

Local Innovation Systems and Regional Economic Development

One-day Symposium

New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark NJ

March 23, 2006

This symposium will present new findings on successful models for regional economic development. New understanding has evolved from a three-year global study led by Professor Richard K. Lester at MIT. The intended audience for this symposium will be both policy planners as well as academic researchers. The lessons of the study focused on several countries in Europe and different regions in the US should provide some useful ideas for further consideration in policy planning and further research.

Robert Strom, Kauffman Foundation is invited to chair the symposium and discuss the seminal role that his foundation plays in developing entrepreneurship

Robert Altenkirch, President of NJIT will welcome the participants and share his experience in building manufacturing capacity while he served at Mississippi State University.

Caren Franzini, CEO of New Jersey Economic Development Authority will discuss New Jersey's Innovation Zone initiative

Speakers

- **Richard Lester**, Director of Industrial Performance Center and Professor of Nuclear Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "Local Innovation System: Methodology of the Study and Key Findings."
- **Philip Cooke**, Professor of Regional Science at the University of Cardiff, UK, "Learning Regions: How Different Regions Develop in the Knowledge Economy."
- **Markku Sotarauta**, Professor of Regional Science and Director of Center for Regional and Urban Studies at the University of Tampere, Finland "Finnish Innovation Systems and Some Lessons for Regional Development Policy"
- **Sean Safford**, Assistant Professor at the Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago, "Transformation of the Rust Belt: how Akron, Ohio Developed the Polymer Industries and Implications for Policy"
- **Alok Chakrabarti**, Distinguished Professor of Management and Industrial Engineering at NJIT, "Innovation and Regional Development: a Study of Alfred NY, Cambridge MA and Finland"

Donald Sebastian, Sr. Vice President for Research and Development at NJIT will close with a discussion of efforts in Newark to develop University Heights Science Park as a regional hub.

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Where: the Atrium @ NJIT Student Center

When: Registration 8:00AM – 9:00AM

Program 9:00AM – 4:30PM

Includes: Breaks and Luncheon

Cost: Free to registered Attendees

Registration Information:

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