

ERSA conference 2010
Special Session
“**Location and migration patterns of ‘creativity’**”

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Today, there is a general consensus on the importance of human capital to regional development, but there is still a debate around two key issues. The first involves the role of education /and or creativity, while the second revolves around the factors that affect its distribution. Since we know talent, associated with economic development, is spread unevenly, it is important to understand the factors that account for their varied geography. Most economists conceptualize talent as a stock or endowment, which belongs to a place in the same way that a natural resource might. But the reality is that talent is a *flow*, a highly mobile factor that can and does relocate. The key question then becomes: What factors shape this flow and determine the divergent levels of human capital and the creative class - education and skill - across regions?

Practicalities

Acceptance for the special session is based on a review process. Full papers will be refereed at the conference. The deadline for abstract submission is **January 15th**, and for final papers **June 1st, 2010**. Please note that in order to be considered for this special session, your abstract should be submitted both at the official ERSA conference website and by e-mail to either Alessandra Faggian or Charlotta Mellander.

We are looking forward to receiving your contributions.
Best regards,

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