

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## 13<sup>th</sup> PhD-Student Workshop on Industrial and Public Economics (WIPE)

Reus, February 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 2025

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**ECO-SOS** Research Center on Economics and Sustainability  
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### Workshop objectives

**WIPE** aims to be an academic meeting for PhD students to interact with other young scholars, postdoc, and senior researchers to exchange experiences, research ideas, ongoing projects, and future research activities in the fields of Industrial Organization and Public Economics. **WIPE** will include about 18-20 presentations, each of them being discussed by a participant at the workshop, and will also host a keynote lecture by **Philip McCann** (Alliance Manchester Business School, The University of Manchester). Former keynote speakers at WIPE have been: **Andrés Carvajal** (University of California), **Inés Macho** (UAB and BSE), **Mar Reguant** (Northwestern University), **Natalia Fabra** (UC3M), **Kai Konrad** (Max Planck Institute), **Mark Armstrong** (University of Oxford), **Alessandro Gavazza** (LSE), **Luis Cabral** (NYU), **Jose Luis Moraga-Gonzalez** (VU Amsterdam), **Tommaso Valletti** (Imperial College London), **Xavier Vives** (IESE), and **Massimo Filippini** (ETH Zürich).

## Keynote Speaker



**Philip McCann** is Chair of Urban and Regional Economics at Alliance Manchester Business School (The University of Manchester). He is Professor of Urban and Regional Economics at the University of Sheffield Management School, while he is also an Associate Faculty Member at the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford and an Honorary Professor of Economic Geography at the University of Groningen. He has also won eight international awards for his scholarship including the 2019 ERSA European Prize in Regional Science, while he has given keynote lectures and plenary talks across the world at institutions such as the European Parliament, the European Commission, the OECD, the UN, and the Federal Reserve of New York, as well as for various UK government ministries. He has also been a special adviser to two European Commissioners of Regional and Urban Policy, while he has advised four different OECD directorates, and provided advice to many parts of Whitehall, as well as to government and research bodies in various countries.

## WIPE Awards

During the 13<sup>th</sup> **WIPE** the Department of Economics will award the young researcher presenting the best paper of the workshop. Furthermore, the Chair for the Promotion of Firm Innovation will award the young researcher presenting the best paper on R&D and innovation. Each prize consists on a EUR 600 cash award.

The decision will be taken by a jury composed by members designed by the Department of Economics and the Organizing Committee of the **WIPE**, and the verdict will be announced during the closure of the workshop. Note that in exceptional and duly justified cases, the jury may award two papers, and the prize will be divided equally.

## Submission of papers

**Full papers** should be submitted electronically in PDF format to [eco-sos@urv.cat](mailto:eco-sos@urv.cat) by **November 27<sup>th</sup> 2024**. The front page of the document should include the title, authors, affiliations, contact details, and a short abstract. The deadline for notification of accepted papers is **December 19<sup>th</sup> 2024**.

## Location and Travelling

Located right in the centre of the Costa Daurada and at less than one hour from Barcelona, Reus is a medium-sized city well known for its shopping, modernist heritage and its close relationship to the architect Antoni Gaudí.



### How to get to Reus from Reus Airport?

Reus Airport is located 3 km from the city centre and is connected with several European destinations, mainly by Ryanair.



**By bus** (Reus Transport: [www.reustransport.cat](http://www.reustransport.cat)): the bus number 50 connects the Reus Airport to the city centre in less than 30 minutes, with a frequency of one hour. The bus makes several stops, including bus and train stations.



**By taxi:** taxis stand in front of the door of the arrival's terminal of the airport. The journey to the city centre lasts about 15 minutes.

### How to get to Reus from Barcelona?

Reus is located 110 km south of Barcelona, just over an hour away.



**By car:** take the AP-7 motorway direction South (Tarragona) and after one hour take exit 34 and follow the T11 towards Reus.



**By train** (RENFE: [www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es)): the trip from Barcelona takes about 1 hour and 40 minutes. There are about 15 trains making the journey between Barcelona Sants station and Reus each day. Unfortunately, there are major works in this line, so please check RENFE's website.



**By bus** ([www.igualadina.com](http://www.igualadina.com)): Hispano Igualadina connects Barcelona with Reus four times a day on weekdays and twice on weekends. The journey takes 1 hour and 50 minutes.

### ***How to get to Reus from Barcelona Airport?***



**By bus** ([www.busplana.com](http://www.busplana.com)): Plana connects Barcelona Airport with Reus six times a day on weekdays and five on weekends. The journey takes between 1 hour and 30 minutes and 2 hours and 40 minutes (depending on timetable).



**By train** (RENFE: [www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es)): There is a train station at the T2 building that connects with Sants station in Barcelona. Departures are every 20 minutes. Unfortunately, there are major works in this line, so please check RENFE's website.

### **Accommodation**

Participants are expected to arrange their own accommodation. Among the hotels of the following list, Reus Park Hotel is the closest to the venue of the conference (5-minute walk) and Hotel Centre Reus and NH Hotel are inside a reasonable walking distance:



**Hotel NH Ciutat de Reus \*\*\*\***  
<http://www.nh-hotels.com>



**Hotel Centre Reus \*\*\***  
<http://hotelcentrereus.com/home/>



**Hotel Reus Park \*\*\***  
<http://en.hotelreuspark.com/>

### **Registration and fees**

All presenters must be PhD students. Papers must widely fit in the fields of Industrial Organization and Public Economics. There is a non-refundable fee of EUR 150 and attendants should cover their own travel expenses. Fee covers coffee breaks, a lunch and a gala dinner, as well as full access of all activities of the workshop.



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