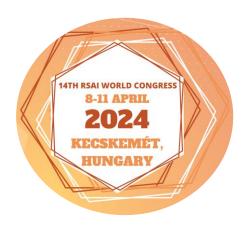
Special Session (SS25) on: Wellbeing and City Love



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The purpose and scope of the special session

Cities are places with diverse quality and liveability conditions, which affect the welfare of people, firms communities, etc. There are many benefits found in cities such as greater variety of goods and services, physical amenities including health, education, cultural infrastructure, and greater opportunities for interaction among economic agents. However, over-agglomeration might generate negative externalities such as congestion and pollution costs, high crime rates, higher living costs, and therefore, a reduction in the wellbeing. In these sense, the resulting evaluation of cities, the so called city love is multidimensional and dynamic. In the other side of the urban-rural combined world, rural areas have other amenities, mainly natural, and benefits related to less agglomeration such as less crime. In this context, wellbeing in rural areas might be shaped by other factors, leading to a different love, the rural love.

We welcome original papers that address the above questions. We kindly invite contributions on topics related (but not limited) to:

- · natural amenities in cities and rural áreas
- · physical amenities in cities and rural áreas
- · welfare, economic performance and city love
- · resilience of people in cities
- · Regional migration and amenities
- · Regional economic structure and productive networks

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