

Report on the current situation and activities in Argentina

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Activities

Despite a very critical situation in Argentina (see brief report bellow) and a very complex one in the rest of Latin America, I was able to disseminate in a number of events and activities the work and importance of the Regional Studies Association.

A very good Regional (RSA LA) conference was held in Monterrey, Mexico, this year. I was invited to be part of the scientific committee, but I was not able to attend it.

The III International Conference on Regional Development in South America will be held on 24-26 February 2026 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This will be the third conference organised by KIRDSA, a Regional Studies Association research network. Organizers have received a good number of papers.

I will be presenting a paper myself. Last year it was held in Montevideo, but I was not able to attend it.

During 2024 I published two book reviews in the journal *Regional Studies*. I am now in the process of publishing two additional ones.

With some funding from the RSA, I was able to present a paper and attend the Global Conference on Economic Geography held at Clark University, Worcester, Mass, June 4-8, 2025 (“Evolutionary economic geography: Application to the analysis of the economic geography of Latin America”).

Proposal

Re-edit the Latin America Division newsletter, starting March 2026. (the schedule could be March, July, November). To do so I will need some input from the other Territorial Representatives.

Very bad economic and social situation in Argentina

Salaries of university professors in Argentina have gone down by around 35% in real terms since December, 2023. Expenditures in science and technology have virtually come to nothing. Funding for projects from the national government is virtually zero. Many professors are leaving academia and the country to seek new opportunities elsewhere.