

## Economic Geography and its view on Regional Development

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2006:

University of Bern, Main Building, Grosse Schanze

The session is organised around invited papers. They represent some major research topics in economic geography at Swiss Universities. The purpose of this session is to improve the exchange between the research teams in economic geography.

<b>Session organizers and chairmen</b>	Proff. Hans Elsasser, Paul Messerli	(Introduction)
<b>Invited papers:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strands of thoughts in economic geography and regional development</li><li>• Finance driven transnational innovation systems and the regional dimension</li><li>• A multi scale approach to explaining regional cluster performance</li><li>• Environment and technology – a promising field for economic geography</li><li>• Cultural differences and regional development</li><li>• The urban context for culture based economic development</li><li>• Decision-making processes between romantic and baroque complexity: the case of housing investments and their repercussions on urban and regional development</li></ul>	<p>O. Crevoisier, NE</p> <p>Ch. Zeller, BE</p> <p>B. Fuhrer, BE</p> <p>B. Truffer, (EAWAG)</p> <p>M. Boesch, HSG</p> <p>Ph. Klaus, ZH</p> <p>J. Van Wezemael, ZH</p>
<p>The session will be closed by a conclusion, given by P. Messerli and H. Elsasser as a foresight on economic geography in Switzerland.</p>		

The speakers are invited to follow this line:

- (1) to put the topic in an international research context
- (2) to focus on the main research questions under investigation
- (3) to present/mention their own (or group)- contributions

All participants should feel free to contribute in German, French or English.

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