

Tárgytematika / Course Description

Regional Economics

KGNM_RKTA016

Tárgyfelelős neve /

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Félév / Semester: 2019/20/2

Beszámolási forma /

Assesment: Vizsga

Tárgy heti óraszám /

Teaching hours(week): 2/2/0

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 spatial/regional dimensions of current economic and social processes and relations. 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.

Requirements and grading policy

Active participation in the daily discussion (30%). Oral examination (presentation) in the exam period (70%). Requirements of the presentation will be published at the beginning of the semester. It is possible to get offered exam grade during the semester.

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

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

https://gyik.sze.hu/images/Monogr%C3%A1f%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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