II RSA Latin America Division Conference 2017

Urbanization in Latin America: Exclusion, Marginality and Conflict
22nd—24th May, São Paulo, Brazil

Abstract submission deadline: 27th February 2017

The growing concern with local and regional influence in Latin American economic development requires the adoption of an appropriate theoretical and methodological approach to the spatial/territorial and political dimensions of the object of study. This need is made explicit in the numerous studies containing clusters, agglomerations and productive arrangements, economies of location/agglomeration, interregional and international integration, among others.

The 2nd Conference of the Regional Studies Association - Latin America Division 2017 in Brazil will focus on thinking about ways, policies and ideas for solving urban problems and social disparities in Latin American cities. We recognize that only more balanced and just societies can succeed in an ever-changing world. This conference offers all those who share an interest in regional and urban issues the opportunity to explore and discuss these key issues. Discussions will be encouraged and enriched by RSA’s well-established tradition of embracing and accepting perspectives, disciplinary formations and diverse ideas.

The conference will be run in parallel to the 17th meeting of the Brazilian Association of Graduate Studies and Research on Regional and Urban Planning (ANPUR), which will be held at the same venue and dates. The previous meeting of ANPUR had over 1000 attendees and 160 parallel sessions, so we expect a lively collaboration. Plenary sessions will be open to participants of both events.

The contributions to be presented during the conference of the Regional Studies Association - Latin America Division will be distributed in several themes, especially:

- Urban land issue: obstacle to planning and inclusion
- Urban infrastructure
- Urban network and regional integration
- Labour market and migration
- Governance of Metropolises and urban agglomerations
- Real estate market
- Spatial justice and inequalities
- Industrial strategy and regional development

This list is not exclusive. Applicants may suggest additional topics not listed above, provided that the research has regional/urban policy or spatial strategic planning implications.

Submission of papers
We welcome papers from all academics, students and those working in policy and practice. The event is inclusive and offers networking opportunities for all in our field. Please submit proposals for papers in the form of a 250 - 500 word abstract (text only, no pictures, graphs or tables) through the Regional Studies Association online portal by 10th February 2017.

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