

# **The future of leisure: Tourism, mobility and transportation**

**Special session at the 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the Regional Science  
Association International (RSAI), promoted by  
NECTAR Cluster 5 (Leisure, Recreation and Tourism)**

Goa, India

May 29 to June 1, 2018

## **Call for papers**

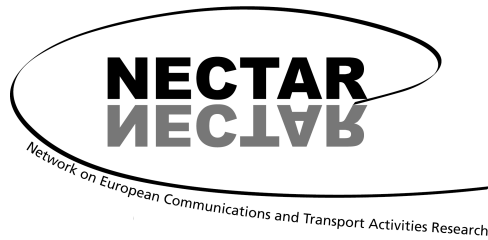
It is our pleasure to invite you to a Special Session promoted by NECTAR Cluster 5 (Leisure, Recreation and Tourism) during the 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI), to be held in Goa (India), between May 29 and June 1, 2018.

### **Main topic**

Tourism is the one of the fastest growing economic sectors. Jointly, travel and tourism currently account for almost 10% of the world GDP once direct, indirect and induced effects are considered. Moreover, the increase in leisure time in many countries has constituted one of the most remarkable trends in the last decades matched by a decrease in working hours. Consequently, a large amount of the travel behavior and demand is increasingly determined by ecological, social and entertainment motives (discretionary time consumption). Research on leisure, tourism and recreation is booming in many disciplines (economics, sociology, psychology, management sciences, environmental sciences among others) and this special session aims at gathering researchers interested in the field.

### **Topics of interest**

Taking into consideration contemporary societal problems (global warming, limits of non-renewable sources of energy), the importance of Information and Communication Technologies for travel, tourism and recreation, along with questions related to destination images regarding sustainable tourism development, this special session covers (not exclusively) the following topics:



- Complementarity of scales between international, national, regional and local transport services and networks;
- Institutional coordination related to different territorial scales and different stakeholders in different sectors;
- Economic efficiency in the utilization of territorial resources and sustainable tourism development;
- Impacts of tourism, recreation and transportation in the local and regional economies;
- Motivations of tourists and sustainable tourism;
- Transport as a core element of the tourism experience.

Publication opportunities will be discussed, according to the quality and quantity of the presentations included in the Special Session and other activities to be undertaken by the CLUSTER 5 of NECTAR during 2018.

### **Venue**

The event will take place in Goa (India), at the Birla Institute of Technology & Science (the K K Birla Goa Campus).

### **Submission:**

Abstracts should be submitted until November 30, 2017 through the website of the Congress:

<http://www.regionalscience.org/2018worldcongress/index.html>

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