

Prof.dr. József Benedek

Field of competence: Human Geography

Admission conditions to the doctoral studies

Choosing a doctoral research topic may be difficult, but careful planning at the preparatory stage can save time and effort later on. It is required a good fit between the research interests of the student and of the coordinator, so it is recommended to check the list of the research topics and the bibliography.

The admission is based on two criteria:

1) The candidates have to develop a viable **research proposal** (max. 3 pages) that clearly exposes the following elements: the research topic, the main objectives of the research, its relationship to other works in the field (bibliography), the information and type of data needed for the research (including their availability), the methods involved during the doctoral research.

The proposal is essential for three reasons. First, it helps the candidates to systematically think through the central idea of the research. On the other hand, it allows us to evaluate the capability of the candidates to define a research topic, to choose the methods and technics of research and to select the available bibliography and last but not least, it allows us to judge whether the topic is viable itself. We are convinced that prior planning at the preparatory stage is vital for the successful completion of a PhD thesis.

2) The candidates should take a **written examination**, based on the following research topics and bibliography:

Research topics for the admission to the doctoral studies:

1. Sustainable development of cities and regions.
2. Transformation and transition of industrial spaces.
3. Geography of innovation.
4. Sustainable development and territorial infrastructures.

Bibliography

1. BENEDEK J., KOCZISZKY GY., VERESNÉ SOMOSI M., BALATON K. (2016) Generating and Measuring Regional Social Innovation. *Club of Economics Miskolc TMP*, vol. 12, special issue, 14-25.
2. BODOCAN, V., BENEDEK, J., RUSU, R. (2018) Twenty first century cities: from global challenges to local responses. In: Solarz Wojchieh Marcin (ed.) *New*

- geographies of the globalized world. Routledge Studies in Human Geography*, p. 77-92. 256 p. Routledge, New York.
3. BENEDEK J., VARVARI Ș., LITAN C. (2019) Chapter 8: Urban growth pole policy and regional development: old vine in new bottles? In: Lang, T., Görmar F. (ed.) ***Regional and local development in times of polarization. Re-thinking spatial policies in Europe***, pp. 173-196 Palgrave/MacMillan, Basingstoke.
 4. SZAVICS P., BENEDEK J. (2020) Smart Specialization Priorities of Less Developed Regions. A Critical Evaluation. In: BEVILACQUA C., CALABRO F., DELLA SPINA L. (eds.): ***New Metropolitan Perspectives. Knowledge Dynamics, Innovation-driven Policies Towards the Territories' Attractiveness***, volume 1, 22-36, Smart Innovation, Systems and Technologies series 177, Springer.
 5. BENEDEK J., TEMERDEK-IVAN K., TÖRÖK I., TEMERDEK A. HOLOBĂCĂ I.H., (2021) Indicator based assessment of local and regional progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): an integrated approach from Romania. ***Sustainable Development***, 1-16.