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**Wednesday, September 9, 2026 (State University of Ceará/UECE, Itaperi Campus,
Rectory Building)**

Time	Activity	
8.00 – 9.10	Registration	
8.30 – 9.10	Conference opening: Prof. Hidelbrando dos Santos Soares, Rector of the State University of Ceará/UECE Prof. Bernardo Mançano Fernandes, Vice-President of the International Geographical Union (IGU) Prof. Eva Kiss, Chair of the IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces (IGU CDES) Prof. Edilson Pereira Júnior, Head of the Local Organising Committee	
9.10 – 10.15	Opening Keynote: Prof. Christian Berndt, University of Zurich, Switzerland - "Uneven geographical development in post-global times: Approaching south-south supply chains from a Latin American perspective". Chair: Prof. Hipólita Siqueira de Oliveira.	
10.15 – 10.35	Coffee break	
Time	Session 1: Theoretical and Methodological Interpretations of the Dynamics of Economic Spaces (Paulo Petrola Auditorium). Chair: Prof. Floriano José Godinho de Oliveira.	
10.35 – 11.55	Prof. Carlos Antônio Brandão, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)	For a geographical political economy of spatialized social-collective-commons services
	Prof. Mirlei Fachini Vicente Pereira, Federal University of Uberlândia (UFU)	The startup phenomenon and Economic Geography: An assessment of analytical perspectives
	Prof. Dhiego Antônio de Medeiros, Alagoas State University (UNEAL)	A Methodological Proposal for the Geographical Analysis of Credit Markets in Brazilian Cities
	Prof. Diogo Marcelo Delben Ferreira de Lima, Federal University of Mato Grosso (UFMT)	Geographical-economic thinking about the Brazilian Amazon: Points for discussion

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Session 2: Global Production Networks, Development, and Contemporary Geopolitical Changes (Main Hall of the UECE Superior Council). Chair: Prof. Lisandra Pereira Lamoso.		
10.35 – 11.55	Prof. Carlos José Espíndola, Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC)	The dynamism of foreign trade in the socio-spatial formation of Southern Brazil
	Prof. Pierre Alves Costa, Midwestern Parana State University (UNICENTRO)	The Brazilian pre-salt and the Federal Police’s Operation Lava Jato: a geopolitical and geoeconomic reflection
	Prof. Rafael Bernardo Silveira, Federal Institute Catarinense (IFC)	Foreign trade as a growth strategy: lessons from the Chinese experience and the relations with Brazil
	Karim Goumidi, University of Batna, Algeria	Dual exchange rate system, foreign exchange controls, and import restrictions in Algeria: implicit subsidies and structural market distortions
11.55 – 13.15	Lunch	
Session 3: Territorial Impacts of Globalized Agriculture (Paulo Petrola Auditorium). Chair: Prof. Juscelino Eudâmidas Bezerra.		
13.15 – 15.35	Prof. Denise Elias (State University of Ceará/UECE) and Prof. Renato Pequeno (Federal University of Ceará/UFC)	Globalization, productive restructuring of agriculture and socio-spatial impacts in Brazil
	Prof. Bernardo Mançano Fernandes, São Paulo State University (UNESP)	MST vs. Agribusiness: a paradigmatic debate
	Prof. Eduardo von Dentz, Federal University of Ceará (UFC)	Brazil and the New Global Geoeconomy: Agriculture as an Element of National Sovereignty
	Prof. Guilherme dos Santos Claudino, São Paulo State University (UNESP)	Neo-extractivism in economic and agrarian geography: an analysis of its operationalization and implications for territorial development
	Dr. Henrique Faria dos Santos, São Paulo State University (UNESP)	New financialization strategies of agribusiness in Brazil
	Prof. Laís Ribeiro Silva, Federal University of Uberlândia (UFU)	The role of public funds in the Brazilian sugar-energy sector

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Session 4: Innovation, Knowledge, and the Diffusion of Platform Economies (Main Hall of the UECE Superior Council). Chair: Prof. Mirlei Fachini Vicente Pereira.		
13.15 – 15.35	Prof. Regina Helena Tunes, Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ)	Geography of Innovation in Latin America
	Prof. Terezinha Serafim Gomes, São Paulo State University (UNESP)	University and innovation strategies: the experiences of the Pedro Nunes Institute and Biocant Park Innovation Environments in the Central Region of Portugal
	Prof. João Carlos Carvalhaes dos Santos Monteiro, Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ)	The selective clusters of Airbnb in Rio de Janeiro: Platformization, tourism-led regeneration and housing inequality
	M.Sc. Bruno Vicente dos Passos, São Paulo State University (UNESP)	Between the click and the delivery: the instrumentalization of small retail by global retail networks
	Dr. Thiago da Silva Santa Rosa Rodrigues, Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ)	Innovation, digital platforms and the financialization of territory: the case of Maricá, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
	M.Sc. Marcos Eduardo Arantes da Silva, Federal University of Uberlândia (UFU)	"Entrepreneurial universities" and innovation in Uberaba, Minas Gerais, Brazil: agtechs and territorial institutional arrangements
15.35 – 15.50	Coffee break	
Session 5: Territory, technical systems, and contradictions of the energy transition (Paulo Petrola Auditorium). Chair: Prof. Leandro Dias de Oliveira.		
15.50 – 18.10	Prof. Denis Castilho, Federal University of Goiás (UFG)	Electric networks and infrastructure in Brazil after the privatization of Eletrobras: financialization and implications for the energy transition
	Prof. Mariana Traldi, Federal Institute of São Paulo (IFSP)	Energy transition for whom? Financialization and dispossession in the expansion of solar energy in the Northeastern of Brazil

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	Prof. Luciano Pereira Duarte Silva, Federal University of Grande Dourados (UFGD)	Corporate energy transition and peripheral sociospatial formation: data center expansion as a strategy to address the limitations of energy generation
	Prof. Oséias Teixeira da Silva, Fluminense Federal Institute (IFF)	Capitalism as an energy vampire in a neoliberal world: the mismatch between electricity supply and demand on a national scale
	Prof. Fábio Ricardo Silva Beserra and M.Sc. Luana Dantas Souza, State University of Rio Grande do Norte (UERN)	Territorial dynamics regarding foreign companies' activities in wind energy production in Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil
	M.Sc. Paulo Ricardo Benevides Castro, State University of Ceará (UECE)	Capital arrives first: zoning as ratification in the renewable energy frontier of São Gonçalo do Amarante, Ceará, Brazil
	M.Sc. Gisleidy Uchôa Tavares, Federal University of Ceará (UFC)	Participatory analysis of water–food– energy nexus securities and insecurities as a contribution to governance and territorial development in the Northeastern Brazilian semiarid region

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Session 6: Urban Economy, Financialization, and New Forms of Consumption
(Main Hall of the UECE Superior Council).
Chair: Prof. Rodrigo Hidalgo.

15.50 – 18.10

Prof. José Borzacchiello da Silva, Federal University of Ceará (UFC)	Geography of e-commerce: the Concentrated Region of the São Paulo– Campinas
Prof. Paulo Roberto Rodrigues Soares, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS)	Platform capitalism and the articulation of the upper and lower circuits of the urban economy in the Porto Alegre City- Region, Brazil
Prof. Wagner Wendt Nabarro, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS)	Beyond financial centralization: the recent rise of credit cooperativism in Brazil
Prof. Juscelino Eudâmidas Bezerra, University of Brasília (UnB)	The territorial grammar of food retail: multiformat as a spatial strategy in Brazilian metropolises
Prof. Rafael Faleiros de Pádua, Federal University of Paraíba (UFPB)	Space policies and economic strategies in João Pessoa, Brazil

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	M.Sc. Monica Maria Silva Sousa and Prof. Cláudio Smalley Soares Pereira, State University of Ceará (UECE)	Beyond digitalization: phygitalization in the commercial practices of the São Bento Market, Cascavel, Ceará, Brazil
	Dr. Clevisson José da Silva, University of São Paulo (USP)	The spread of global businesses in Brazilian territory through corporate franchise networks

Thursday, September 10, 2026 (State University of Ceará/UECE, Itaperi Campus, Rectorry Building)

Time	Activity	
8.30 – 9.30	Keynote Lecture: Dr. Brígida Miola (Executive Director of the Secretariat for Economic Development of the Government of Ceará, Brazil/SDE). “Development, governance and territorial planning – the investment attraction policies of the Government of the State of Ceará” (Paulo Petrola Auditorium). Chair: Prof. Edilson Pereira Júnior.	
Time	Session 7: Geography of Investment, Financialization, and the Role of Real Estate in the Production of Urban Space (Paulo Petrola Auditorium). Chair: Prof. Renato Pequeno.	
9.30 – 10.30	Prof. Rodrigo Hidalgo, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC)	Toward an Urban Economic Geography of Housing: Housing Deficit and Subsidization in Chile
	Prof. Rocio Estrada Ibarra, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico	Changes in housing production and the configuration of socio-spatial regimes of residential emancipation in Mexico City
	Prof. Daniel Sanfelici, Fluminense Federal University (UFF)	Asset managers and the production of financial geographies in the Global South: pooling, management and channeling in the Brazilian property market
Time	Session 8: Productive restructuring, industrial policies, and corporate sustainability (Main Hall of the UECE Superior Council). Chair: Prof. Edilson Pereira Júnior.	
9.30 – 10.30	Prof. Lisandra Pereira Lamoso, Federal University of Grande Dourados (UFGD)	The challenges for Brazilian industrial policy regarding the shifting dynamic axis of the international economy
	Prof. Luciana Buffalo, National University of Córdoba (UNC)	Productive and Territorial Restructuring in Response to the Adoption of Digital Technologies in Argentine Industry

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	Prof. Leandro Dias de Oliveira, Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRRJ)	Productive restructuring and corporate sustainability models in the Metropolitan Region of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
10.30 – 10.40	Coffee break	
Time	Session 9: Financialization, Real Estate, Tourism, and the New Urban Phenomenon (Paulo Petrola Auditorium). Chair: Prof. Daniel Sanfelici.	
10.40 – 12.00	Prof. André Santos da Rocha, Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRRJ)	The geography of corporations and financial funds in Brazil's sanitation sector – a study of companies operating in the Baixada Fluminense Region
	M.Sc. Antônio Victor de Mendonça Moreira, Federal University of Ceará (UFC)	Financialisation and the green-digital nexus: incentivised debentures and data centre finance in Brazil
	Prof. Wagner Vinicius Amorim, State University of Ceará (UECE)	Political economy of urbanization, real estate expansion, and regional differentiations: the new urban phenomenon in the state of Ceará
	M.Sc. Mateus Almeida Rodrigues and Prof. Alexandre Queiroz Pereira, Federal University of Ceará (UFC)	Tourism, real estate, and sharing economy: research trends from a territorial approach
Time	Session 10: Industry, Productive Circuits, and Energy Production Chains (Main Hall of the UECE Superior Council). Chair: Prof. Luciana Buffalo.	
10.40 – 12.00	Prof. Magda Valéria da Silva, Federal University of Catalão (UFCAT)	Spatial circuits of production and Industry 4.0: the HPE Automotores do Brasil Ltda. Group in Catalão, Goiás, Brazil
	M.Sc. Bruno Saggiorato and Prof. Carlos José Espíndola, Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC)	Political-institutional measures and the performance of the Brazilian manufacturing industry after 2003
	Prof. João Vitor Oliveira de Alencar, Federal Institute of Ceará (IFCE)	The spatial configuration of the Brazilian footwear industry: from region to network- territory
	M.Sc. Gabriel Nascimento Pelaquin and Prof. Luciano Pereira Duarte Silva, Federal University of Grande Dourados (UFGD)	Photovoltaic energy expansion and socio- territorial reconfigurations in Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil

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12.00 – 13.00	Lunch
Time	Fieldwork
13.00 – 18.30	1- Pecém Industrial and Port Complex.
	2- New configurations of Fortaleza's urban space.
18.30 – 22.00	Conference Dinner

Friday, September 11, 2026 (State University of Ceará/UECE, Itaperi Campus, Rectory Building)

Time	Activity	
Time	Session 11: Territorial Impacts of Mineral, Oil, and Gas Extraction (Paulo Petrola Auditorium). Chair: Prof. Mariana Traldi.	
8.30 – 10.30	Prof. Hugo Romero, Universidad de Chile	From an apparent South American lithium triangle to the reshaping of complex spatial networks of new international mining districts
	Prof. Hipólita Siqueira de Oliveira, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)	Territorial reprimarization in Brazil: regional dynamics of oil extraction in the State of Rio de Janeiro
	Prof. Claudio Luiz Zanotelli, Federal University of Espírito Santo (UFES)	The predatory race for strategic minerals as a result of informational and energy "transitions" within the mutation of capitalism
	Prof. Leandro Bruno Santos, Fluminense Federal University (UFF)	Political economy of oil and the production of space: Petrobras as a territorial actor
	M.Sc. D'Jeanine Candido Souza Carvalho, Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ)	The Rio de Janeiro–São Paulo megaregion and the oil and natural gas production circuit: Logistic integration under control and dispute

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	M.Sc. Juliana da Silva Carvalho, Federal University of Northern Tocantins (UFNT)	Mining in the State of Tocantins: an analysis of the socioeconomic and environmental implications of the MSB Mining company in the municipality of Goianorte, Tocantins, Brazil
Time	Session 12: Networks, Circulation, and Infrastructure of Territorial and Regional Modernization (Main Hall of the UECE Superior Council). Chair: Prof. Denis Castilho.	
8.30 – 10.30	Prof. Eveline Bertino Algebaile, Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ)	Infrastructure and social policies in the "age of circulation": the new asynchrony
	Prof. Matheus Cavalcanti Bartholomeu, Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ)	The multiplication of logistical territories and their value-productive character
	Prof. Luís Antônio Araújo Gonçalves, M.Sc. Francisco Beniadne Bezerra and M.Sc. Fabiana Carla da Costa Barros Bezerra, State University of Vale do Acaraú (UVA)	Between Innovation and Tradition: Market Trucks in the Circulation of Clothing Produced in Morrinhos, Ceará, Brazil
	Prof. Glauciana Teles and M.Sc. Antônio Veiga Rodrigues, State University of Vale do Acaraú (UVA)	Networks and technical systems in the territorial modernization of Brazilian medium-sized cities and the reconfiguration of the contemporary urban network
	M.Sc. Gustavo Augusto Moreira, Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ)	The sociotechnical networks of Brazilian public health: from National Education and Research Network to the National Health Data Network
	M.Sc. Rômulo Hemilton Rocha Marinho, Federal University of Goiás (UFG)	The North-South Railway and the corporate use of territory in Brazil in the 21st century

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10.30 – 10.40	Coffee break	
Time	Session 13: Technical Networks, Port Systems, and Economic Restructuring (Paulo Petrola Auditorium). Chair: Prof. Claudio Luiz Zanotelli.	
10.40 – 12.00	Prof. Floriano José Godinho de Oliveira, Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ)	Technical networks, railways, and ports in the economic restructuring of the state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
	Prof. Glauciana Teles, State University of Vale do Acaraú (UVA)	Networks and technical systems of territorial modernization: the Pecém Industrial and Port Complex within the context of the metropolization process in the western portion of the Fortaleza Metropolitan Region, Brazil
	Dr. José Eudázio Honório Sampaio, State University of Ceará (UECE)	Territorial restructuring and global production networks: the role of the Pecém Industrial and Port Complex (CIPP) in the economic transformation of Ceará, Brazil
	M.Sc. Victor Dantas Santana, Federal University of Uberlândia (UFU)	Logistics and corporate use of territory: centrality and strategy of the Santos port terminal for COFCO International
Time	Session 14: Productive Spatial Circuits and Territorial Dynamics (Main Hall of the UECE Superior Council). Chair: Prof. Leandro Bruno Santos.	
10.40 – 12.00	Prof. Fernando dos Santos Sampaio, Western Paraná State University (Unioeste)	Productive spatial circuit of coffee: current dynamics of production and consumption
	Prof. Rafaela Fabiana Ribeiro Delcol, Federal University of Mato Grosso do Sul (UFMS)	Industrialization and productive-territorial restructuring of the "Cellulose Valley", Brazil
	Dr. Carlos Andrés Pachón Pinzón, University of São Paulo (USP)	Mapping global production networks of illegal gold: cross-border dynamics in Colombia

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	M.Sc. Fábio Ferreira Sampaio, Federal University of Ceará (UFC) and Prof. Carlos Marcelo Maciel Gomes, Federal Institute of Alagoas (IFAL)	From the "Sertão" to the global market: circuits of cotton production in the Northeast of Brazil
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch	
Time	Session 15: Economic Dynamics of Migration and Labor Relations (Paulo Petrola Auditorium). Chair: Prof. Eveline Bertino Algebaile.	
13.30 – 15.15	Prof. Ednelson Mariano Dota, Federal University of Espírito Santo (UFES) and University of Campinas (Unicamp)	Migratory network dynamics and the production of space in São Paulo, Brazil (2000–2022)
	Prof. Denise Bomtempo, State University of Ceará (UECE)	Urban migration economy: networks, labor, and urban economic circuits across Brazilian cities
	Prof. Fernando Rodrigo Farias, Federal University of Mato Grosso do Sul (UFMS) and M.Sc. Lucas Frederico Ortiz Paniagua, Federal University of Grande Dourados (UFGD)	Population redistribution in Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil: regional economic dynamics, production chain expansion, and labor market trends in the 2022 Census
	Prof. Francismar Cunha Ferreira, Zé Eduardo Dutra Institute for Strategic Studies on Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels (INEEP) and Prof. Ednelson Mariano Dota, Federal University of Espírito Santo (UFES) and University of Campinas (Unicamp)	Migratory dynamics and oil exploration in Brazil's Equatorial Margin: the case of Oiapoque, Amapá
	M.Sc. Sâmila Silva Lima, Federal University of Ceará (UFC)	Lifestyles and gender violence in women's artisanal fishing in Ceará: an analysis from a social cartography perspective

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Session 16: Urban Spatial Practices, General Conditions of Production, Territorial Transitions, and Social Innovation (Main Hall of the UECE Superior Council). Chair: Prof. André Santos da Rocha.		
13.30 – 15.30	Prof. Jane Roberta de Assis Barbosa and M.Sc. David Isaías de Souza, Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN)	Smart cities and territorial modernization in the Northeast of Brazil: machine learning for the analysis of sociospatial inequalities
	Prof. Heloisa Santos Molina Lopes, Federal Institute of São Paulo (IFSP)	Solidarity-based marketing practices at IFSP: the case of the Women Farmers' Network of Barra do Turvo, São Paulo, Brazil
	Dr. Anderson Gomes de Oliveira, Superintendence of Economic and Social Studies of Bahia (SEI/SEPLAN/BA) and M.Sc. Danillo Felix de Santana, University of Salvador (UNIFACS)	From the right to the metropolis to metropolitan citizenship: reflections on the Brazilian context
	Dr. Marcelo Monroy Bentes, Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ)	Urban spatial practices and the right to the city: social innovation and sanitation in Rio de Janeiro's favelas
	M.Sc. Pamela Casanova Kimmemgs, Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ)	New territorial uses under neoliberalism: pentecostal therapeutic communities in Brazil
	M.Sc. Luís Alberto Miranda Goveia, Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ)	The state and general conditions of production: an analysis of transportation investments in Brazil in the 21st century
15.30 – 15.45	Coffee break	
15.45 – 17.15	Closing Panel: "Epistemological Trajectories of Economic Geography in Latin America" . Prof. Mónica Arroyo, University of São Paulo (USP) and Prof. Eliseu Sposito, São Paulo State University (UNESP) (Paulo Petrola Auditorium). Chair: Prof. Regina Tunes.	
17.15	Closing Session.	

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