

ERSA Special Session on

Cultural Diversity, Skills and Productivity: The labour market impacts of immigrants

30th August - 3rd September 2011

Barcelona (Spain)

Call for abstracts

We are pleased to invite you to contribute with a research paper to a Special Session organized as a part of the 51st European **R**egional **S**cience **A**ssociation Conference (30th August – 3rd September 2011). The ERSA Conference takes place in Barcelona, Spain, and is a major international scientific event. This special session will have an interdisciplinary character and provide an opportunity for researchers to discuss their recent research. The contributors to this special session are encouraged to submit an abstract on the following topics:

- Migration theory and regional development
- Impact of immigrants on economic growth (Labour mobility and agglomeration, Heterogeneous skills and occupations (tasks) of immigrants, Cultural diversity and firm productivity, Immigrants and innovative sectors)
- Migration statistics and measuring cultural diversity

Special Session organizers:

Anette Haas (Institute for Employment Research, Nuremberg, Germany)

Thomas de Graaff (Free University, Amsterdam, Netherlands)

Ceren Ozgen (Free University, Amsterdam, Netherlands)

Open submission of abstracts begins **end of January 2011**. Please look for further information (coming soon): <http://www.ersa.org/ersa-congress/submissions-speaker-zone/>

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **February 15th, 2011**. Abstracts must be submitted at the ERSA conference website *under* special session section, and *also* sent to the special session organizers (anette.haas@iab.de & tgraaff@feweb.vu.nl). We look forward to your submissions.

ERSA is the supranational grouping of national regional science associations across Europe. Members of the Regional Science Association are academics, policy professionals and researchers interested in spatial economics and planning, regional and local development and related issues including the disciplines of economics, geography and planning. For further information on ERSA visit: <http://www.ersa.org/ersa-congress/>