

# Regional development in Colombia, the post-agreement conjuncture

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## Abstract

The FARC ceasefire agreement of 2016 generated big expectations for peace and development in Colombia. The agreement included numerous provisions for making peace matter in some of the most deprived communities in the country, and to moreover transform the dynamics that relegated much of the countryside to historical backwardness and impoverishment. Ambitious development programmes with a territorial focus were rolled out alongside infrastructure investments and attempts to strengthen local state capacities. Only a few years on, peace in Colombia is being put in question amid major national and international shifts. This session is intended as broad-based and interdisciplinary exploration of this present conjuncture for regional development and territorial wellbeing in Colombia. We seek presentations addressing one or more of the following topics: wither the territorial peace model; the economic geography of post-agreement Colombia; the (partial) implementation of peace programmes and their territorial impacts; socio-environmental transitions in postconflict zones; old and new territorial violences including the expansion of extractivist activities and increasing violence against environmental activists; the possibilities and challenges for the FARC to act as a promoter of local development; emerging social demands and experiments in the diverse countryside.