Global Challenges for Regions and Cities: Adaptation, Development, Governance
17th November 2017, Yekaterinburg, Russia
Abstract submission deadline: 20th September 2017

In the modern context, cities and regions are faced with increasing interdependence and necessity to coordinate decision-making on the one hand, and explosive growth of uncertainty and turbulence of the external environment on the other. The main factors contributing to the growing uncertainty and turbulence are global changes of demographic and migration trends, macroeconomic instability, new technological challenges, political upheavals, intensification of regional military conflicts. The scale of the uncertainty is so large, and the changes run so deep that it is critical to rethink our perception of the role of cities and regions in the modern world. At the same time the choice of regional adaptation models will vary for different countries (developed, developing, emerging), for different types of regions and cities (industrial, rural and post-industrial regions, small towns, big cities, urban agglomerations, etc.). These circumstances define the key topic of the workshop: searching for appropriate models of adaptation to new external environment for regions and cities; searching for new drivers and sources of sustainable territorial development.

We welcome papers addressing the following themes:
• New challenges and pressures for regions and cities
• Macroeconomic processes and global trends: regional projection
• Regions and cities: models of adaptation for new economic reality. Urban and regional leadership
• New forms of industrial development and policies. Competitiveness of industrial regions and cities in modern conditions.
• Unemployment, migration, demographic shifts: hardship and social tensions
• Policies for shrinking cities
• Rural areas under new pressures. Marginalization of rural peripheries. Suburbanization processes
• Financial crisis, resilience and recession: impacts for regions and cities, factors of disparities
• Austerity and the financing of urban and regional investment
• Public-private financial investments and ventures for regional and urban development
• City and region building: governance and institutions
• Regional policy in post-soviet countries: old legacies and new challenges
• Trust and accountability as factor of territorial development, participatory democracy, participatory budgeting

We kindly invite researchers, experts, young scientists, policy makers, representatives of the government, local authorities and business community who are interested in the thorough understanding of issues concerned with regional and city development, as well as the search for appropriate models of adaptation to the new economic reality.

Abstract submission:
The abstract submission closing date is 20th September 2017. Please note that you must register at the Regional Studies Association portal in order to submit an abstract.

All abstracts submitted will be reviewed by the organizing committee. Only authors of selected abstracts will be invited to present at the conference. The conference is free of charge. The decision of abstract acceptance will be made within two weeks after the abstract submission deadline. To submit your abstract please go to www.regionalstudies.org/conferences/conference/rsa-russia-workshop.

The conference is open also for non-presenting delegates, please register on the conference website. Please contact Wanda Miczorek if you have any questions about submitting your abstract: wanda.miczorek@regionalstudies.org, or contact Local Organizer: Irina Turgel - turgel@k96.ru.