

PROGRAM

15th WORLD CONGRESS OF THE RSAI

**Wellbeing
and Sustainability:
Regional Science
Discussions at the
Earth's Core**

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2026

**QUITO,
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The RSAI wishes you all a pleasant and inspiring participation!

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**WELCOME TO
THE 2026
RSAI
CONGRESS**



Welcome Message from the RSAI President

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Quito, Ecuador, for the 15th World Congress of the Regional Science Association International, to be held in June 2026 at the Escuela Politécnica Nacional. I am delighted to greet scholars and practitioners from around the world in this vibrant setting.

Since its inaugural World Congress in 1980, this distinguished congress has played a vital role in advancing regional science and continues to do so today. It showcases leading theoretical, methodological, and empirical contributions while fostering exchange, collaboration, and the development of new research networks.

I thank all those who organized this congress, especially the Local Organizing Committee and its Chair, Carolina Guevara, for their dedication and excellent work. I also thank the RSAI Executive Director, Ana Viñuela, and the RSAI Secretariat, Elisabete Martins, for their continued support.

I wish you a productive and enjoyable congress and a pleasant stay in Quito.



Hiroyuki Shibusawa
President,
Regional Science Association International

Welcome Message from the LOC

On behalf of the Red Ecuatoriana de Ciencia Regional, it is my great honor and pleasure to welcome you to the RSAI World Congress, hosted by the Escuela Politécnica Nacional, here in the beautiful city of Quito. From a cultural and scientific point of view, Quito is a great city for visitors, recognized for its rich history and cultural heritage. It obtained the recognition of the First Cultural Heritage City of Humanity. This city, surrounded by a beautiful mountainous landscape, is located in the Middle of the World, at the latitude 0°0'0', where you can step in the North hemisphere and South hemisphere of the world at the same time. It is literally a place like no other! After all, where else can you stand with each foot in a different hemisphere? This visit to the middle of the world is a MUST for every regional scientist.

The host for the 2026 RSAI World Congress will be the Escuela Politécnica Nacional (EPN), my Alma Mater, one of Ecuador's leading public universities with a strong tradition in scientific research. As host, the university will be a catalyst for strengthening international research networks and the consolidation of regional science in Ecuador.

We are truly delighted to receive such a distinguished international community of scholars, practitioners, and policymakers committed to advancing regional science. Your participation reflects the vitality and relevance of our field in addressing the complex challenges faced by territories around the world.

The development of regional science in Ecuador is relatively recent, yet remarkably dynamic. Its roots can be traced back to 2014, within the framework of the 13th Summer Institute of PRSCO, which marked a turning point for the consolidation of this academic field in our country. Since then, regional science has experienced rapid growth, attracting an increasing number of researchers interested in understanding spatial inequalities, regional dynamics, and the design of effective public policies for territorial development.

Today, as we gather for this Congress, Ecuador stands as an example of how regional science can take root and flourish through international cooperation, academic commitment, and institutional support. This event not only provides a platform for sharing cutting-edge research, but also an opportunity to deepen partnerships and inspire new generations of scholars.

We hope that your time in Quito will be intellectually enriching and personally memorable. May this Congress serve as a space for dialogue, innovation, and collaboration, strengthening our collective capacity to contribute to more balanced and inclusive territorial development.

Once again, welcome to Ecuador, welcome to Quito, and welcome to the RSAI World Congress.



Carolina Guevara

Chair, Local Organising Committee, RECiR President

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Umbrella Topic

Wellbeing and Sustainability: Regional Science Discussions at the Earth's Core

The theme “**Wellbeing and Sustainability: Regional Science Discussions at the Earth's Core**” seeks to promote a deep, multidisciplinary understanding of the central role that well-being and sustainability play in regional development. It encompasses a wide range of interconnected topics, including regional and urban economics, entrepreneurship and innovation, the challenges and opportunities of artificial intelligence for regional development, governance frameworks, regional networks, and social inclusion. Together, these perspectives aim to advance integrated approaches to building resilient, inclusive, and sustainable regions.

Regular Sessions' Topics

- RS01 - Wellbeing
- RS02 - Regional and urban policy
- RS03 - Regional development
- RS04 - Rural development
- RS05 - City development
- RS06 - Spatial planning
- RS07 - Location theory and applications
- RS08 - Methods in regional science and urban economics
- RS09 - Spatial implications of climate and environmental change
- RS10 - The spatial dimension of sustainable development
- RS11 - Theoretical and empirical urban economics
- RS12 - Globalization
- RS13 - Resilience and risk management
- RS14 - Green economy and complexity
- RS15 - National, regional or local labor markets
- RS16 - Governance
- RS17 - Entrepreneurship
- RS18 - Population and migration
- RS19 - Infrastructure, transportation and accessibility
- RS20 - Knowledge and innovation
- RS21 - Efficiency and productivity
- RS22 - Real estate and housing
- RS23 - Tourism
- RS24 - Biodiversity, ecosystems and ecosystem services
- RS25 - Agriculture, fisheries and food security
- RS26 - Natural resources and energy
- RS27 - Regional science and data science
- RS28 - Artificial intelligence
- RS29 - Finances and regional science

Special Sessions' Topics

[SS01 - Migrant Integration Challenges and Policies](#)

Alessandra Michelangeli (Chair) & Tomaz Ponce Dentinho

[SS02 - Employment Creation and Resource Development](#) [not enough papers]

Subhra Chattopadhyay (Chair), Santanu Ghosh & Saptarshi Mitra

[SS03 - Agricultural and Rural Development in Food System Transformation](#)

Lily Kiminami

[SS04 - Digital Transformation, Artificial Intelligence, and Regional Development: Productivity, Competitiveness, and Territorial Dynamics](#)

Carles Méndez-Ortega (Chair), Albert Miró Pérez & Joan Torrent-Sellens

[SS05 - Regional Transitions toward Sustainability in Latin America: Energy, Economy and Society](#)

Enrique Gilles

[SS06 - Higher Education and Regional Development: Promoting Intellectual Capital for Sustainable Wellbeing in Peripheral Territories](#) [not enough papers]

Joana M.S.R. Fernandes

[SS07 - Cultural Evolution & Regional Innovation Networks: Knowledge Creation via Diversity Leveraging and Institutional Filtering](#)

Mingxia He

[SS08 - Spatial dynamics of local public finance: fiscal behavior, intergovernmental transfers and regional development](#)

Mauricio Oyarzo (Chair) & Dusan Paredes

[SS09 - Beyond GDP: New Measurement Frameworks, Inequalities, and Economic Sustainability](#) [not enough papers]

Adriana C. Pinate

[SS10 - Social Housing, Urban Land Markets and Socio-Spatial Segregation in the Global South](#)

Juan Eduardo Chica-Mejía (Chair) & Nelcy Echeverría Castro

[SS11 - Between grassroots initiatives and public policy: hybrid arrangements in urban food systems and wellbeing in the Global South](#)

Javier Cuestas-Caza (Chair) & Oswaldo Viteri-Salazar

[SS12 - The Urban-Rural Wage Divide](#) [not enough papers]

Michael Moritz

[SS13 - Employment and Informality: Regional Challenges and Realities](#) [not enough papers]

Rodrigo Mendieta M. (Chair), Diego Ontaneda J., Andrés Mendoza V. & Viviana Carriel B.

[SS14 - How can AI, digital technologies, and the green transition foster smart and sustainable growth and wellbeing in regions and cities? Data, methods, and solutions](#) [not enough papers]

Simona Cafieri

[SS15 - Forty years of regional science in Hungary](#)

Tamás Dusek

[SS16 - Regional development paths in Central Europe](#)

Balázs Forman (Chair) & Zoltán Gál

[SS17 - Environmentally, socially and economically sustainable regional development paths in the era of increasing uncertainty, the circular economy and AI](#) [not enough papers]

Balázs Forman (Chair), André Torre & Sebastien Bourdin

[SS18 - From Safety Nets to Sustainable Mobility: Poverty Dynamics, Social Capital, and Long-](#)

Term Impacts of Transfers in the Americas

André Luis Squarize Chagas (Chair), Paul Lewin & Carolina Guevara

SS19 - Regional Science at the Earth's Core: Ecuador, RECIR

Carolina Guevara (Chair), Alex Guerrero, Joselin Segovia & Alex Bajaña

SS20 - Indigenous Social Capital and Local Economic Development: Identifying New Pathways to Success

Matthew Roskrige (Chair) & Jacques Poot

SS21 - Universities and public-private entities in building competitive and sustainable territories: Evidence from Ecuador [not enough papers]

Ronny Correa-Quezada (Chair) & María del Cisne Tituaña-Castillo

SS22 - Specialization, Regional Dynamics, and Economic Transformation

Neil Reid (Chair), Rafael Garduño-Rivera & Haoying Wang

SS23 - Ruralities, Inequalities and Socioecological Systems: Regional Science Perspectives from the Global South

Waldecy Rodrigues (Chair), Cleiton Silva Ferreira Milagres & Juliana Aguiar de Melo

SS24 - Accessibility and Inequality at the Nexus of Transport and Urban Form

Louafi Bouzouina (Chair) & Mehmet Guney Celbis

SS25 - Sustainable Good Health and Well-Being: Progress Towards Universal Health

Coverage as a Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 3.8) across the Globe [not enough papers]

İsrafil Boyacı

SS26 - City Development under Uncertainty: Urban Futures, Strategic Planning and Adaptive Pathways [not enough papers]

Vasco Barbosa

SS27 - Cities at Risk in Developing Countries: Urban Growth, Climate, and Natural Shocks in Latin America [not enough papers]

Daniel Centuriao (Chair) & Caroline Welter

SS28 - Productive diversification, territorial inequality, regional development and public policy in the Global South

Danny Granda-Beltrán (Chair) & Cristian Ortiz

SS29 - Megaprojects, Planning and Regional Development

Maritza Areli Velázquez Villalpando (Chair) & Crucita Aurora Ken Rodríguez

SS30 - Governance, Development and Innovation to Promote Well-being

Crucita Aurora Ken Rodríguez (Chair) & Christian Martínez Olivera

SS31 - The Regional Economy of Mangroves: Ecosystem Services, Inclusive Livelihoods, and Climate-Resilient Development [not enough papers]

Fabian Vilema Escudero (Chair), Raúl Carvajal & Natalia Molina

GENERAL INFORMATION



Venue

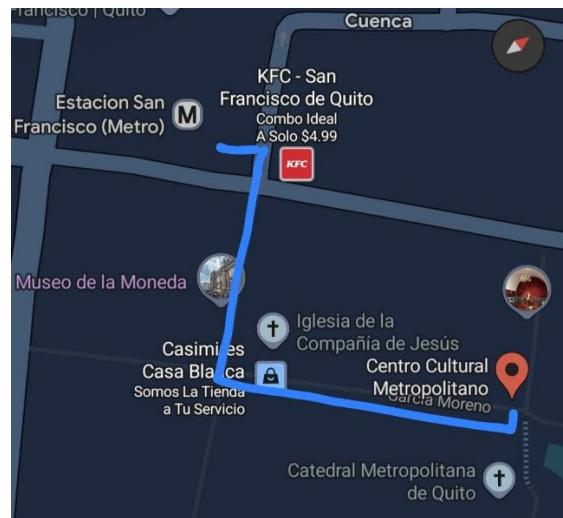
June 9, 2026

Centro Cultural Metropolitano

Address: Endereço: García Moreno &, 170401 Quito, Ecuador

For June 9th 2026, the location is the **Centro Cultural Metropolitano**, where the opening ceremony, the panel, the keynote speech, and the welcome reception take place.

The Google Maps link is the following: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/c7VXELWiRbb1QqmJA>



How to get there:

By Metro (Recommended)

The most convenient and efficient way to arrive is via the Quito Metro:

- Get off at **San Francisco Station**
- The station is just a **short walking distance (2-5 minutes)** from the venue
- This option avoids traffic and is safe and reliable

By Uber or Ride-hailing Apps

- Uber operates in Quito and is widely used
- You can enter “**Centro Cultural Metropolitano**” as your destination
- Recommended for comfort and direct access, especially if traveling in groups

By Taxi

- Official taxis are available throughout the city
- Make sure to use **registered taxis** or request one through your hotel
- Travel time depends on traffic, especially during peak hours

By Bus (Less Recommended)

- Public buses reach the Historic Center
- However, they can be **crowded and less intuitive** for visitors unfamiliar with routes
- This option is not recommended unless you have local guidance

Additional Tips

- The Historic Center has **restricted vehicle access in some streets**, so be prepared for a short walk
- Allow extra time during peak hours
- Keep personal belongings secure in crowded areas

The Rooms at EPN

Room	Name	Building	Floor	Session
E26/P5/Auditorium 2	Manuela Saez	E26 (EARME)	5th floor	Keynote Conferences
E26/P4/E407	Manuela Espejo	E26 (EARME)	4th floor	RSAI Meetings
E26/P4/E002	Manuela Cañizarez	E26 (EARME)	4th floor	Training course
E26/P3/E001	El Panecillo	E26 (EARME)	3rd floor	Parallel Sessions
E26/P3/E007	La Mitad del Mundo	E26 (EARME)	3rd floor	Parallel Sessions
E26/P3/E008	El Quinde	E26 (EARME)	3rd floor	Parallel Sessions
E26/P3/E009	La Compañía	E26 (EARME)	3rd floor	Parallel Sessions
E26/P3/E010	La Basílica	E26 (EARME)	3rd floor	Parallel Sessions
E26/P3/E011	La Carolina	E26 (EARME)	3rd floor	Parallel Sessions
E26/P2/E011	Galápagos	E26 (EARME)	2nd floor	Parallel Sessions
E26/P4/E001	Chimborazo	E26 (EARME)	4th floor	Parallel Sessions

Wi-Fi Access

Network name: RSAI-World-Congress-EPN

Password: Quito2026

Meals

Meals (coffee breaks and lunches) are included in the conference registration fee from the start of the conference (Tuesday, 3 pm) to the end (Friday, 6 pm) except for the Gala Dinner, which is optional and will take place on **Thursday night, June 11, at Hilton Colon Quito (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Gv25YNn9Go41YTrf8>)**.

Coffee Breaks will be served in the Terrace of the 4th floor of the EARME building (E26).

Lunches will be served in the Terrace on the 2nd floor of the EARME building (E26).

Those who **purchased the optional Conference Gala Dinner (60€) will be provided with a ticket at check-in. Please be prepared to present the dinner ticket on the day of the dinner to grant access.**

Those who did not purchase the Conference Gala Dinner but are still interested can attend by contacting rsai@apdr.pt, strictly before **May 22nd 2026**.

How to get to the Gala Dinner Venue, [Hilton Colon Quito](#):

The hotel is conveniently located in the central area of Quito, directly in front of the **El Ejido Metro Station**, which is only a few steps away from the venue.

For participants staying or attending activities at Escuela Politécnica Nacional, the hotel can be reached on foot in approximately **10–15 minutes**, depending on the walking route. The walk is straightforward along Avenida Patria and passes through one of the most active and accessible areas of the city.

Address of the Gala Dinner venue:

[Hilton Colon Quito](#)

Amazonas N19-14 y Av. Patria, Quito, Ecuador

Participants may also use the Quito Metro and get off at **El Ejido Station**, located about 110 meters from the hotel entrance.

Instructions to Chairs and Presenters

1. Sessions will last 2 hours or 1h30. Please stick to the times shown in the program. If you have a no-show, use the time for a discussion of the preceding paper(s) or for a recess. Please do not shift papers to fill voids, as individuals may want to attend a particular paper.
2. The majority of sessions have 4 papers. In 3 or 4 paper sessions, each presenter is allowed 20 minutes for presentation, followed by a 10-minute discussion. In a 5-paper session, each presenter is allocated 20 minutes, followed by 4 minutes of discussion.
3. Hold each individual to the time available. If a speaker continues after time has expired, please let her/him know that time has expired. The audience and the other speakers will respect and support your decision.

We recall that the duties as Chair of a Session are:

- Promote compliance with schedules and the fair distribution of time available for all communications; and
- Managing debate time.

Advanced Workshop on Strategic Spatial Analytics and Application on R-Based Geospatial Intelligence

10:00-13:00 Tuesday, 9 June 2026

Room: E26/P4/E002 - Manuela Cañizarez [Building 26, 4th floor]

Instructors: Alex Bajaña & Gary Santiana from ERGOSTATS

This training course focuses on spatial analysis techniques using R, with a focused application to spatial accessibility to healthcare services. The workshop combines conceptual foundations with practical programming sessions to equip participants with the skills needed to measure and interpret spatial accessibility to services. Emphasis is placed on advanced accessibility methodologies, particularly the Two-Step Floating Catchment Area (2SFCA) method and its enhanced version (E2SFCA/ES2FCA), alongside other approaches such as gravity models and provider-to-area ratios. Participants work with real data, including census zones, hospital locations, population data and health service capacity records. Using GIS tools and R packages, they construct travel-time isochrones, build spatial influence matrices, apply distance-decay functions, and compute spatial accessibility indicators such as the Spatial Access Index (IAE) and Spatial Access Coefficient (CAE). The course bridges theory and application by enabling attendees to identify territorial inequalities in healthcare access and interpret spatial patterns to inform public health planning and resource allocation decisions.

Registration:

The advanced workshop is free for all 2026 RSAI congress participants, but prior registration is required. The number of participants is limited to 30; spaces are allocated in order of receipt. The participant just needs to send an email to rsai@apdr.pt, requesting registration for the Workshop.

Walking Tours in Quito

Option 1 - Tuesday, June 9, from 12:00-13:00 (The number of participants is limited to 60)

Option 2 - Wednesday, June 10 from 18:30-19:30 (The number of participants is limited to 45)

Registration:

The Walking Tours in Quito are free for all participants of the 2026 RSAI Congress, but prior registration is required. Spaces will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

To register for the Walking Tours in Quito, please send an email to rsai@apdr.pt, specifying whether you would like to sign up for Option 1 or Option 2.

Activities

Meeting Point: Tienda Quito of the Palacio Municipal building

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/1bWs37DKK7JuP91j6>

Visit to the architectural complex of the façades at **Plaza Grande**

Street of the Seven Crosses

- Façade of the Metropolitan Cultural Center
- Façade of El Sagrario Church
- Façade of La Compañía Church

EXHIBITS



Exhibits



Municipality of Quito

The **Municipality of the Metropolitan District of Quito** is the governing body of Ecuador's capital, responsible for planning, urban development, and public service delivery for over 2.6 million residents. It acts as a facilitator for community aspirations through transparent governance and strategic territory management.



Key details about the Municipality include:

- **Mission & Focus:** The administration focuses on **Open Government** principles—transparency, accountability, and citizen participation—to institutionalize modern public policy.
- **Core Responsibilities:** It manages critical city infrastructure, including **public transport**, urban planning, and basic services like water and waste management.
- **Climate & Innovation:** Quito is committed to **climate neutrality by 2050** through its Climate Action Plan (CAP). It also operates the **Quito Innovation Centre** to coordinate digital transformation between the public sector, academia, and local entrepreneurs.
- **Governance Structure:** Led by the **Metropolitan Mayor** and a 21-member Council, the city is divided into **11 Administrative Zones** to ensure decentralized management across urban and rural parishes.
- **Digital Integration:** The city offers the [Mi Quito](#) mobile app, which allows citizens to manage municipal procedures and access digital certificates securely.

For official procedures and city news, visit the official municipal website: <https://www.quito.gob.ec/>

Ergostats



Ergostats is a Quito, Ecuador-based statistics research and training center founded in 2021, focused on democratizing data science, econometrics, and open-source tools. It offers consulting services, tailored training (Nido del Búho), and workshops in R programming, spatial analysis, and AI for evidence-based decision-making

Key details about Ergostats include:

- **Mission & Focus:** The center promotes modern, ethical data management, focusing on machine learning, data visualization, and spatial analysis to support public policy and business intelligence.
- **Training and Education:** Through their "Nido del Búho" initiative, they provide courses on R programming for Big Data, Data Storytelling, and advanced spatial econometrics.
- **Background:** Founded by Alex Bajaña in April 2021, the center has established partnerships with institutions like the Escuela Politécnica Nacional and the Red Ecuatoriana de Ciencia Regional.
- **Key Services:** They offer personalized consulting for companies and public sector entities aimed at converting data into competitive advantages.
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For more information, you can visit their [official website](#).

OVERVIEW PROGRAM



Programme Overview

Tuesday, June 9		Wednesday, June 10	Thursday, June 11		Friday, June 12
Venue: Centro Cultural Metropolitano		Venue: Escuela Politécnica Nacional (EPN)	Venue: Escuela Politécnica Nacional (EPN)		Venue: Escuela Politécnica Nacional (EPN)
Registration desk [14:00-17:30]		Registration desk [08:00-16:00]	Registration desk [08:00-16:00]		Registration desk [08:00-09:00]
Advance Workshop on Strategic Spatial Analytics and Application on R-Based Geospatial Intelligence Instructors: Alex Bajaña & Gary Santiana from ERGOSTATS [10:00-13:00]	Advanced Brainstorm in Carrefour (ABC) on: Roaring Sixties, Turbulent Twenties – Spatial Planning Under Deep Uncertainty [10:00-13:00]	Parallel session 1 [08:30-10:30]	Parallel session 3 [08:30-10:30]		Parallel session 6 [08:30-10:30]
		COFFEE BREAK [10:30-11:00]	COFFEE BREAK [10:30-11:00]		COFFEE BREAK [10:30-11:00]
Walking Tour in Quito (option 1) [12:00-13:00]		PLENARY SESSION II Keynote speech: Hee-Jung Jun <i>Housing Across the Urban Transition: Lessons from Korea for Emerging Cities</i> [11:00-12:30]	Parallel session 4 [11:00-12:30]		Parallel session 7 [11:00-12:30]
		LUNCH [12:30-14:00]	LUNCH [12:30-14:00]	LRPC of the RSAI meeting [12:30-14:00]	LUNCH [12:30-14:00] RSAI Council meeting [12:30-14:00]
OPENING CEREMONY [15:00-15:45]		PLENARY SESSION III Keynote speech: Carlos Moreno <i>Proximity: a key for a new social contract</i> [14:00-15:30]	PLENARY SESSION IV Keynote speech: Bruce Newbold <i>Human Movement, Regional Change: Rethinking Immigration with Spatial Science</i> [14:00-15:30]		PLENARY SESSION V Keynote speech: Jaime Bonet <i>A historical review of regional convergence studies in Colombia</i> [14:00-15:30]
PANEL: Sustainability, innovation, and welfare in cities Panelists: Pabel Muñoz, Sergio Allebrandt, Álvaro Orbea & Sandra Andrade [15:45-17:30]		COFFEE BREAK [15:30-16:00]	COFFEE BREAK [15:30-16:00]		COFFEE BREAK [15:30-16:00]
PLENARY SESSION I Keynote speech: Marta Encinas-Martín <i>Social mobility and Social inequality in LAC: Insights from PISA and PIAAC or Insights from Education and Skills</i> [17:30-19:00]		Parallel session 2 [16:00-18:00]	Parallel session 5 [16:00-18:00]		Parallel session 8 [16:00-17:30]
Welcome Reception [19:00-20:00]		Walking Tour in Quito (option 2) [18:30-19:30]	GALA DINNER [19:00-22:00]		CLOSING CEREMONY [17:30-18:00]

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Venue: Escuela Politécnica Nacional (EPN)

Advanced Workshop on Strategic Spatial Analytics and Application on R-Based Geospatial Intelligence



10:00-13:00 Tuesday, 9 June 2026

Room: E26/P4/E002 - Manuela Cañizarez [Building 26, 4th floor]

Instructors: Alex Bajaña & Gary Santiana from ERGOSTATS

This training course focuses on spatial analysis techniques using R, with a focused application to spatial accessibility to healthcare services. The workshop combines conceptual foundations with practical programming sessions to equip participants with the skills needed to measure and interpret spatial accessibility to services.

Participants work with real data, including census zones, hospital locations, population data and health service capacity records. Using GIS tools and R packages, they construct travel-time isochrones, build spatial influence matrices and compute spatial accessibility indicators.

The course bridges theory and application by enabling attendees to identify territorial inequalities in healthcare access and interpret spatial patterns to inform public health planning and resource allocation decisions.

[ONLY FOR PARTICIPANTS PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED ON THE WORKSHOP]

Registration:

The advanced workshop is free for all 2026 RSAI congress participants, but prior registration is required.

The number of participants is limited to 30; spaces are allocated in order of receipt.

The participant just needs to send an email to rsai@apdr.pt, requesting registration for the Workshop.

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Venue: Escuela Politécnica Nacional (EPN)

Advanced Brainstorm Carrefour (ABC) on:

Roaring Sixties, Turbulent Twenties – Spatial Planning Under Deep Uncertainty

10:00-13:00 Tuesday, 9 June 2026

Room: E26/P3/E001 - El Panecillo [Building 26, 3rd floor]

Organization: The Regional Science Academy (TRSA); Erasmus Happiness Economics Research Organisation (EHERO), Erasmus; and University Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Chair: **Karima Kourtit** (ED TRSA; EHERO)

10:00-10:15 | Welcome by **Carolina Guevara** (Chair LOC)

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10:15-10:45 | Spatial Mobility and Population Dynamics – The Planning Relevance of AI
[John Östh](#), [Umut Türk](#), [Karima Kourtit](#) & [Peter Nijkamp](#)

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12:00-12:45 | *Which Future Urban Scenarios?*
[Quito City Representatives](#)

12:45-13:00 | Conclusion by **Peter Nijkamp** (Vice-President TRSA; EHERO)

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Meeting Point: Tienda Quito of the Palacio Municipal building

Walking Tours in Quito

12:00-13:00 Tuesday, 9 June 2026

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Registration:

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Venue: [Centro Cultural Metropolitano](#)

OPENING CEREMONY

15:00 - 15:45 Tuesday, 9 June 2026

Venue: [Centro Cultural Metropolitano](#)

Welcome Speeches



Tarquino Sánchez Almeida

Rector, Escuela Politécnica Nacional (EPN)



Hiroyuki Shibusawa

President, Regional Science Association International



Carolina Guevara

Chair, Local Organising Committee, and President, Ecuadorian Regional Science Network (RECiR)



Pabel Muñoz López

Mayor, Municipality of Quito

PANEL

15:45-17:30 Tuesday, 9 June 2026

Venue: [Centro Cultural Metropolitano](#)

Organization: Faculty of Administrative Sciences of the Escuela Politécnica Nacional

Sustainability, innovation, and welfare in cities

Panelists:



Pabel Muñoz López

Mayor, Municipality of Quito



Sergio Allebrandt

UNIJUÍ - Universidade Regional do Noroeste do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul



Álvaro Orbea

Inter-American Development Bank (IABD)



Sandra Andrade

CEO of Banco Codesarrollo

PLENARY SESSION I

17:30-19:00 Tuesday, 9 June 2026

Venue: [Centro Cultural Metropolitano](#)

Chair [Hans Westlund](#) (KTH Stockholm, Sweden)

Keynote Speech



Social mobility and Social inequality in LAC: Insights from PISA and PIAAC or Insights from Education and Skills

Marta Encinas-Martín

OECD Education Gender Ambassador and Senior Advisor, Latin America
ERSA

Welcome Reception

19:00-20:00 Tuesday, 9 June 2026

Venue: [Centro Cultural Metropolitano](#)



Wednesday, 10 June 2026

Venue: Escuela Politécnica Nacional (EPN)

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08:30-10:30 Wednesday, 10 June 2026

Venue: Building 26 (E26 – EARME)

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Venue: Terrace of the 4th floor of the EARME building (E26)



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11:00-12:30 Wednesday, 10 June 2026

Room: E26/P5/Auditorium 2 - Manuela Saez [Building 26, 5th floor]

Chair **In Kwon Park** (Seoul National University, Korea)

Keynote Speech



Housing Across the Urban Transition: Lessons from Korea for Emerging Cities

Hee-Jung Jun

Sungkyunkwan University, Korea
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LUNCH BREAK

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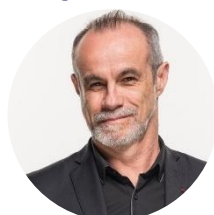
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Chair **Peter Nijkamp** (Vice-President TRSA; EHERO)

Keynote Speech



Proximity: a key for a new social contract

Carlos Moreno

ETI Chair at the Sorbonne Business School, Sorbonne University, France
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Venue: Terrace of the 4th floor of the EARME building (E26)



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Venue: Building 26 (E26 – EARME)

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[Nino Javakhishvili-Larsen](#)¹, [Kent Eliasson](#)², [Hans Westlund](#)³
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SS18 From Safety Nets to Sustainable Mobility: Poverty Dynamics, Social Capital, and Long-Term Impacts of Transfers in the Americas

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[Patricio Aroca](#)
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[Gabriel Oliveira](#)¹, [Andre Chagas](#)^{2,1,3}
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 Széchenyi István University, Hungary

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[Matthew Roskruge](#)¹, [Jacques Poot](#)²
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Chair **Jacques Poot** (University of Waikato, New Zealand)

Keynote Speech



Human Movement, Regional Change: Rethinking Immigration with Spatial Science

Bruce Newbold

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[Mirna Braüning-Wistuba](#), [Yasna Garcés-Coronado](#), [Rocio Saldivia-Quezada](#), [Cristian Zahn-Muñoz](#)
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Organization: The Regional Science Academy (TRSA); Erasmus Happiness Economics Research Organisation (EHERO), Erasmus; University Rotterdam, The Netherlands; and Seoul National University (SNU)

Chair: **Neil Reid** (ED TRSA)

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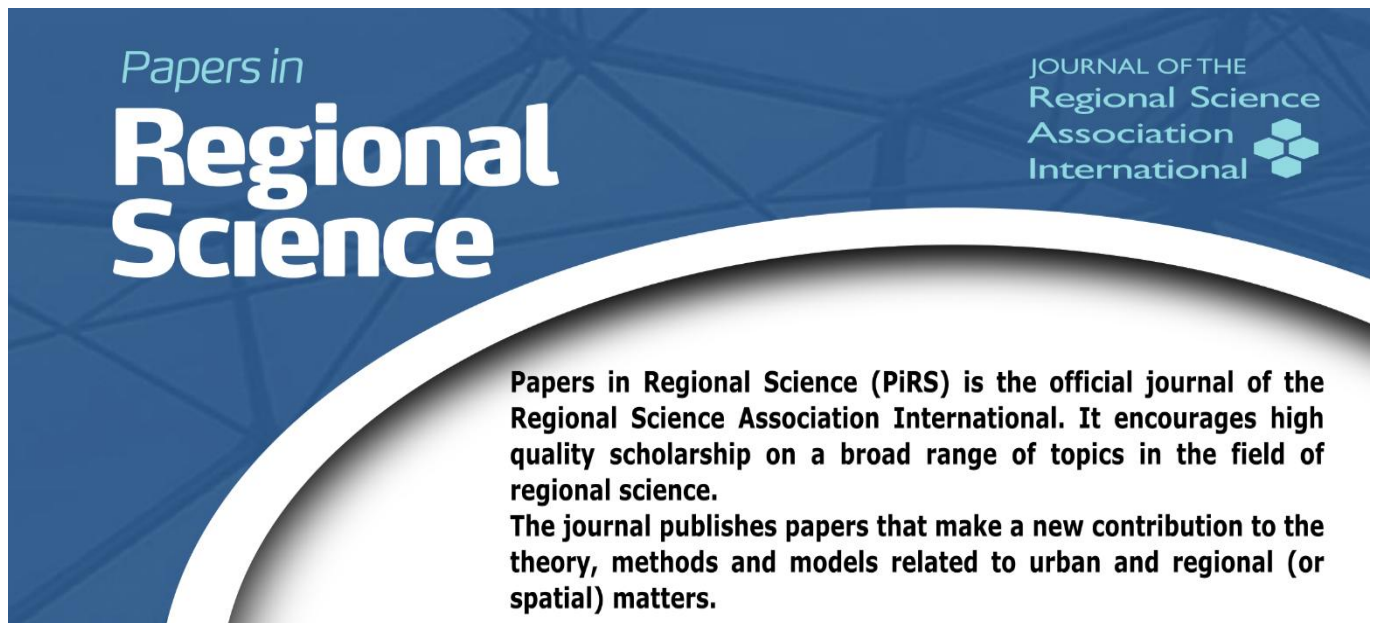
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