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In the age of disruptive technologies, digitalization of academic knowledge has become a crucial source of innovation. Knowledge society is challenging the old university model and there is more demand for a workable Triple Helix model: An alliance in University-Industry-Government relations. The role of the university in creating new regional innovation ecosystems has become increasingly important while national strategies for specialization have been initiated and supported at the international level in a way that strengthens the link between academic and economic actors.

This special issue will publish case studies of an analytical or theoretical nature on Central and Eastern European countries (CEECs). These countries inherited a solid science base in certain fields from the command economies from which they have recently emerged. But their innovation and entrepreneurial capabilities go far beyond that found in other countries with similar developmental levels but that have had historic market economies. To become knowledge-based market economies is thus a great challenge for the Central and Eastern European countries.

Possible questions to be addressed by the contributions include, but are not limited to:

- What is specifically involved in studying the Triple Helix relations in Central and Eastern European transition economies that are moving from command economies (or reformed socialist economies) to knowledge-based market economies?
- What new insights can the CEE region bring to the classical Triple Helix model? Are there any similarities between these countries and emerging Southeast Asian or Latin American economies? How does one identify the “best practices” of university-industry-government relationships in CEECs?
- How are multinational companies in CEEC host-countries influencing collaboration among Triple Helix actors? What role does government play – and/or should it play a role – in facilitating the introduction of foreign corporations in local economies and in business-university collaborations? It is important to note the complications that can arise when international companies cooperate with global research and development systems and yet involve local universities in their R&D activities and value chains. How do the various stakeholders influence the relationships between helices?
- Do CEE experiences offer any new considerations in regard to the structure, dynamics or evolution of the Triple Helix model?
- How can CEE universities effectively contribute to building an innovative economy?
- What is the future of the universities in the CEE region in the age of digitalization and Industry 4.0? Will the universities change the Triple Helix model through their increasing interdisciplinary collaboration or by advancing various fields such as the emerging disruptive technologies?

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