

# 13<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONGRESS OF THE RSAI

## Smart Regions - Opportunities for Sustainable Development in the Digital Era

Virtual Conference  
MAY 25-28  
2021



**RS AI**  
THE REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL

### *Special Session (SS50) on: Regional Impacts of Political Polarization*

**Organizer:**

**Thomas Y. Chen;** Academy for Mathematics, Science, and Engineering, USA.

E-mail: [thomasyutaochen@gmail.com](mailto:thomasyutaochen@gmail.com)

**Purpose and Scope:**

In many regions throughout the world, political polarization has increasingly gripped the conscience of nations. The rapid drifting apart between the political left and right, or whichever political factions are prevalent in each country, is a social trend that has ensued for some time. In this special session, we explore the regional impacts of these trends. For example, the impact of political polarization in the United States differs from the Northeast to the Southwest to the Midwest to Hawaii. By examining the regional impacts, we further understand the influence that modern forces such as social media and mass communications, which often drive increased polarization, have on society.

[SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT](#)