

RSA Latin America Conference 2025

Adapting Local and Regional Development to Changing Environments

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The World is facing unprecedented change, including environmental change, technological transformations, resource depletion, geopolitical adjustments and many others. These changes have significant impacts on ecosystems, economies, societies, and cultures of different regions and localities. They also pose complex and urgent challenges for decision-makers at different levels, from local communities to national and international governance institutions.

The 2025 RSA Latin America Division Conference aims to explore and discuss the challenges and opportunities of adapting to such changes, as well as shaping these changes, at regional, urban and local scales. It will bring together scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and community members to foster a multidisciplinary and multi-stakeholder dialogue on related topics.

The Organisers are keen to attract papers and sessions from any discipline offering relevant insights on local and regional levels. Abstracts will be considered for evaluation in terms of originality, analytical rigor, policy relevance and geographical perspective.

We invite submissions on topics, including, but not limited to, the following:

Decentralization, Local Governance, and Fiscal Innovation	Digitalization, Artificial Intelligence, and Bridging the Digital Divide
Policy Innovation for Addressing Spatial Inequalities	Environment, Energy, and Circular Economy: Pathways to Regional Sustainability
Strategies for Fostering Cross-border Regional Development	Globalization, Nearshoring, and the Reconstruction of Supply Chains
The Role of Infrastructure, Transport, and Logistics in Regional Development	Labor Markets and Informality: Challenges and Opportunities for Inclusive Growth
Migration and Cross-border Dynamics	Adaptive Strategies for Navigating Technological Disruption
Promoting Wellbeing and Sustainable Human Development	Transforming Rural and Peripheral Regions in a Changing World
Analyzing Socioeconomic and Spatial Inequalities	Urban Growth, Land, and Housing: Governance Challenges for Sustainable Development

Special Session proposals: Please submit your through the portal on the webpage:

<https://www.regionalstudies.org/2025-latin-america-special-sessions/>

Abstract Submission Details: Please submit your abstract (up to 250 words and text only) through the RSA conference portal at: <https://lounge.regionalstudies.org/Meetings/Meeting?ID=546>

We welcome papers from all – academics, researchers, students, and those working in policy and practice. The event is inclusive and offers networking opportunities for all in our field.

Deadlines

Special Session submission deadline: 3rd April 2025

Abstract submission deadline: 1st May 2025

Conference bursary application: 1st May 2025

Notification of Acceptance: 30th May 2025

Registration Opens: 2nd June 2025

Programme Available: August 2025

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