knowledge in VR (*Marianne Mäntyoja, University of Vaasa*)

Connecting across distance: Anticipation and sustainability orientations of North American, European and Australian tele-presence technology innovators and users (*Nicolas Balcom Raleigh & Johanna Hautala, Turku School of Economics, Marianne Mäntyoja, University of Vaasa*)

15:30-15:45 Coffee

15:45-17:15 Session 6. Spatiality of entrepreneurship, labour and skills (Chair: Lucía Gómez)

The Geography of Student Entrepreneurship: Institutional Roles, Place-Based Challenges, and Pathways to Sustainability (*Shandy Aditya, Turku School of Economics*)

The Mobility Patterns of the Creative Class: A Case Study of Turkish R&D Employees (*Nuri Yavan & Hasan Canbulat, Ankara University; Mehmet Cansız, Ankara Chamber of Industry*)

Situated between MNCs' headquarters and the local environment – Exploring local managers' scope to contribute to or exploit local skill formation systems (*Johannes Westermeyer, University of Cologne*)

19:00-22:00 Gala Dinner at Brewery Restaurant Koulu (Eerikinkatu 18)

Friday, 29 May

9:00 Coffee

9:30-11:00 Session 7. Knowledge co-creation for resilience: industries and regions (Chair: Ayu Pratiwi)

Knowledge co-creation: Suggestions for theoretical development – The example of green skills in the building sector (*Hanna Link & Martina Fuchs, University of Cologne*)

Revisiting Innovation Ecosystems under Competition and Spatial Fragmentation (*Akiko Fujii, Mitsui & Co. Global Strategic Studies Institute*)

From Un-ness to Preparedness: Strengthening Economic Resilience through Regional Communities of Practice (*Justine Walter, Contingency Institute*)

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:45 Session 8. Industry transformation and location (Chair: Johanna Hautala)

Creating resilience under institutional complexity: The security of supply in pharmaceutical industry (*Anna Karhu & Erja Kettunen, Turku School of Economics*)

Reconfiguration and Polarisation in the Global Automotive Sector: Shifting Centres of Vehicle Production and Consumption, 2011-2024 (*Bartłomiej Kofsut & Robert Kudlak, Adam Mickiewicz University*)

Foreign Direct Investment and the Transformation of Industrial Space in Hungary in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (*Eva Kiss, HUN-REN, RCAES, Geographical Institute*)

12:45 Closing of the conference

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Departure by bus for Field trip to Port of Turku. Short city tour and arrival to Auriga Business Center, Meeting room, where presentation on Port of Turku at 15:00-16:00, then bus excursion around the port. Return to TSE at 17:00.



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