



Professor Bernard Fingleton (University of Cambridge) is awarded the EIB-ERSA Prize 2016

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The EIB-ERSA Prize in Regional Science 2016 has been awarded to Professor Bernard Fingleton, Director of Research in the Department of Land Economy, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom. Previously he was Professor of Economics at Strathclyde University (Glasgow, Scotland), University Reader in Geographical Economics at Cambridge University, and Jean Monnet Fellow, Department of Economics, European University Institute (Florence, Italy).

The 10.000 Euros Prize is awarded for his scientific achievements in theoretical and empirical spatial economics, with contributions ranging from the testing of economic geography theories to applied spatial econometrics, addressing urban and regional as well as national and global problems. Especially his writings on regional economic growth and convergence in the European Union have made a great and lasting impact in the field.

Besides these research achievements, the Jury acknowledged Professor Fingleton's contribution to the organization of the field, e.g. as editor-in-chief for the quarterly journal "Spatial Economic Analysis" and as an advisor to various international organizations, including the European Commission and the World Bank.

The EIB-ERSA Prize in Regional Science recognizes the outstanding contributions of scholars to the advancement in regional science and in related spatial area studies. It is awarded on the recommendation of an independent jury of six eminent regional scientists, four from Europe, one from the Americas and one from the rest of the world.

The awarding ceremony is scheduled to take place on Friday 26th August the closing ceremony of the ERSA Congress 2016 which will take place in Vienna (Austria) from 23 to 26 August. With around 1,000 participants every year from all continents, the ERSA congresses have become the largest academic conferences in regional science worldwide.

Francisco de Paula Coelho, Dean of the European Investment Bank Institute, commented: "A balanced development of the European Union is the oldest operational priority of the European Investment Bank. This is why the EIB has been supporting research in the field of regional science by funding the EIB-ERSA prize awarded to eminent academics such as Professor Bernard Fingleton, whose lifetime work has contributed to a better understanding and promotion of regional science."

Further information about the EIB-ERSA prize is available on <http://www.ersa.org/awards-prizes/eib-ersa-prize/>.

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