

13th WORLD CONGRESS OF THE RSAI

Smart Regions - Opportunities for Sustainable Development in the Digital Era

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Call for Abstracts and Special Session Proposals

We are delighted to announce that the Call for Abstracts and Special Session Proposals for RSAI Congress 2020 is now open!

The [Regional Science Association International](http://www.regionalscience.org) (RSAI) and the [Moroccan Regional Science Association](http://www.amsr.org) (AMSR) invite regional scientists, economists, economic geographers, urban planners, policy makers, and researchers of related disciplines to participate in the 13th World Congress of the Regional Science Association International, with the main theme "*Smart Regions – Opportunities for sustainable development in the digital era*". The Congress will be hosted by the Moroccan Regional Science Association.

We invite formal paper presentations and Special Session Proposals (deadline of **November 15, 2019**). The [abstract submission portal](https://www.regionalscience.org/2020worldcongress) is now open. Full information on the venue, abstract submission, registration, schedule of events, accommodation and travel information is posted at <https://www.regionalscience.org/2020worldcongress>

About the Focal Theme

The congress is open for the world-wide diverse audience of regional scientists including academics, policy makers and practitioners and aims to bring together the key elements of multidisciplinary regional science research and to provide a scientific platform for presenting and discussing research at the frontiers of the spatial sciences in a broad sense. The themes which will be addressed zoom in particular on the pressing challenges of meeting the 2030 Agenda of Sustainable Development Goals, in both developed and developing economies. As a new challenge to regional science research is formed by the emerging digital technology and its implications for analysis, monitoring, evaluation and forecasting spatial dynamics at all levels, the theme chosen for the congress is 'Smart Regions- Opportunities for Sustainable Development in the Digital Era'. Therefore, the potential of spatial and temporal big data, machine learning, artificial intelligence, social media information, and of the new spatial maps emerging from digitization and robotization will be addressed by the congress as well, as these forces will have far-reaching impacts on human behaviour and interaction in space. Topics such as urban-rural development, migration, spatial and resources (al)location, border effects, urbanization, sustainable cities, mobility, land use, environmental quality, disaster management, energy transition, culture, poverty, segregation, spatial modelling are important issues covered in the 2020 RSAI World Congress.

Themes of specific interest are:

RS01 - Entrepreneurship
RS02 - Infrastructure, transportation and accessibility
RS03 - Knowledge and innovation
RS04 - Local finance
RS05 - Location theory and applications
RS06 - Methods in Regional Science and Urban Economics
RS07 - Migration and regional labor markets
RS08 - Real estate and housing

RS09 - Regional and urban policy
RS10 - Regional development
RS11 - Rural development
RS12 - Spatial implications of environmental change
RS13 - Spatial planning
RS14 - The spatial dimension of sustainable development
RS15 - Theoretical and empirical urban economics
RS16 - Tourism

We look forward to welcoming you in the dazzling city of Marrakech in June 2020.

With warmest regards,

The Organizing Committee

Abstract/Paper Submission:

Deadline for Abstracts submissions: November 15, 2019. Abstracts should be submitted electronically, using the platform available on the Conference website: <https://events.digitalpapers.org/rsai2020>

Visit the RSAI Congress website, www.regionalscience.org/2020worldcongress, and follow the abstract submission instructions. Please note, there is a limit of two paper presentation per paid, registered participant.

Special Session proposals:

Deadline for Special Session proposals: November 15, 2019. Proposals should be sent by email to the secretariat of the Congress (2020rsaiworldcongress@regionalscience.org).