

Special Session (SS20)

Citizen Entrepreneurship and Regional Science

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The purpose and scope of the special session

The issue of entrepreneurship in regional development has led to the emergence of a Citizen Entrepreneurship (CE) approach. CE promotes the idea of pro-active involvement of citizens in the private, social, and public forms of new venture creation. In conditions of public sector institutions' crisis on the one hand and the "over-marketization" of public on the other, local communities develop new forms of satisfying collective needs. It results in experimentation and the emergence of new approaches to regional policies. The session may be a platform to discuss the idea of Citizen Entrepreneurship conceptually, empirically (case studies already elaborated), and methodically.

This special session will be a platform of exchanging ideas among economists, sociologists, geographers, urban and regional planners, management professionals and other specialists interested in regional development issues. It will be an occasion to develop a robust conceptual framework and an evaluative space for CE. It also offers a chance to exchange the results of studies already done effectively. Finally, the meeting will be an occasion to elaborate a set of relevant methodologies for investigation how citizens are engaged as producers, consumers, users, innovators and environmental gatekeepers, individually and collectively, to foster sustainable development in the urban commons.

Deadline for Submission of Papers: 1st May 2020

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