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## ONRIS MEMBERS MEETING

### Agenda

*Thursday, November 6, 2008*

Munk Centre for International Studies – Room 208N  
1 Devonshire Place - University of Toronto

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**10:00 am**     ***Meeting Room 208N Open for ONRIS members  
– Refreshments Available***

*[NOTE: 'one user at a time' internet access available until noon]*

**12:00 pm**                             *Buffet Lunch in Room 202N – Return to 208N*

**12:45 pm**     **Update On State of MCRI Project**

David Wolfe and Meric Gertler, University of Toronto

**1:00 pm**     **The View from the RAC**

Björn Asheim, Lund University  
Susan Christopherson, Cornell University  
Tod Rutherford, Syracuse University

**1:30 pm**     **Panel Presentation - THEME III Key Questions**

The primary hypothesis for this theme is that the economic performance of city-regions depends on their ability to generate effective new forms of associative governance – including, but not limited to, government – and collaborative leadership. Moreover, in those cases where such new forms of governance have been designed in socially inclusive ways, we are particularly interested in documenting the impact this has on the nature of development strategies pursued by city-regions, as well as the ultimate success of their regional economies. Development strategies were defined at the Kingbridge meeting to include economic, social and cultural development strategies.

Neil Bradford, University of Western Ontario  
David Wolfe, University of Toronto

**3:00 pm**

***Coffee Break (in room)***

**3:15 pm     Update on Statistical and Data Analysis**

Greg Spencer, University of Toronto  
Tara Vinodrai, Waterloo University

**3:45 pm     Panel Presentation - THEME I Key Questions**

The primary hypothesis for this theme is that the economic and creativity performance of city-regions depends on three key characteristics: the strength of local knowledge circulation processes within individual industries/clusters, the strength of local knowledge circulation between individual industries/clusters, and the strength of knowledge-based linkages between local and non-local economic actors. To further clarify, our hypothesis is as follows: the economic performance of city-regions depends on the structure (density and diversity) of local networks – in particular, a mix of strong and weak ties, a mix of local and non-local ties, as well as the heterogeneity and diversity of economic actors belonging to these networks.

Harald Bathelt, University of Toronto  
Charles Davis, Ryerson University  
Betsy Donald, Queen's University  
Peter Warrian, University of Toronto

**5:45 pm     Adjourn**

Evening - TBA

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## ONRIS MEMBERS MEETING

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*Friday, November 7, 2008*

Munk Centre for International Studies – Room 108N  
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*Breakfast will be available from 8:30a in Room 108N – Refreshments available throughout a.m.*

**9:30 am Panel Presentation - THEME II Key Questions**

The primary hypothesis for this theme is that the economic performance of city-regions depends on a set of characteristics that define quality of place, including cultural dynamism, social diversity, openness and tolerance, social inclusion and cohesion. We are especially interested in identifying those institutions, policies and practices that may ensure that talented newcomers are welcomed and readily integrated into a city-region's social and economic networks and that enable members of disadvantaged social groups to participate fully in urban creative economies.

Shauna Brail, University of Toronto  
Meric Gertler, University of Toronto  
Debbie Leslie, University of Toronto  
Tara Vinodrai, Waterloo University

**11:30 am Discussion of Key Thematic Issues**

David Wolfe and Meric Gertler, University of Toronto

**12:00 noon**      *Lunch – Buffet Available in Room 202N – return to 108N*

**1:00 pm Next Steps  
Planning for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual ISRN Conference April/May – 2009**

David Wolfe, University of Toronto

**2:00 pm Meeting Wrap Up**