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**Faculty of Human Geography and Planning
Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań (Poland)**

September 16–18, 2025

**Geopolitical Turbulences, Environmental Challenges and
the Reconfiguration of Economic Spaces**

Final Program

**Tuesday, September 16, 2025 (University's main building, Collegium Minus,
Wieniawskiego 1)**

Time	Program, Author(s)	Author(s) affiliation	Title
12.15-12.45	Registration		
12.45-13.30	Conference opening: Prof. Zbyszko Melosik Vice-rector of the Adam Mickiewicz University Prof. Paweł Churski, dean of the Faculty of Human Geography and Planning Prof. Eva Kiss, Chair of the IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces Prof. Robert Kudlak, Head of the Local Organising Committee		
13.30-14.15	Chair: Prof. Robert Kudlak Keynote: Prof. Gavin Bridge: Geo-economics and the critical minerals moment		
14.15-14.30	Coffee break		
14.30-16.00	Chair: Prof. Nuri Yavan Session 1 The natural environment and sustainability transition I.		
	Nadeesha Abeyrathna, A.W.G.N.M. Abeyrathna, Ph.D. Prof. Robert Hassink	Department of Geography, Kiel University, Germany	Geographies of Sustainability Transitions in the Global South: A Systematic Literature Review and Future Research Agenda
	Prof. Lech Suwala	Institut für Stadt-und Regionalplanung, Fachgebiet für Stadt-und Regionalökonomie, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany	Sustainability transitions through corporate place leadership in rural areas?! – The case of Montbell in Japan
	Ayu Pratiwi, Ph.D. Prof. Erja Kettunen-Matilainen	Dept. of Marketing and International Business, Turku School of Economics, University of Turku, Finland	Indonesian palm oil conglomerates facing multi-scalar pressures of global sustainability standards and national institutional challenges
16.00-16.15	Coffee break		
16.15-17.45	Chair: Prof. Neil Reid Session 2 (Geo)Political Impacts		
	Şükrü Yılmaz, Ph.D.	Department of Geography, Kiel University, Germany	More Historical and (Geo)Political Wisdom for Evolutionary Economic Geography: The Emergence and Early Development of the German Shipbuilding Industry
	Gabriel Camară, Ph.D.	Department of Geography, Faculty of Geography and Geology, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania	The triple challenge of Romania and Ukraine regarding the Bystroe channel
	Seonghun Kim, Ph.D. Jung Suk Woo, Ph.D.	Department of Geography, Seoul National University, South Korea	The emergence of geopolitical rent and the revival of local industry: The case of Sangdong tungsten Mine, South Korea

		Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies(CURDS), Newcastle University, United Kingdom	
17.45-19.00	Supper		
19.00-21.00	Guided tour in Poznań city center		

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9.00-9.45	Chair: Prof. Eva Kiss Keynote: Mr. Marcin Rzepczyński (VW Group Poland): Spatial reconfiguration of the production and logistic processes in the automotive industry: A historical and contemporary perspective		
9.45-10.00	Coffee break		
10.00-11.30	Chair: Prof. Rolf Schlunze Session 3 Evolutionary Economic Geography		
	Han Chu, Ph.D. Prof. Robert Hassink	Department of Geography, Kiel University, Germany	Placing Contemporary Economic Geographies: Towards a Research Agenda
	Alica Repenning, Ph.D.	Greifswald University, Germany	
	Hasan Canbulat, M.Sc. Prof. Nuri Yavan	Department of Geography, Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey	Critical Events, Agency and Assets: Evolutionary Dynamics of a Tourism Destination from an EEC Perspective
	Prof. Grzegorz Micek Iuliia Smoliar Prof. Dariusz Wójcik	Institute of Geography and Spatial Management, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland Doctoral School in the Social Sciences, Jagiellonian University Department of Geography, National University of Singapore	Phoenix from the ashes or born from related variety? Spatial emergence and transformation of the new industry: an evolutionary perspective on the FinTech industry in Poland
11.30-11.45	Coffee break		
11.45-13.15	Chair: Prof. Tadeusz Stryjakiewicz Session 4 The natural environment and sustainability transition II.		
	Prof. Piotr Pachura	Częstochowa University of Technology, Faculty of Management, Department of Management and Entrepreneurship, Częstochowa, Poland	Urban revitalization projects in sustainability perspective - quantitative studies and participatory action research
	Jagannath Kafle, M.Sc.	Turku School of Economics, University of Turku, Finland	Aid, Policy, and Development Discourse: The Effects of Official Development Assistance on

			Sustainable Agriculture Development in the Udayapur District of Nepal
	Abdelkarim al Hloul, Ph.D.	Al-Ahliyya Amman University, Jordan/ University of Sopron, Hungary	Uneven Shifts: Regional Gaps in Industry 4.0 Adoption and Environmental Outcomes across the MENA Region
13.15-14.15	Lunch break		
14.15-15.45	Chair: Prof. Robert Hassink Session 5 MNEs' Behaviour and (Geo)Politics		
	Wioletta Kilar, Ph.D.	University of the National Education Commission, Krakow, Poland	The impact of global conditions on the functioning, potential changes and spatial configuration of the world's largest corporations
	Prof. Richard Wolfel Prof. Amy Richmond	United States Military Academy	Fragile Ground: The Interplay of Environmental Crises, Geopolitics, and Political Instability in Burkina Faso
	Prof. Tomasz Dorożyński Prof. Rolf D. Schlunze WANG Xuesong	Department of International Economics, Institute of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Sociology, University of Łódź, Poland Ritsumeikan University OIC, College of Business Administration, Japan	MNE adaptation strategy and resilience of an industrial city – Case study research of a Japanese MNE investing in a special economic zone in Poland
15.45-16.00	Coffee break		
16.00-18.00	Chair: Prof. Piotr Pachura Session 6 Sustainable Economy and Urban Places		
	Prof. Erja Kettunen-Matilainen	Dept. of Marketing and International Business, Turku School of Economics, University of Turku, Finland	The geography of bargaining on palm oil: NGOs as stakeholders in EU-Indonesia policy dialogue
	Katharina Vöhler, M.Sc.	Department of Geography, University of Hamburg, Germany	Growth across Borders: The German Meat Industry's Internationalization towards Eastern Europe
	Prof. Neil Reid	Department of Geography and Planning, College of Arts and Letters, University of Toledo, Ohio, USA	Craft Breweries: Their Role as Third Places in Urban America
	Kaisa Vuorio, M.Sc.	University of Turku, Finland	Exploring central urban space as a socio-material network: applying actor-network theory and future oriented dialectics in city centre vitality and vibrancy management research
19.00-22.00	Gala dinner (DS Hanka) (Al. Niepodległości 26)		

Thursday, September 18, 2025 (Faculty of Human Geography and Planning)

9.00-10.30	Chair: Prof. Michał Męczyński Session 7 Industry and Regional Development		
	Prof. Edilson Pereira Júnior	State University of Cear�, Brazil (UECE)	Industrial production system and regional development policies: new dynamics in the Metropolitan Region of Fortaleza (RMF)/Cear�/Brazil
	Byeungok Ko, Ph.D.	Department of Geography, Seoul National University, South Korea	Industrial Path Development toward Offshore Wind in Korea's Shipbuilding Regions: Focusing on the Mobilization of Regional Assets
	Prof. Nuri Yavan	Department of Geography, Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey	Path Transplantation, Agencies, and Opportunity Spaces: The Case of the Shipbuilding Industry in Yalova, Turkey
	�ukr� Yılmaz, Ph.D.	Department of Geography, Kiel University, Germany	
10.30-10.45	Coffee break		
10.45-12.15	Chair: Prof. Edilson Pereira J�nior Session 8 Economic Resilience and Innovation		
	Tazviona Richman Gambe, Ph.D., - Hermanus Stephanus Geyer- Anele Horn,	Centre for Development Support, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa- (CRUISE), Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa	Enhancing Economic Resilience in Declining Industrial Cities: The Case of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
	Sharifah Rohayah Sheikh Dawood, Ph.D.- Mohammad Javad Maghsoodi Tilaki, Ph.D., Lim Lay Im, M.Sc.	Department of Geography, School of Humanities, Universiti Sains Malaysia, 11800 USM, Penang, Malaysia	From Comparative Advantage to Collaborative Advantage: A Porterian Perspective on Penang's Manufacturing and University-Led Innovation
	Prof. Michał Męczyński, Tomasz Kossowski, Ph.D.	Faculty of Human Geography and Planning, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland	Eco-Innovations in Overcoming Lock-In in Poland's Coal Regions: The Cases of the Wałbrzych (Lower Silesia) and Konin (Eastern Greater Poland) Subregions
12.15-12.45	Closing remarks Prof. Philip Mcmanus Vice-President of International Geographical Union Prof. Eva Kiss Chair of the IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces Prof. Robert Kudlak Head of Local Organizing Committee, AMU		
12.45-13.30	Lunch break		
13.30-19.00	Field trip to VW factory (1,5 h drive to Września, 2,5 h visit, return to Poznań)		