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Call for Papers from Postgraduate Research

The Spatial Economics Research Centre was launched in April 2008 to provide high quality independent research on why some regions, cities and communities prosper more than others. It mobilises international expertise and provides information for policy makers to enhance their capacity to diagnose and tackle existing spatial inequalities.

One significant part of its mission is to contribute to capacity-building in this field by working and networking with young researchers. To pursue this aim, the Centre’s annual conference in May is held over two days, with the first half of the programme devoted to presentations based on current / recent PhD research, and the second to papers by SERC staff and affiliates, relating to the Centre’s own research. These sessions have been very successful in the past in terms of participation and feedback.

Submissions are invited now for papers to be presented in the PhD / young researcher sessions. Topics should reflect SERC’s broad research agenda and relate to one (or more) of its five programme areas:

- The scale and nature of UK spatial disparities
- The causes of place-based effects
- Housing and land markets
- The structure and evolution of the spatial economy
- Spatial economic policy

Successful applicants will be invited to attend both days of the conference. Financial support for authors of those papers selected for presentation (covering economy travel and budget hotel) will be provided by SERC. The choice of papers will be based on 500 word abstracts, which should be sent via email by 21st March to Linda Cleavely at the Centre [l.f.cleavely@lse.ac.uk], together with information about the author’s affiliations, status and date of PhD submission (if awarded in the last three years). Each presenter will also be expected to serve as a discussant. Authors will be notified of decisions by 30th March. If your paper is accepted, deadline for full paper submissions is 4th May.

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