

# RSA Latin America Conference 2025

## Adapting Local and Regional Development to Changing Environments

22nd-24th October 2025

Tecnológico de Monterrey, Monterrey, México

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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:

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

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 will accept abstracts in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

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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