

Think Camp Rural Development: addressing current economic, environmental and social challenges

Instructions for students' papers

Important deadlines

- April 30, 2024:** Deadline for subscription for the Think Camp
- May 15, 2024:** Applicants will be informed about the acceptance of their application
- May 31, 2024:** Submission of the participants' papers for the Think Camp
- June 20, 2024:** Handing in elaborated comments to other participants' papers
- July 7 - 12, 2024:** Think Camp Rural Development in Prague

Submission of papers

Papers to be submitted must meet several **criteria** (using the file “**TCRD Paper template**”, which can be found at <https://www.euroleague-study.org/en/thinkcamp>):

- ✓ Length of minimum 4 pages and a maximum of 10 pages
(A4) Single-spaced
- ✓ Times New Roman, font size 12
- ✓ Topic from the field of regional/rural development, economics, social sciences, and/or management
- ✓ Address issues concerning regional/rural development
- ✓ Can be based on a master or PhD thesis topic (or ideas about starting master or PhD thesis) or on a self-chosen topic related to regional/rural development

Possible structure for such a paper might be:

- ✓ Title, working title or topic of the thesis
- ✓ Short summary of the paper
- ✓ Introduction and problem statement
 - Why is the topic important?
 - What were the reasons for choosing the topic?
 - Relevance of the problem
- ✓ Goals of the paper or thesis and methods, how to achieve them
 - Objectives of the work
 - Way and methods to reach the goals
 - Importance of the topic
- ✓ Literature review/theoretical background

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- ✓ Already existing results
 - Hypothesis of the research
 - Empirical findings, if they already exist
 - Descriptive analysis of topic - outlook/future development
 - Conclusions of the work
 - Ideas for further research
 - Recommendations
 - Suggestions about the further development of the thesis after the Summer School

Papers have to be submitted in electronic form as **PDF file** by **May 31, 2024** via mail to brecklova@pef.czu.cz or emailed to the address:

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Submitted paper will be forwarded to other students and professors in order to receive comments on the work.

Commenting on the papers of other students

After submitting the paper, you will receive two papers from other students to comment on them. The comments shall be about 1 page long.

These comments can include remarks about:

- ✓ Relevance of the topic.
- ✓ Is the topic interesting for other countries?
- ✓ Are the objectives clear? Are some objectives missing?
- ✓ Elaboration of the topic/where all factors and aspects are considered.
- ✓ Are the suggested methods to reach the goal or research adequate or can they get improved?
- ✓ Information about interesting and additional literature that should be considered. Suggestions about possible other influences that are relevant for the thesis.
- ✓ Recommendations and ideas about the future continuation of the work. Specific strengths and weaknesses of the paper.

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