

Final Program: Ninth Financial Geography Research Workshop

Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS), Erkner

Thursday, October 23, 2025

12:30 – 13:00 Arrival & Registration

13:00 – 13:15 Welcome Remarks

Matthias Bernt, Deputy Director of Leibniz IRS

13:15 – 14:45 Session A: Housing and Real Estate

- **Matthias Bernt** (Leibniz IRS / Humboldt University of Berlin)
With or without? For or against? Berlin's housing policy and financial investors
- **Clara Hertz & Anton Eplinius** (University of Hamburg)
Making Markets, Transforming Student Cities: The Rise of Purpose-Built Student Accommodation in Germany and the Netherlands

14:45 – 15:15 Coffee Break

15:15 – 16:15 Session B: Fintech and Everyday Life

- **Ahmad Dwaikat** (Anglia Ruskin University)
The impact of using Robo Advisory on investment decisions of Single-family offices
- **Tra My Tran** (Anglia Ruskin University)
Victims of Digital Finance: Profiling Vulnerability and Risk in UK Fintech Users

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:45 – 17:45 Keynote via Zoom

- **Johannes Petry** (Goethe University Frankfurt)
Chair: Franziska Sohns (Anglia Ruskin University)
Wall Street, China and the Remaking of Global Capitalism

19:00 Workshop Dinner in Berlin at Restaurant Auszeit

Friday, October 24, 2025

09:00 – 10:00 Session C: Geopolitical Aspects

- **Michael Grote** (Frankfurt School of Finance & Management)
A New War of Independence? The Unlikely Arena of Digital Currency Payment Systems
- **Andreas Kuebart** (Leibniz IRS / BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg)
The biggest bet in history: Who is bankrolling AI?

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00 Session D: Banks and Municipal Finance

- **Franz Flögel** (Institute for Work and Technology / Westfälische Hochschule)
Regional Banks and Industrial Employment – Findings from a Comparison of European Countries
- **Madlen Pils** (Leibniz IRS)
Public Funding of Integration policies in German municipalities. Discourses, Effects and Governance Conflicts
- **Hans Martin Zademach** (KU Eichstätt-Ingolstadt)
Financial Lives of Refugees: Urging for a shift in perspective with insights from Jordan and Kenya

12:00 – 12:30 Interactive Session and Closing Remarks

- *A Message from **Finance & Space***

Veranstaltungen & Termine

- Workshop-Session FinGeo bei DKG Bonn 2027, möglicherweise verbunden mit Special Issue in "Finance & Space"
- Fortführung der Forschungswerkstatt Finanzgeographie gewünscht, jedoch nicht im selben Jahr wie DKG

Netzwerk & Zusammenarbeit

- Offenheit für Kolleg:innen betonen
- Deutschsprachiger Raum als einer der „Ursprünge“ der Finanzgeographie, dieses „Erbe“ sollte betont werden und eventuell eine deutschsprachige Gruppe im FinGeo-Netzwerk etabliert werden