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Policy Challenges for the Asia-Pacific Rim’***

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The Regional Science Academy (TRSA)

and

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Place of venue:

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THEME

**SUSTAINABLE URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT-
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PACIFIC RIM**

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DATE AND PLACE

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Aims and Scope

In the age of globalisation, we witness massive shifts in economic and political heartlands of our world. Economic growth and welfare used to be a privilege of only a small part of the world population, while nowadays we observe a significant improvement of levels of wellbeing (in terms of income, education, human health) in many countries and regions of the world. Clearly, in some cases spatial-economic disparities are still alarmingly high. Another new megatrend is the drastic enhancement of quality-of-life conditions in many countries (thanks to environmental and resource technology, shifts in human behavioural patterns, and strict enforcement of environmental rules), although in several countries and regions (in particular, large metropolitan areas) quality-of-life conditions are still at a sub-standard (and even life-threatening) level.

The Asia-Pacific Rim has exhibited a surprising growth pattern over the past decades, but the shadow side has been a rapid environmental decay (air, water and soil quality) and rise of socio-economic disparities. This development poses a new dilemma and forces the research and policy community to avoid a ‘New Asian Drama’ and to seek for new ways to cope with these serious and unprecedented challenges.

The international conference on *‘Sustainable Urban and Regional Development – Research and Policy Challenges for the Asia-Pacific Rim’* seeks to bring together scholars from various countries in the world to share their expertise, to propose new ideas and to present original research findings on the above theme. This theme comprises various topics, such as (but not limited to):

- Urban growth and environmental quality
- Mass-motorized mobility and sustainability
- Intelligent management of sustainable metropolitan areas
- Climate change and threats to sustainability

- Population dynamics, growth and urbanisation
- Rural areas in isolation and poverty
- Innovation, education and learning as policy tools
- Modern technology and spatial dynamics
- Entrepreneurship as new roads
- Infrastructure and sustainable spatial development
- New analysis tools for sustainable urban management
- Tourism-led regional growth
- The role of agriculture in lagging areas
- Urban-rural dichotomy
- Migration-led economic development

LANGUAGE

The official languages of the conference are English and Chinese. Paper submission should be in English.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Renmin University of China, Beijing, China

(No. 59 Zhongguancun St., Haidian District, Beijing 100872, China)

<http://www.ruc.edu.cn>

Call for Extended Abstracts

Authors are invited to submit abstracts, relating to the conference theme or the various topics. The abstract should be written in English (in MS word or PDF format only)

All abstracts should be structured as follows:

- Title: The title should be short, preferably less than 20 words.
- Author(s): Provide contact details of authors, including names, surnames, organization/company, phone/fax no., e-mail and full postal address.
- Abstract: Up to 300 words.
- Keywords: Provide up to 5 keywords.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 30, 2017 Deadline for submission of abstracts

November 25, 2017 Deadline for full papers submission.

Abstracts or papers should be sent to the Organizing Committee via e-mail to:

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REGISTRATION FEE

There is no registration fee.

PUBLICATION

It is foreseen that a selection of high quality papers will be published in one or more of the flagship regional science journals.



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