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About

Institutional support and sponsorship

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Conference Venue

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

Scientific 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
- Theoretical contributions from the South

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.

Activities

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.

Special sessions

Special session proposals within the conference themes are welcome. Please submit proposals to kirdsa.rsa@gmail.com by October 4th, including a brief session description and the names of the organizers. Proposals are subject to review and acceptance by the organizing committee.

Confirmed SS:

SS1 - Regional Development and Sustainable Transitions in the Global South
This session explores how regions in the Global South are navigating sustainable development and socio-economic transitions. It welcomes submissions addressing emerging trends, challenges, and opportunities in fostering sustainable and innovative regional development, particularly in the Global South.

Organized by SPRINT RSA Network
Partial funding available to RSA members selected thanks to SPRINT RSA Network.

SS2 - Theoretical contributions from the South

This session invites theoretical and conceptual contributions that bring perspectives from the Global South into regional studies and related fields. It aims to highlight new concepts, approaches, and theoretical insights emerging from Southern contexts and to critically engage with established theories of regional development.

SS3 - Ecological Economics in South America – Regional Insights

This session examines regional dimensions of ecological economics in South America, focusing on the relationship between economic activity, ecological systems, and territorial development. Contributions are particularly encouraged on ecologically unequal exchange, minerals and mining governance, and the distributive and territorial costs of the green transition.

Organizer: Andrea Belmartino (Università degli Studi di Sassari)
Partial funding available to selected participants thanks to International Society for Ecological Economics (ISEE)

SS4 - Climate Change and Regional Resilience in Latin America: Labour Markets, Informality and Adaptation

This session examines how regional economies absorb climate shocks and with what consequences for workers and inequality, considering both the continuity of economic activity and its distributional effects, such as lower earnings or shifts into informality. We welcome contributions on labour market dynamics, informality, inequality, migration, productive diversification, and the role of social protection and regional policies in strengthening adaptive capacity, including studies of South America, other Latin American countries and comparative perspectives.

Organizer: Felipe Livert Aquino (Department of Geography and Regional Studies, University of Vienna)

Round table

- **Elisa Giuliani** (Università di Pisa)
- **Anabel Marin** (Institute of Development Studies)
- TBD

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.
Confirmed speakers (Journal):
- Miguel Atienza (Area Development and Policy)
- Carlos Bianchi (Innovation and Develpment)
- Giovanni Vechio de EURE (Revista de Estudios Urbano Regionales)
- TBD (Economic Geography)

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.

Organized by Urban and Regional Economics Working Group - YSI-INET
More info and application

Poster Session

Poster presentations by postgraduate students and early-stage researchers.

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
October 30th: Abstract submission deadline
November 16th: 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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