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## Forschungswerkstatt Finanzgeographie -- Financial Geography Lab 2019

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Institute for Work and Technology at the Wissenschaftspark Gelsenkirchen, Germany

Local organisation committee: Stefan Gärtner, Christoph Scheuplein, Franz Flögel

### Call for Papers

We are witnessing a time of major changes in finance where hopes and worries about the supply with finance coincide. On the one hand, digital innovations, especially in the area of FinTech, promises more efficient and effective financial services for almost every need. On the other hand, retail banks, the traditional providers of finance for everyone, are in decline, which becomes apparent by the massive closure of branches in almost every neighbourhood and town in Europe. Furthermore, Brexit and the rises of new financial centres in Asia may reshape the global map of financial centres. A good time to look at finance from Geographical perspectives.

The German Financial Geography Lab – Forschungswerkstatt Finanzgeographie – has a strong tradition: workshops took place in Vienna 2006, Osnabrück 2007, Heidelberg 2011, Eichstätt 2013, Münster 2014, Bonn 2015 and Frankfurt 2017. The venue city Gelsenkirchen – located in the heart of the former mining area Ruhr – stands, like no other German city, as a symbol for the challenges of structural change.

We welcome papers in all areas of financial geography, broadly defined. In respect to the venue city, we especially encourage the submission of papers concerned with finance and disadvantaged or peripheral regions. This year's workshop will be held in English and German to allow international participants to attend the lab. The English language session is scheduled on Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup> and the German language session on Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please send in your proposals until September 02<sup>nd</sup> 2019 to Franz Flögel, [floegel@iat.eu](mailto:floegel@iat.eu). *Early entries are eligible for early acceptance.*

### Participants and registration:

Participants from all disciplines are welcome to take part in this workshop, with or without the desire to present. Nicole Brand (Sparkassenstiftung für internationale Kooperation), Michael Grote (Frankfurt School of Finance and Management), Britta Klagge (University Bonn), Neil Lee (London School of Economics), Bernhard Lukas (CEO of the Sparkasse Gelsenkirchen), Reinhard H. Schmidt (Goethe University Frankfurt) and Hans-Martin Zademach (Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt) have already confirmed their participation.

Thanks to our sponsors, the Financial Geography Lab is free of charge. Please register until September 02<sup>nd</sup> 2019 by e-mail to: [floegel@iat.eu](mailto:floegel@iat.eu). The registration is binding, and we can only host a limited number of participants, so we kindly ask for early registration.

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