



***Special Session (SS08) on:
Subjective well-being and spatial inequalities***

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The aim and scope:

A recent and growing literature focused on the emergence of social and economic disparities across and within regions (Iammarino et al., 2018). The study on the determinants of these imbalances, and on their impact on growth, pointed out relevant implications for economic policy.

Less is known, however, on the relationship between inequalities and subjective well-being, and its variation across space. This topic is relevant for, at least, two reasons. First, because the effects of social and economic disparities go far beyond the economic sphere, as suggested by recent works on the emergence of nationalisms and the so-called geography of discontent (Rodríguez-Pose, 2018). It is therefore interesting to understand how these effects are mediated and influenced by individuals' perceptions of their own wellbeing. Second, because both inequality and subjective well-being are unevenly distributed across space and, in particular, across settings with different levels of urbanization. From this perspective, it is important to study the cause-effect mechanisms linking subjective well-being with the territorial characteristics of regions.

Our special session aims at contributing to the discussion on these topics. More precisely, it will host contributions focused on the determinants of subjective well-being and its relationship with social and economic inequalities. The multidisciplinary nature of the topic makes the RSAI conference an ideal forum in which to debate these issues. Economists, psychologists, geographers, sociologists and political scientists are therefore invited to contribute to the special session.

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