

Tárgytematika / Course Description**Regional Economics****KGNB_RKTA015****Tárgyfelelős neve /****Teacher's name:** Hajdu-Smahó Melinda**Félév / Semester:** 2020/21/2**Beszámolási forma /****Assesment:** Vizsga**Tárgy heti óraszám /****Teaching hours(week):** 2/0/0**Tárgy féléves óraszám /****Teaching hours(sem.):** 0/0/0**OKTATÁS CÉLJA / AIM OF THE COURSE**

Learning objectives

At the end of the course, students should be able to identify, describe and analyse the current economic and social processes and relations related to a specific region. During the course, particular attention will be paid to the learning and using of the basic concepts and the required terminology.

TANTÁRGY TARTALMA / DESCRIPTION**Topics**

1. Space – an exciting challenge for economics?
2. Exploring the world of regions.
3. Globalisation versus localisation.
4. How to choose a good business location?
5. Transportation costs – do they still matter?
6. Hierarchy, location and city networks – where can you renew your passport?
7. Why do economic activities tend to concentrate?
8. Urbanisation and cities.

9. Regional (im)mobility of production factors – labour, capital, knowledge.

10. Regional aspects of innovations.

11. Poor regions, rich regions – convergence or divergence?

12. Keys to regional development.

13. Presentations/Secrets of well developed regions.

14. Presentations/Future directions and tendencies of regional development.

SZÁMONKÉRÉSI ÉS ÉRTÉKELÉSI RENDSZERE / ASSESMENT'S METHOD

Prerequisite of getting signature: uploading the presentation into the Moodle system (pdf format) before 2nd of May 2021. Possibility of replacement: uploading the presentation into the Moodle system (pdf format) at least 3 days before your oral exam.

Getting exam grade: oral examination (presentation) in the exam period. Requirements of the presentation will be published at the beginning of the semester and will be available in the Moodle system. Only presentations of approved topics are acceptable. The oral examination is evaluated according to the published requirements (content), as well as to the style and exteriors of the presentation.

Possibility of getting offered exam grade: students have the possibility to present their work before the end of the semester (on the last or second last week) and obtain offered exam grade. Student presentations are scheduled through Doodle.

KÖTELEZŐ IRODALOM / OBLIGATORY MATERIAL

Reading

Required literature:

Slides of the lectures (available in Moodle)

Other teaching materials (e.g. articles, videos), available in Moodle

Roberta Capello (2007): Regional Economics. Routledge, New York (related parts).

Recommended literature:

Parag Khanna (2016): Connectography. Mapping the Future of Global Civilization. Random House, New York.

Smahó, Melinda (2018): Knowledge and Confidence in Győr Automotive Industrial District. Conference Paper, Regional Studies Association Annual Conference, Lugano, 03-06.06.2018

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Lengyel, Imre (2016): Competitive and uncompetitive regions in transition economies: the case of the Visegrad post-socialist countries.

Csizmadia, Zoltán – Dusek, Tamás (eds)(2014): The Győr Automotive District. Universitas–Győr Nonprofit Ltd., Győr

https://gyik.sze.hu/images/Monogr%C3%A1fi%C3%A1k/Monografia_angol_II_The%20Gy%C5%91r%20Automotive%20District.pdf

Somlyódyné Pfeil, Edit (ed)(2014): Industrial Districts and Cities in Central Europe. Universitas–Győr Nonprofit Ltd., Győr.

https://gyik.sze.hu/images/Monogr%C3%A1fi%C3%A1k/Monografia_Angol_I_Industrial%20Districts%20and%20Cities.pdf

Rechnitzer, János – Smahó, Melinda (eds.)(2012): Vehicle Industry and Competitiveness of Regions in Central and Eastern Europe. Széchenyi István University, Universitas–Győr Nonprofit Ltd., Győr,
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