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### *Special Session (SS48) on: Arctic regions: economic, climate and epidemiologic challenges*

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**The aim and scope:**

Because of remoteness and harsh climate discomfort Arctic regions are very different in their features from the well-studied regions of the temperate geographic zone. Therefore, our idea is to show peculiarities and specificity, even uniqueness of the Arctic regions in Russia and in the circumpolar North, when they meet and answer different economic, climate and recent COVID-19 challenges. Our idea is to show general reinterpretation of well-known effects from the «common» (or canonic) Regional Economics and reveal many exceptions forming Arctic exclusiveness in our common field of Regional Science.

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