

Welcome to International Seminar on

# Migration and Regional Economic Development

IN SEARCH OF NEW STORIES FOR RURAL URBANIZATION

29th OCTOBER 2019, FRAMI B (Edustustila ☎ 09-16), SEINÄJOKI | [www.muuttomoottori.fi](http://www.muuttomoottori.fi)

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## Tentative program

- 9:15 Coffee available
- 9:30 Welcome and opening words – agenda for the day!  
Senior researcher **Markku Mattila**, Migration Institute of Finland
- 9:40 *Against the Grain! Migration and Development in Seinäjoki region*  
Senior researcher **Mika Raunio**, Migration Institute of Finland
- 10:15 *Migration, Employment and Regional Development in Urban and Peripheral Denmark*  
Prof. **Høgni Kalsø Hansen**, Geosciences and Natural Resource Management, University of Copenhagen
- 11:00 *Economic Development and Place Attractiveness in Alfred Nobel's Karlskoga*  
Dr. **Rhiannon Pugh**, School of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences, University of Örebro
- 11:45 Discussion: *Egg or chicken? Insights from audience*
- 12:30 Lunch break
- 13:30 *Vitality Policy as a Tool to Attract In-Migration*  
Research Director **Teemu Makkonen**, Spatia, University of Eastern Finland
- 14:15 *Tbc*  
Ad. Prof. **Ilari Karppi**, Faculty of Management and Business, Tampere University
- 15:00 Discussion among the participants and audience: *What are the lessons of the day?*
- 15:45 Wrap up and take aways

## Registration

Online registration: [www.muuttomoottori.fi/seminar](http://www.muuttomoottori.fi/seminar)  
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## Keynote speakers



### Høgni Kalsø Hansen

Associate Professor  
University of Copenhagen

*Høgni Kalsø Hansen is doing research within the area of urban economic dynamics focusing on the match/mismatch between industrial structures and skills along with human capital innovation and labour mobility.*



### Rhiannon Pugh

Post Doctoral Researcher  
Örebro University

*Rhiannon Pugh is doing research in the governance of regional economic development, especially in the context of weaker, post-industrial, uncompetitive, and peripheral regions. She is interested in how key theories and approaches in economic geography are translated into policy actions, and how relevant and tenable these dominant approaches are when considered in non-favourable regional settings.*



### Teemu Makkonen

Research Director, PhD, Docent  
Spatia, University of Eastern Finland

*Teemu Makkonen works as Research Director in Spatia, Centre for Regional Research at the University of Eastern Finland. Spatia offers research and expertise services on regional development, planning and politics. In research Spatia's strengths are related to regional economic development and competitive ability, rural development and cross-border co-operations.*



### Ilari Karppi

Adjunct Professor  
Tampere University

*Ilari Karppi works at Faculty of Management and Business at TUNI. He has a long experience on regional studies and urban development research. He has also participated numerous development projects related to urban planning and development in addition to academic work.*

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