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Institutional support and sponsorship

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Universidad de Chile (Chile)
Universidad de Concepción (Chile)
Universidad Católica del Norte (Chile)

Conference Venue

Facultad de Gobierno, Universidad de Chile
Ramon Carnicer 15, Santiago de Chile

Scientific committee

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Organizing committee

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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, as well as development processes with a territorial approach across 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
- Relatedness, productive specialization and technological diversification
- Local development, clusters and industrial districts
- Environmental challenges and green transitions
- Migration, brain drain and brain circulation
- Cities as poles of development, innovation and inequality
- Global Value Chains, knowledge flows and diversification opportunities
- Gender gaps in science in technology and innovation
- Geopolitics, geoeconomics and regional development
- Governance, decentralization and regional development

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.

Keynote speaker

Ron Boschma, Professor in Regional Economics (Utrecht University) and Innovation Studies (University of Stavanger)

Parallel sessions

Interactive sessions organized according to the conference themes, featuring oral presentations followed by discussion and Q&A.

Round table

Moderated discussions bringing together academics, practitioners, and policymakers to exchange perspectives on current challenges and future directions in the field.

Meet the editors workshop

Editors will discuss the peer-review and publication process, share advice on preparing competitive manuscripts, and answer questions about publishing in international journals.

Young scholars special session

Dedicated session providing early-career researchers and PhD candidates with an opportunity to present their work and receive feedback from senior scholars. More details will be announced soon.

Poster session

Poster presentations by postgraduate students and early-stage researchers. Format and submission guidelines will be provided soon.

Cultural activities

A program of cultural and social activities designed to introduce participants to Chile's rich heritage, traditions, and local attractions. More details will be shared soon.

Dates and registration

Important dates

July 7th: Call for submissions opens

September 30th: Abstract submission deadline

October 30th: Notification of acceptance

Registration

There is no registration fee.

Application process

Apply here! <https://forms.gle/ego7J2R25H5cFg5s8>

Please submit an abstract of up to 500 words.

Extended abstract (optional): up to 2,500 words. References, figures, and tables are not included in the word count.

Presentation policy: Each presenter may present only one submission.

The Scientific Committee reserves the right to request an extended abstract or a full paper from authors when deemed necessary for the review process.

Given the international nature of the network, English is the working language of the conference and will be used for all written communications. We encourage participants to deliver their presentations in English to facilitate discussion and exchange among all attendees.

Presentations may also be delivered in Spanish or Portuguese, particularly in the case of students or Early Career participants. In such cases, presenters are kindly requested to prepare their presentation slides in English so that all participants can follow the presentation.

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