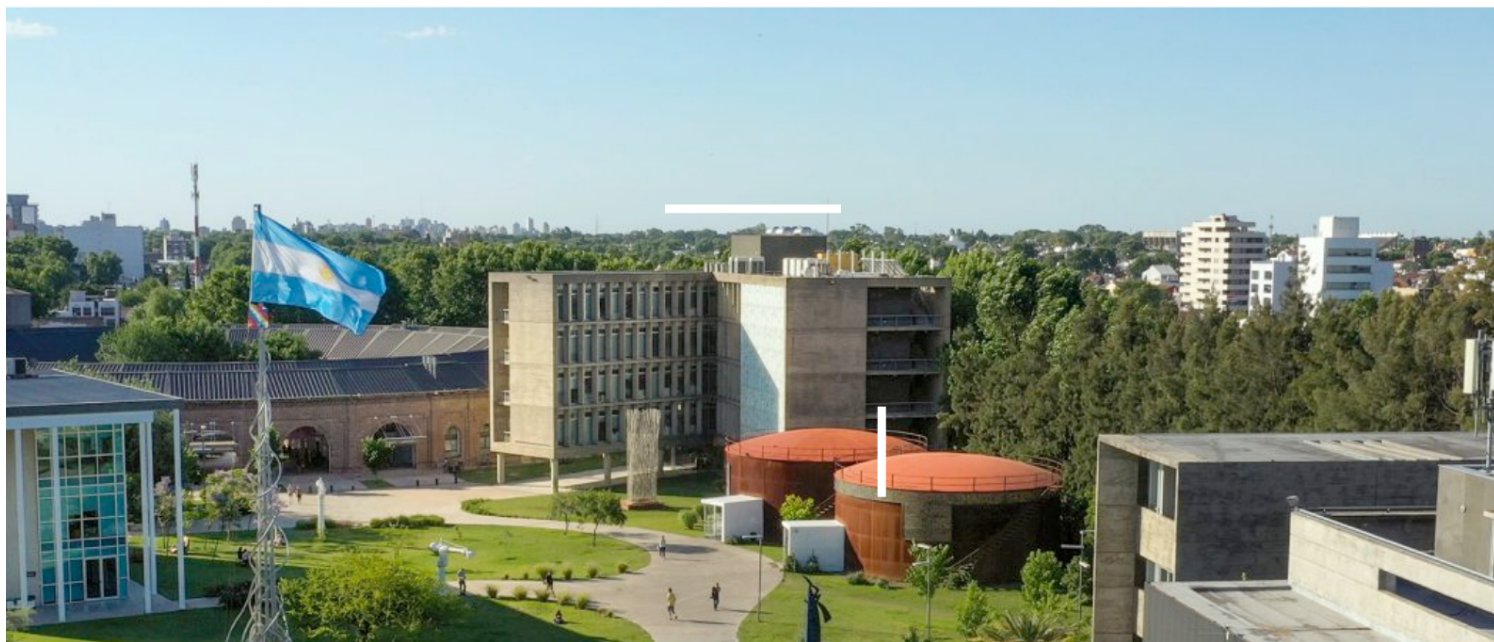




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Institutional support and sponsorship

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Call for applications

This conference aims to bring together researchers studying the creation and dissemination of knowledge in the South American context and development processes with a territorial approach in the region's countries.

We welcome contributions that are related, but not exclusively, to the following topics:

- Innovation and development in territories specializing in extractive industries.
- Interaction and collaboration networks in innovation processes of South America
- Relatedness, productive specialization and technological diversification in South American regions
- Local development, clusters and industrial districts in the context of South American countries
- Environmental challenges and green transitions in South American regions
- Migration, brain drain and brain circulation in South America
- Cities as poles of development, innovation and inequality in South America
- Global Value Chains, knowledge flows and diversification opportunities in South America cities.
- Gender gaps in science in technology and innovation at the regional level.

We welcome contributions with theoretical, applied or methodological focus, and/ or with implications for the design of public policies for innovation and regional development in South American countries.

To apply, please submit an **abstract with a maximum of 500 words** here:

<https://forms.gle/1dSKq8h18TCa5QmF9>

Extended abstract (optional): max 2500 words. References, figures and/or tables are not considered in the word count.

Keynote speakers

- **Ron Boschma**, Professor in Regional Economics (Utrecht University) and Innovation Studies (University of Stavanger)
- South American scholars to be announced

Parallel sessions

- Interactive sessions organized according to the conference themes followed by Q&A

Round table

- **Camila Gramkow** (CEPAL)
- **Julio Raffo** (WIPO)

Young Scholars Special Session

Cultural activities

The conference will offer an engaging experience highlighting Argentina's rich cultural heritage. More details will be shared soon.

Workshop: Applications of Innovation Capability Indicators and Datasets

- **Lecturers:** Federico Moscatelli and Eduardo Hernández Rodríguez
- **Duration:** 3–5 hours
- **Target audience:** Researchers with intermediate coding skills
- **Overview:** Key indicators from the relatedness and complexity toolbox, their use in innovation policy, and a dataset covering 600+ innovation fields over 20+ years. Participants will extract insights to generate policy recommendations.
- **Module 1: Introduction to Concepts**
 - Overview of innovation capability indicators and the relatedness and complexity framework
 - Understanding economic complexity, product relatedness, and opportunity identification
 - Interactive activity and group discussion
- **Module 2: Indicator Interpretation**
 - Interpreting indicators and their policy implications
 - Hands-on analysis using the provided dataset
 - Case studies illustrating policy applications
- **Module 3: Building Indicators and Results Analysis**
 - Step-by-step construction of indicators
 - Data processing techniques
 - Producing visualizations and reports
 - Generating policy recommendations from analytical findings
 - Q&A and discussion of real-world applications

Dates and registration

Important dates

May 21th: Call for submissions opens

NEW! November 11th: Abstract submission deadline

November 30th: Notification of acceptance

Registration & financial support

There is no registration fee.

Thanks to the Regional Studies Association (RSA), partial funding is available to finance travel and accommodation of RSA members.

Partial funding may be available for Young Scholars (students and early-career researchers). If you are applying to participate in the Young Scholars session, indicate this clearly in your submission.

Given the international nature of the network, we use English for all written communication and recommend delivering oral presentations in English. However, early-career participants may present in Spanish or Portuguese, provided that they prepare their slides in English to ensure that all attendees can follow the presentation.

Contacts

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