

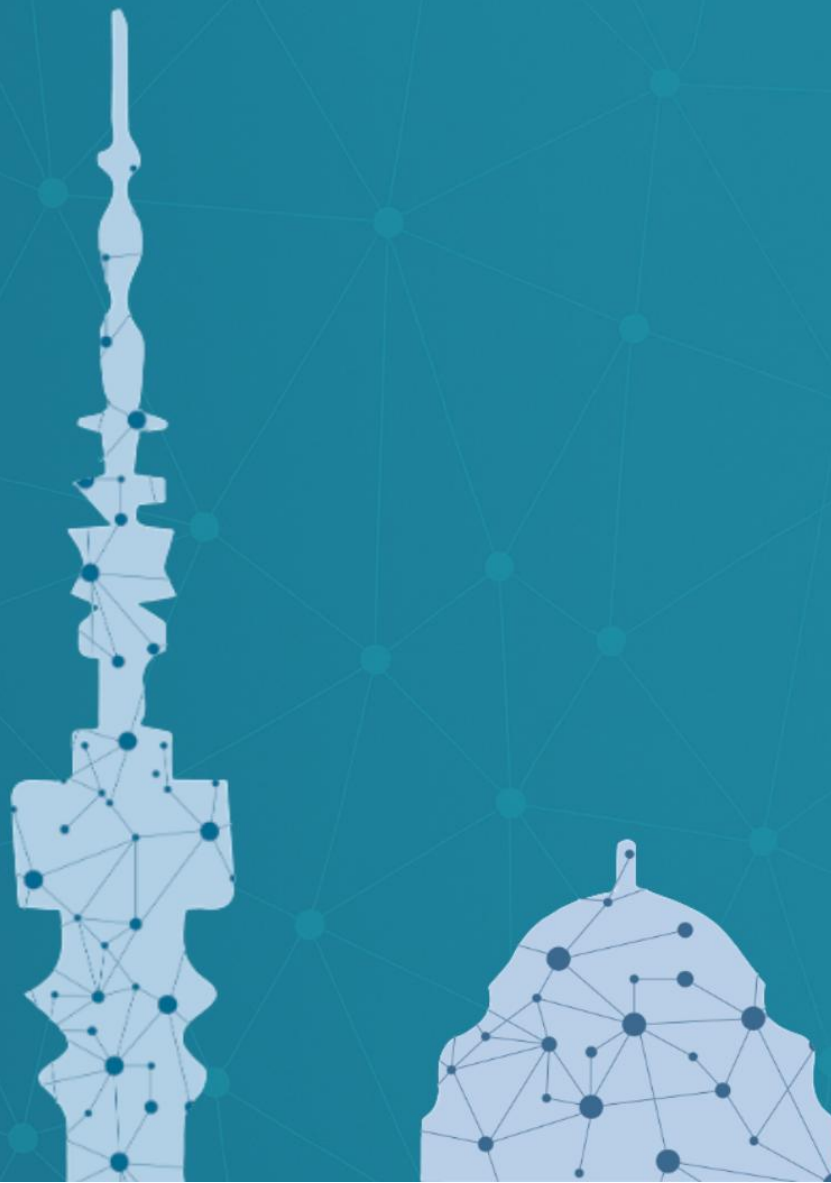
# EconNet Workshop Pécs



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University of Pécs, Faculty of Business  
and Economics



# Welcome at the EconNet Workshop Pécs 2025!

The 4th round of the EconNet Workshop Pécs brings together scholars working at the intersection of network economics, innovation, economic geography, global value chains and complexity research. The 2026 workshop focuses on the challenges of development and building local resilience within globally networked systems of innovation and production.

## Program

### Monday – room B323/1

9:00 - 9:45	Registration & coffee
9:45 - 10:00	Opening remarks
10:00 – 10:50	<b>Keynote: César A. Hidalgo</b>

### Session 1: Complexity

10:50 - 11:15	<b>Philipp Koch:</b> Estimating a temporally consistent measure of Economic Complexity
11:15 - 11:40	<b>Bennour Mohamed Hsin:</b> How European regions optimise their complexity through technological diversification
11:40 - 12:05	<b>Mirella Schrijvers, Amber Geurts:</b> Startups as drivers of future technological sovereignty: The startup complexity index
<i>12:05 - 13:00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>

### Session 2: Trade and firms

13:00 - 13:25	<b>Esteban Muñoz, László Lőrincz:</b> Business transaction networks in 16 Hungarian industries
13:25 - 13:50	<b>Sándor Juhász, Erik Braun, Tamás Sebestyén:</b> Supplier ties to multinationals boost the export performance of domestic firms
13:50 - 14:15	Phillipp Koch, <b>Virág Bittó:</b> How adopting early AI technologies shapes firm-level exports

14:15 - 14:40 **Antonio Vicencio**: The law of economic interdependencies

14:40 - 15:05 *Coffee break*

### Session 3: Resilience

15:05 - 15:30 **Gusztáv Nemes**: Boundary Infrastructures for Regional Resilience: AI, Social Innovation and Territorial Knowledge Systems

15:30 - 15:55 **Tarmizi Anuwar**: Skill Formation and Local Resilience in Global Production Networks: JSkills as a Governed Intermediary in Johor

15:55 - 16:20 **Sasan Babaei**, Foad Karimi Ghaleh Jough: Innovation Bottlenecks in Local Resilience Building: Absorptive Capacity and Public Infrastructure Upgrading after Earthquake Shocks

*Evening* **Gala dinner: [registration is required \(link\)](#)**

## Tuesday – room B323/1

9:00 - 9:30 Morning coffee

9:30 – 10:20 **Keynote: Zoltán Elekes**

### Session 4: Regions

10:20 - 10:45 **Raynaldi Muhammad**, G. Harangozó, M. Variny: Comparative Implementation and Economic Projections of CCUS Between Indonesia and the Visegrad Group

10:45 - 11:10 **Roberta Calabró**: Skill Relatedness and Interregional Collaboration: Evidence from Italian Network Contracts

11:10 - 11:35 **Dénes Kiss**, Zsolt Tibor Kosztyán: Network Resilience in European Higher Education Mobility: Evidence from Enhanced Erasmus+ Data with Institutional and Regional Characteristics

11:35 - 12:30 *Lunch*

### Session 5: Innovation

12:30 - 13:25 **Andreea Toiu**: Layered proximity and co-invention in global corporate innovation networks

- 12:55 - 13:20 **Raj Kharel:** The spatial diffusion of simple and complex technologies
- 13:20 – 13:45 **Vincenzo Maione,** Cristina Ponsiglione, Simonetta Primario, Manfred Paier: Twin Innovation Transition and Regional Path Development in Europe
- 13:45 - 14:10 **Huzaifa Niazi,** Rohan Singh: Elucidating the Role of Collaborative Innovation Networks in Shaping New Product Performance via Innovation Capabilities and Absorptive Capacity
- 14:10 - 14:35 **Quintin Kreth,** Danbi Seo, Julia Melkers: The Federal Government as a Convener: NSF Regional Innovation Engines' Bottom-Up Approach to Workforce Development and Postsecondary CTE Policy for Innovation Ecosystems
- 14:35 - *Goodbye coffee*

## City of Pécs

Beyond the academic program, you can also experience the unique atmosphere of autumn in Pécs, when the city reveals most of its charm. For more informations: <https://international.pte.hu/university/city-pecs>

Accommodation recommendations within walking distance:

- Corso Hotel
- Palatinus Grand Hotel
- Boutique Hotel Sopianae (cheaper option)



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