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**1st Workshop**

**Innovation and R&D Networks for  
Policy Design and Implementation:  
North, South of Europe & Eastern  
Mediterranean Regions**

**Workshop: 27th-28th of May 2019  
at AUTH**

**Conference Room 319**

**AUTH Economic and Political Science & Low School Building**



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#### **1st Workshop on “Innovation and R&D Networks for Policy Design and Implementation: North, South of Europe & Eastern Mediterranean Regions”**

##### **Call for Abstracts**

The social sciences use of networks as a research tool spans in a wide variety of fields. The focus of the international literature has shifted to innovation and R&D networks in several levels of analysis, such as regional, national, sectoral. Independently of the level of analysis, a new strand of research is the use of networks as a tool for design and implementation of policy. In this strand we would like to turn our attention in the **1<sup>st</sup> “Innovation and R&D Networks for Policy Design and Implementation” workshop**. In doing so, we focus on three closely related research strands: a. the role of the dynamic aspect of networks in the formation of innovation systems in regional, national and international levels, and b. reassessing the link between networks as institutions and the formation of regional, national and international policies.

The purpose of this workshop is to allow to PhD students, early career researchers, academics, and practitioners to discuss and exchange ideas on fields related to R&D collaboration and innovation networks, and system building and the implication of their research in policy making. The first objective of this workshop is to contribute to the methodological research on the network dynamics. We would like to understand how the structure of innovation networks evolves through time and how it affects the innovation system formation. The second objective is to link the existing and on-going research with the economic position of the firms and institutes participating in innovation systems, and further to shed some light to the institutional and policy implications of the economic activity in a region or country.



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We welcome presentations in the following indicative research fields:

- Innovation networks as a tool for innovation policy design
- Network dynamics and system resilience.
- Knowledge transfer in existing networks and new innovation network formation.
- Knowledge transfer and innovation policy design and implementation.
- Network positioning, entrepreneurship, and economic performance.
- Institutions and collaborations through alliances portfolios
- Innovation policy in developed and developing economies
- Sustainability transitions and innovation in renewable energy technologies.
- Economics and business in regional, national and international contexts.

Further topics related to these issues are highly welcome as well.

Abstracts of 400 words maximum should be sent to Dr. Athanasios Kazanas, tkazanas@econ.auth.gr , by **30th of April 2019**. Successful candidates will be notified until the **30th of April 2019**.

#### **Plenary Talks**

There will be two plenary talks held by **Ron Boschma**, Professor in Regional Economics, University of Utrecht, and Professor in Innovation Studies, University of Stavanger, and by **Slavo Radošević**, Professor of Industry and Innovation Studies, University College London.

#### **Important Dates**

Abstract submission deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2019

Notification of admission: up to the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2019

Workshop: 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2019

#### **Participation Fee**

The participation fee will be 100€. Participants should cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. There will be no fee of the PhD students of the Department of Economics of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.



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Best regards,  
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