

**3rd International Scientific Conference and Workshop ERSA Polish Section  
-Annual Meeting Regions of Tomorrow – Hopes & Threats  
8-9 December 2017, Lodz, Poland**

**Conference Overview<sup>1</sup>**

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The main topics included: a) nomad societies & territorial identity; b) innovative cities & regions; c) regional analysis & forecasting; d) networks & communication.

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Eveline van Leeuwen, University of Amsterdam

The aim of the conference was to bring together researchers and practitioners to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience concerning multidimensional aspects of regional development. Thus, the scope of the ERSA 2017 Conference was “Hopes & Threats’ that are or will be influencing the social, economic, environmental, and political situation of Regions of Tomorrow”. The event was intended to be an excellent opportunity for networking activities on participant’s future projects. The idea of the conference was to present and discuss ongoing research on both novel theories and latest applications in regional science and to follow and support the regional policy. Therefore, i.a. regionalists, statisticians, econometricians, applied scientists, political scientists, sociologists, geographers, and economists participated and shared knowledge and exchanged ideas.

The idea of the workshop allowed participants to discuss the key functional offerings accessible to regional researchers thanks to the use of Geographical Information Systems. The workshop was organised in two parts. The first part focused on the primary visualization methods of socio-economic phenomenon and the second part dealt with database management available with the use of the GIS software. The workshop was designed as a crash-course. The main audience targeted by the workshop were early career researchers in regional science and PhD students, but allowed others to participate.

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