

Conference Theme

Any development decision needs to consider uncertainty of future events which may impact implementation of development plans. With globalization, nations are interconnected now. Problems in one region has its dominant effect on other regions. The ongoing pandemic makes it amply clear. The development planners are confronted with an uphill task of choosing a path to development because of increasing uncertainty in future due to unprecedented and unanticipated problems with different magnitudes. Covid-19 or extreme events induced by climate change are examples. Researchers need to devise ways and means to address such problems in a systematic and realistic manner. Against this backdrop, Bangladesh Regional Science Association (BRSA) and the Center for Regional Development Studies (CRDS), Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) are organizing the 3rd Annual Conference on Regional Science (ACRS 3) and inviting paper for presentation at the virtual conference.

Sub-Themes of the Conference

- Regional Development and Public Health
- Climate Change, Disaster Management and Regional Development
- Regional Transportation
- Natural Resource Management
- Urban and Regional Economy
- Migration, Rural – Urban Linkage
- Impact of Mega-Infrastructure in Regional Development
- Agriculture and Rural Economics
- Innovation and Impact of Information Technology
- Politics and Governance in Regional Development
- Gender and Social Issues in Regional Development
- Cities in uncertain time

In addition, there would be three workshops addressing the need of young researcher and two keynote speech on burning issues on Regional Development at home and abroad.

Workshops for Young Researchers

- Tools and Methods for Regional Scientists
- Publishing in Regional Science Journals
- Regional Science in Development Planning

Instruction for Authors

Interested Authors are requested to submit a 300-word abstract on conference theme in pdf format. The document should include the title of the paper and abstract as well as full name(s), affiliation(s), contact email address(es) of the author(s) indicating corresponding author. All the correspondence should be in English. The paper should be an original work and not published or presented elsewhere.

Submission Portal www.brsbd.org

Important Dates

- Last Date of Submission of Abstract – 22nd August 2021
- Announcement of Acceptance of Abstract – 30th August 2021
- Last Date of Full Paper Submission – 30th September 2021
- Date of Conference -- 21-23rd October 2021

Registration Fees

Type	Fee
BRSA Member	Taka 1200
Bangladeshi Delegate (non-BRSA Member)	Taka 2000
Foreign Delegate (Members of RSAI and its partner organization including regional and national organization)	USD 60
Other International Delegate	USD 100
Students at Bangladeshi University	Taka 500
Students of Foreign University	USD 40

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BUET
Bangladesh Regional Science Association (BRSA)



Background

Any development decision needs to take into account uncertainty of future events which may impact proper implementation of development plans. With globalization nations are getting closer and interconnected. Problems in one region has its domino effect on other regions. The ongoing pandemic makes it amply clear. The development planners are now confronted with an uphill task of choosing a path to development because of increasing uncertainty about future events due to unprecedented and unanticipated problems with different magnitudes. Against this backdrop, the Bangladesh Regional Science Association (BRSA) and the Center for Regional Development Studies (CRDS), Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) are organizing the 3rd Annual Conference on Regional Science and inviting paper for presentation at the Conference.

About Organizers

Bangladesh Regional Science Association (BRSA) is the national association of regional scientists in Bangladesh. The prime objective of establishing Bangladesh Regional Science Association (BRSA) is bringing together and fostering interdisciplinary interaction among regional science scholars in the country. BRSA is an affiliated national chapter of global umbrella institution The Regional Science Association International (RSAI) and regional umbrella institution Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization (PRSCO).

Regional Science is a multidisciplinary field dealing with the regional and spatial impacts of local, national or global processes of economic, environmental and social changes. Topics covered by regional scientists include, but not limited to, behavioural location models, transportation and migration, land use and urban development, spatial agglomeration and segregation, new economic geography, inter-industry analysis and trade, environment and natural resources, climate change and disaster management, urban and regional development, rural and community development, social policy models, policy science, sustainability and resilience, geographical information systems and spatial data analysis. Hence, researchers and practitioners from different academic disciplines in Bangladesh and multiple professional institutions are BRSA members. Since its formation on 1st October 2006 BRSA has organized two Annual Conferences on Regional Science (ACRS) in 2007 and 2018 and the 10th Summer Institute of Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization (PRSCO) in 2008. BRSA has its own journal namely Journal of Bangladesh Regional Science Association.

Keynote Speaker



Prof Eduardo A. Haddad

Prof Eduardo A. Haddad is the current President of RSAI (2021-22). He is based in the Department of Economics, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. He also holds a position as Affiliate Research Professor at the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory – REAL – at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA. He is a Senior Fellow at the Policy Center for the New South, Rabat, Morocco. Prof. Haddad has published widely on regional and interregional input-output analysis, CGE modeling, and various aspects of regional economic development in developing countries. He is specially interested in large-scale modeling of multi-regional economic systems, modeling integration applied to transportation, climate change and spatial interaction. His recent works have focused on accessibility, mobility, land use, disasters in megacities, regional growth analysis, migrants, wage and inequality.

Facilitators



Prof Geoffrey J.D. Hewings

Prof Geoffrey J.D. Hewings was the President of RSAI (2001-02). He was the founding Director of Regional Economics Application Laboratory (REAL) and served in this position until August 2016. He is now Emeritus Director. His major research interests are in the field of urban and regional economic analysis with a focus on application of regional economic models for policy formation and evaluation. His contribution in development and application regional econometric-input-output models for US states, Brazil, Colombia, Japan, Korea and Indonesia is pivotal. Currently he is working in linking regional macro models with transportation network models to explore impacts of unexpected events (earthquakes), expansion of transportation infrastructure and the impacts of port efficiency. He has also published on aging, immigration and general demographic challenges to development.

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