

Call for Chapter Proposals for  
**Placing Contemporary Economic Geographies**

*Edited by*

**Han Chu**

Kiel University, Germany, [chu@geographie.uni-kiel.de](mailto:chu@geographie.uni-kiel.de)

**Robert Hassink**

Kiel University, Germany, [hassink@geographie.uni-kiel.de](mailto:hassink@geographie.uni-kiel.de)

**Alica Repenning**

Greifswald University, Germany, [alica.repenning@uni-greifswald.de](mailto:alica.repenning@uni-greifswald.de)

to be published in [\*the International Geographical Union Series on Contemporary Geographies\*](#)

under the auspices of the [\*IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces \(IGU CDES\)\*](#)

Economic geography is a dynamic sub-discipline shaped by heterodox perspectives and attuned to societal challenges. Contemporary research highlights three major transitions: toward green economies, digitalization, and crisis-induced restructuring. These blue-green, digital, and disrupted transitions form the focus of this edited volume. While these themes reflect the field's responsiveness, they often overlook the conceptual significance of space, place, and scale. In contrast, other disciplines have embraced a spatial turn, while economic geography risks losing sight of its core geographical conceptual foundations. This volume addresses that gap by bringing together scholars to re-engage with spatial thinking across these three domains. The first section explores how ecological concerns reshape spaces, places, and scales; the second examines how platformization alters economic geographies; and the third considers how crises reconfigure regions and spatial relations. Together, the contributions argue for a spatially sensitive economic geography that remains conceptually grounded and empirically relevant in times of transformation.

We welcome chapters on, but not limited to, the following questions:

- How are green economies, blue economies, and/or bio-economies geographically conceptualized?

- How are sustainability transitions linked to geographical conceptualization?
- How do platformization and digitalization impact our conceptual knowledge of place, space, and scale of economic activities?
- How are urban spaces, regional dynamics, and clusters re-arranged because of platformization?
- How do multiple crises, such as COVID-19, the war in Ukraine, and disruptions re-shape our sense of place, economic spaces
- How do they re-shuffle relevant scales of economic activities?
- How are spaces, places, and scales re-arranged toward resilient regions and altered trans-local collaborations?

### **Submission Information**

**Abstracts** of max. 300 words must be submitted by **December 15<sup>th</sup> 2025** to one of the editors by e-mail (Han Chu [chu@geographie.uni-kiel.de](mailto:chu@geographie.uni-kiel.de); Robert Hassink [hassink@geographie.uni-kiel.de](mailto:hassink@geographie.uni-kiel.de); Alica Repenning [alica.repenning@uni-greifswald.de](mailto:alica.repenning@uni-greifswald.de)). The editors will decide about the submissions by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2026. **First drafts** of the chapters will be due by **June 15<sup>th</sup> 2026** and the publication of the book is scheduled for early 2027.