

## COST Action TU1408 – Air Transport and Regional Development

### Azores Workshop, March 2016

**Location:** Amphitheatre C, Central Library Building, Ponta Delgada, University of Azores

Tuesday 29th March		
19:00	Meet on Mezzanine Floor of Hotel Marina Atlantico	
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March: University of Azores		
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome Session	
9:30 – 10:30	Chair	<i>Nicola Volta</i> (University of Cranfield)
	Session 1	<b>Skilled Cities, Regional Disparities, and Efficient Transport</b> <i>Stef Proost</i> (Catholic University of Leuven)
10:30 – 10:45	Discussant	<i>Pilar Socorro</i> (University of Las Palmas and Gran Canaria)
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:15-13:00	Chair	<i>Hans-Martin Niemeier</i> (Hochschule Bremen)
	Session 2	<b>Aviation in the Azores: The Future</b> <i>Ofelia Betancor</i> (University of Las Palmas and Gran Canaria) Representatives of: TAP SATA ANA Aeroportos Portugal
13:00 - 14:30	<i>Lunch - São Miguel Park Hotel</i>	
14:30 – 15:30	Chair	<i>Avigail Lithwick</i> (Hebrew University)
	Session 3	<b>Air Transportation and Regional Growth: Which Way does the Causality Run?</b> <i>Hannu Tervo</i> (University of Jyväskylä)
15:30 – 15:45	Discussant	<i>Gianmaria Martini</i> (University of Bergamo)
15:45 – 16:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:15 – 18:00	Working Groups	<b>Variable selection and data requirements:</b> <i>Nicole Adler &amp; Katya Yazhensky</i> (Hebrew University) <i>Antonio Antunes &amp; Susana Freiria</i> (Coimbra University) <i>Ane Ripoll-Zarraga</i> (University Autònoma de Barcelona)

Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March: University of Azores		
9:00 – 10:00	Chair	<i>Marina Efthymiou</i> (University of West London)
	Session 4	<b>The Impacts of Airports in Geographical Peripheries</b> <i>Nigel Halpern</i> (Kristiania University College, Norway)
10:00 – 10:15	Discussant	<i>Anne Graham</i> (University of Westminster)
10:15 - 15:00	<i>Travel to/from &amp; lunch in Furnas</i>	
	Chair	<i>Rodrigo Freitas</i> (Coimbra University)
	Session 5	<b>Why do we often Overstate the Role of Transportation in Economic Development?</b> <i>Ken Button</i> (George Mason University)
	Discussant	<i>Frank Fichert</i> (Hochschule Worms)
15:00 - 16:00	Chair	<i>Daniela Yordanova</i> (University of Ruse)
	Session 6	<b>Airport Activity and Local Development: Evidence from Italy</b> <i>Marco Percoco</i> (University of Bocconi)
16:00 – 16:15	Discussant	<i>Sonia Huderek-Glapska</i> (Poznań University of Economics and Business)
16:15 – 16:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:45 – 18:30	Management Committee & YRN Committee	

Any non-COST members interested in participating are very welcome. There is no fee for participating in this workshop. Please contact Prof. Hans-Martin Niemeier for further details on: [Hans-Martin.Niemeier@hs-bremen.de](mailto:Hans-Martin.Niemeier@hs-bremen.de)