

# International Conference on Regional Science

Tackling with societal, technological  
and climate challenges in peripheral  
territories

Universitat Jaume I



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The Spanish and Valencian Regional Science Associations have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in both the **XLV Regional Studies Meeting** (XLV Reunión de Estudios Regionales) and the **VI Valencian Regional Studies Conference** (VI Jornades Valencianes d'Estudis Regionals). They will take place at the Universitat Jaume I in Castelló on the 20th, 21st and 22nd November 2019, and will count with the support of the Interuniversity Institute of Local Development (IIDL, Institut Interuniversitari de Desenvolupament Local).

As it has happened in previous editions, the Reunión de Estudios Regionales represents a multidisciplinary meeting that allows an overview of regional science and the analysis of the territory as a starting point, being the main annual event that takes place in Spain in what refers to the presentation and discussion of academic papers on territorial and regional concepts. In this occasion we will have the presence as lecturers of Professor Raquel Ortega Argilés (University of Birmingham) and Professor Jérôme Vicente (Université de Toulouse).

For this XLV edition, we have chosen the theme **"Tackling with societal, technological and climate changes in peripheral territories"**. With this theme, we intend to incorporate into the regional debate the problems that affect the peripheral territories, understood as those border areas or borders between regions. Thus we find the outer peripheries, especially in the European Union, where the migratory pressure is quite evident, in contrast to the so-called inner peripheries, where depopulation is a challenge of vast dimensions that calls into question the very survival of some of these regions.

As organisers of this XLV edition, from the Interuniversity Institute of Local Development (IIDL), we understand regional science as a point of confluence of multiple approaches. Although it is usual to interpret the evolution of the regions in terms of their economic development, placing the economy at the core of territorial policy decisions, it is also necessary to introduce other approaches to territorial development. Issues such as demographic evolution are decisive in a society like ours, increasingly ageing, and with a lower rate of generational renewal. On the other hand, the problem of depopulation, widespread in many of the Spanish regions, has highlighted the need to address the demographic challenge from multiple points of view.

The need to provide the territories with opportunities to develop is to cover the gap between these peripheral regions and the central regions while guaranteeing the differential elements of both. Regional science must provide compatible and respectful solutions with the use of endogenous resources of all kinds. For this, the XLV Reunión de Estudios Regionales aims to provide a broad, sensible and constructive debate on the different issues that are part of the regional scope.

As Organizing Committee, we reiterate the invitation to participate in the XLV Reunión de Estudios Regionales on November 20, 21 and 22, 2019 at the Universitat Jaume I of Castelló, and to enjoy our small city within the great provincial environment bounded by the mountainous interior and the Mediterranean Sea.

We are looking forward to welcoming you then.

## THEMATIC AREAS

- 1- Convergence, growth and development of the territories
- 2- Efficiency, productivity, competitiveness and space
- 3- Urban and territorial sustainability, natural resources, energy and environment
- 4- Globalization and territory: foreign sector, foreign direct investment, flows and value chains
- 5- Labor market and territory
- 6- Inequality, poverty and territory
- 7- Population, territory and migratory movements
- 8- Methods for spatial analysis I: spatial econometrics
- 9- Methods for spatial analysis II: geographic information systems
- 10- Methods for spatial analysis III: input-output, big data and other techniques and methods applied to spatial analysis
- 11- Location of economic activity and cluster analysis
- 12- Economy of knowledge, creativity and geography of innovation
- 13- Housing market
- 14- Urban planning, smart cities, metropolitan areas, mega-regions and city networks
- 15- Local and regional governance, regional development policies and cohesion
- 16- Public sector and regional financing
- 17- Companies, entrepreneurship and business dynamics in the territory
- 18- Culture, tourism and territory
- 19- Regional science: evolution of regional and urban analysis
- 20- Valencian Regional Science

S-TC - University knowledge transfer sessions environment

S-JI - Young Researchers Sessions: "I have an idea ..."

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Dates of the congress: 20-22 November.  
Call for abstracts: 1 March.  
Call for Special Sessions: 3 May.  
Presentation of abstracts: 15 May.  
Acceptance of abstracts: 1 June.  
Presentation of papers: 22 September.  
Acceptance of papers: 7 October.  
Ordinary payment: Ends on October 18.

## WEB

[www.reunionesdeestudiosregionales.org](http://www.reunionesdeestudiosregionales.org)

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