



***Special Session (SS18) on:  
Urban Future in the Global South***

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**The aim and scope:**

The Global South is undergoing an urban revolution with profound consequences to its society, economy, culture, polity, demography, human behaviour, and built and natural environments.

The amassed investments in cities by both the private sector and the entrepreneurial states are sharpening the rural-urban divides in development with massive consequences to both the poverty and aspiration led migration to urban centres, especially to the mega cities.

In this context, this special session invites well-researched papers and case studies from the Global South (Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Oceania) around the following sub-themes (with discussion on implications to the urban future),

1. Urban Planning and Local Context
2. Urban Infrastructure (including digital Infrastructure)
3. Urban mobilities
4. Urbanization and democratic participation
5. Socio-spatial segregation and exclusion in cities
6. Urban violence and community resilience
7. Urban Environment and climate action
8. Engagement with sustainable urbanization

The selected papers with peer review process will be published in special issue of the journal *Regional Science Policy and Practice*.

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