

RSA KIRDSA- Seminar Series

Innovation and Regional Development in Latin America

Latin American countries have a rich background of research in several fields related to innovation and development with a territorial approach. From various theoretical and analytical perspectives, researchers interested in Latin America have studied a wide variety of topics such as innovation systems, territorial productive specialization, clusters and business networks, environmental and social challenges of territories, migration and brain drain, local opportunities of global value chains, or cities as poles of development and inequality. These topics, among others, are fundamental for comprehending the challenges faced by Latin American territories, characterized by a peripheral yet significant role in global knowledge production.

This online seminar series aims to bring together students, researchers, and practitioners who, studying these (or similar) topics, are interested in exploring the dynamics of development and innovation in Latin America with a territorial approach.

Overview:

- Audience: academics, researchers, practitioners, and students interested in innovation, economic geography, evolutionary economics, and Latin American development.
- Structure: each seminar could consist of a presentation by a guest speaker followed by a senior discussant and an open Q&A session.
- Duration and modality: one hour (approx.), online.

Senior Discussant:

It will be reached according to the topic and availability. As part of the RSA KIRDSA Network activities, potential discussants will be Ron Boschma, Carlo Pietrobelli, Anabel Marin, Carlota Perez, Sergio Petralia, among others.

Young Scholars:

We plan a special session for advanced PhD students and postdocs. In this case, the discussion will include peers and senior feedback.

Language:

English presentations are recommended to reach a higher audience.

Spanish and Portuguese are also welcome.

How to participate:

- Submit a working paper (desirable) or an extended abstract (including introduction, theoretical framework, methodology and preliminary results) to kirdsa.rsa@gmail.com.
- Indicate your availability to present (preferable month).

With these seminars, we want to link our community with leading academics who can make timely comments to improve papers before they are submitted for peer review in academic journals. That is why applications will be received, and their degree of progress and fit with the network's topics will be evaluated. We intend that papers with a high degree of progress, ideally with progress in testing hypotheses, will be presented.

The date and time of each seminar will be arranged with the guest speaker and the designated discussant. For this reason, there is no application deadline, but in principle, we expect to hold four seminars during 2024, and spots will be allocated in order of application.

More information on KIRDSA:

RSA Research Network on Knowledge, Innovation and Regional Development in South America (KIRDSA): <https://www.regionalstudies.org/network/knowledge-innovation-and-regional-development-in-south-america/>