

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



The Regional Science Association International (RAI) and the Regional Science Association of India invite regional scientists, economists, economic geographers, urban planners, policy makers, and researchers of related disciplines to participate in the 12th World Congress of the Regional Science Association International, with the main theme "Spatial Systems: Social Integration, Regional Development and Sustainability". The Congress will be hosted by the Regional Science Association of India.

SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

We invite formal paper presentations (deadline of **November 30, 2017**). The [abstract submission portal](#) is now open. Full information on the venue, abstract submission, registration, schedule of events, accommodation and travel information is posted at www.regionalscience.org/2018worldcongress

About the Focal Theme

Across the world, communities are striving to achieve an ecologically and socially secure future. The intricately linked ideas of sustainability and integration are the key to achieving our development goals. As regional scientists, our common pursuit of a sustainable future may be attained with more efficient understanding of the 'region' as a spatial unit. Keeping this objective in mind, the theme of the 2018 Congress highlights the importance of analyzing spatial systems as not just physical space or social space, but shared space. The sub-themes will be aimed at providing a platform for debates and discussions around the key issues of contemporary regional science and carve out the way to future research agenda.

Special Sessions

SS00 – Forty Under Forty

Geoffrey Hewings

SS01 – Water management in South Asia: From conflict to cooperation

Paulo Casaca

SS02 – Smart Cities Initiatives for the 21st Century: Myth or Reality

Sumana Banerjee and Vijay Pandey (Chair)

SS03 – Territorial Governance and Local Development in Developing Countries

Andre Torre (Chair) and Habibullah Magsi

SS04 – Spatial Econometric Interaction Modelling

Manfred M. Fischer (Chair) and Yee Leung

SS05 – Spatial Analysis: From Neural Computing to Deep Learning

Yee Leung (Chair) and Manfred M. Fischer

SS06 – Walled Territories

Andrea Székely

SS07 – Economic Corridors, Development and Regional Cooperation in South Asia and Beyond

SS10 – Rural Transformation

Subrata Dutta

SS11 – The future of leisure: tourism, mobility and transportation

João Romão (Chair), Peter Nijkamp and Luca Zamparini

SS12 – Transforming Metropolitan Regions: Ideas and Examples

Amit Chatterjee

SS13 – Citizenry and Regional Planning

Subhra Chattopadhyay

SS14 - Revisiting rural-urban dichotomy for integrated regional development

Manisha Jain and Artem Korzhenevych (Chair)

SS15 - Conflict, Migration, and Diaspora

Manas Chatterji

SS16 - Comparative Patterns of Indian and Chinese Urbanization

Manas Chatterji

SS17 - Regional Science and Peace Science

Siegfried O. Wolf
[SS08 – Metropolitan Governance in a conflict, competition and cooperation contexts](#)
Jorge Gonçalves
[SS09 – Analytical Approaches to Climate Change at Multiple Scales](#)
Gerrit-Jan Knaap

Manas Chatterji
[SS18 - Natural and Man-Made Disaster Management](#)
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[SS19 - Globalization and Regional Science](#)
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[SS20 - Gender and Social Justice](#)
Saraswati Raju
[SS21 - Innovation and Entrepreneurship](#)
Rudra P. Pradhan

Regular Sessions

RS01 - Big Data for Regional Science
RS02 - Cooperation and Development
RS03 - Environmental Issues
RS04 - Infrastructure, Transportation and Accessibility
RS05 - Innovation and Entrepreneurship
RS06 - Location of Economic Activity
RS07 - Methods in Regional Science and Urban Economics
RS08 - Migration and Labor Markets

RS09 - Real Estate and Housing
RS10 - Regional and Urban Policy and Governance
RS11 - Regional Finance, Investment or Capital Markets
RS12 - Rural Development
RS13 - Social Integration
RS14 - Spatial Planning
RS15 - Spatial Systems in Transitional economies
RS16 - Tourism

We look forward to welcoming you in the dazzling city of Goa in May 2018.

With warmest regards,

The Organizing Committee

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