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**SPECIAL TRACK THE GEOGRAPHY OF INNOVATION  
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In today complex economy, innovation is one of the most important tools for growth. However, one cannot understand the governance of innovation without recognizing the importance geography plays in innovation systems. Knowledge creation, knowledge transfer, technology commercialization, entrepreneurship dynamics, and research collaborations, are all influenced, to some extent, by geographical phenomena. Understanding the role of innovation policy at different geographical scales is crucial. Moreover, the global economic crisis of 2008 has vastly impacted innovation. However, what do we know about the impact of the crisis on the geography of innovation and on the role of geography itself on innovation?

The purpose of this special track is to collect paper dealing with the geography of innovation possibly dealing with the aftermaths of the 2008 economic crisis. In particular, we welcome submissions of empirical, theoretical and policy analyses dealing with (but are not limited to) the following topics:

- Global and local dynamics of innovation,
- Cluster competitiveness,
- Industrial dynamics and innovation networks,
- Regional science and technology policy
- Sustainable innovation
- The role of the university

For this special track, special issue proposals are currently under discussion with editors of academic journals.

**Submission:**

Submit a 1000 words abstract to <http://gcw2014.sciencesconf.fr>

The abstract should clearly mention: title of the paper; name of the author(s) and full address of the corresponding author (postal address, phone, fax and email); submission to the special track 'The geography of innovation; aim of the study and methodology; (expected) results and/or conclusion; up to 5 keywords.

**Important dates:**

- Deadline for abstract submission: **March 31, 2014**
- Notification of acceptance: **April 30, 2014**
- Full paper submission: **May 31, 2014**