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Dear Members of ERSA, dear Colleagues,

A few days ago, we learned with sadness about the passing away of Atilla Varga, the recent ERSA Prize winner. Attila's scientific contributions to regional science were remarkable in many ways. He was also very active in ERSA-RSAI community, and we will always remember him.

Together with Roberta Capello (president-elect) and Tomaz Dentinho (chair of the LOC) we are now joining efforts in the preparation of ERSA next year's Congress in the Azores and first results are already running in. The call for special sessions is open and two keynote Lecturers are already confirmed:

David Audrestch, Distinguished Professor at Indiana University, he is ranked as the top scientist globally, according to the World Top 100 Business & Management / Entrepreneurship Scientists 2024 and **Michael Fritsch**, Professor at Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena, he is author of numerous books and more than 200 articles in scholarly journals and edited volumes [read more](#)

I wish you a good reading of the many upcoming opportunities presented in this letter.

With best wishes,

André Torre, ERSA President

#ERSA2024

Regional Science Dialogues for Peace
and Sustainable Development
Terceira Island, Azores, Portugal & Virtual Event
26-30 August 2024



Let's shape together #ERSA2024

ERSA Congress is a unique platform to bring your research topic in front of an amazing mixed global audience.

Special Sessions are of added value
to the congress content.

Don't miss this chance to be part #ERSA2024

Deadline: **4 December 2023**

Propose a Special Session
NOW!

RSAI



14th World Conference of the Regional Science Association International

Sustainable regional economic growth: Global challenges and new regional development trajectories
8-11 April 2024, Kecskemét, Hungary

Abstract and Special Session Submission
deadline: **30 November 2023**

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Internal Communication

In Memoriam: Attila Varga



Our colleague Attila Varga of the University of Pécs, died on 23 October 2023, at the age of 66, after a long illness.

We extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family and beloved ones.

[Read the Obituary by Zoltán Gál](#)

Sections' Events

Upcoming on the agenda



British and Irish Section: 2023 Early Career Colloquium

9-10 November 2023 | [Online](#)

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14th RRSIA International Conference

Unlocking Regional Potentials Through Cohesion Policy – Opportunities and Challenges

23-24 November 2023, Bucharest, Romania

Programme Highlights:

Keynote Lectures by **Roberta Capello**, **Yannis Psycharis**, **Kosyo Stoychev** and **Dan Nicula**

Plenary Round Table - Regional development in times of transformation. Tailored responses from Cohesion Policy (hybrid, CEECs participation)

Chaired by **Daniela Constantin** and including among panelists: **Zoltán Gál**, **Vinko Müstra**, **Artur Ochojski** (online) and **Cristina Serbanica** and **Simona Curpan** (onsite)

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Other Events



UNIVERSITÀ
DI PAVIA

[Geography of Innovation Winter School](#) 15-19 January 2024 2024, Pavia, Italy

Applications deadline: **15 November 2023**

REMINDER!

Organised by Università di Pavia and Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi

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Including the 5th edition of the International
Award on Local/Territorial Development (for
Scholar and Ph.D thesis)

With the support of ERSA

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See all upcoming Events

Journal News



Papers in Regional Science - PiRS

Just published in PiRS!

**Skills for smart specialisation:
Relatedness, complexity and evaluation
of priorities**

Author: Duygu Buyukyazici
Department of Economics and
Statistics 'Cognetti de Martiis', University of
Turin, Turin, Italy

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REGION

Just published in REGION!

**Bridging the evidence gap in spatial
planning Lessons from assessing the
impact of transport infrastructure**

Authors: Grigoris Kafkalas and Magda
Pitsiava, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki,
Greece

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Regional Science Policy & Practice (RSPP)

Ongoing Call for Papers:



Special Issue: Geography of discontent and beyond: extreme voting, protestations, riots and violence, and their spatial content

Guest editors: André Torre (University Paris-Saclay) and Sébastien Bourdin (EM Normandie Business School)

Submission deadlines:

Abstract deadline: **1 december 2023**

Full paper deadline: **31 January 2024**

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Special Issue: Rethinking the Regional Development Opportunities and Challenges in Southern Africa

Guest editors: Tazviona Richman Gambe, University of the Free State, South Africa, Joel Chaeruka, University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe

Paper submission deadline: **15 December 2023**

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Special Issue: Regional Development and Sustainable Peace in the Middle East

Editor: Tomaz Ponce Dentinho, University of Azores, Portugal

Expected closing date: **December 2023, early 2024** [more](#)

Special Issue: Regional disparities, social welfare and economic development in Latin America

Guest editors: Carolina Guevara, Ecuador

Expected closing date: **February 2024** [more](#)

Special Issue: The Economic Impacts of Public Health Spillovers

Guest editors: Konstantinos Eleftheriou; Peter Nijkamp and Konstantinos Christopoulos

Expected closing date: **September 2024** [more](#)

Special Issue: Development, Inequality, and Innovation in European Regions over the Era of Downturns

Editor: Alfredo Cartone, University of Pescara, Italy

Expected closing date: **April 2024** [more](#)

Special Issue: Exploring Urban Shrinkage: Implications, Responses, and Strategies for Sustainable Growth

Guest editors: Jian Wang, SILC Business School, Shanghai ; Ying Long, School of Architecture,

Tsinghua University; Xueliang Zhang, School of Urban and regional science, Shanghai University of Finance and economics and Xuepeng Qian, Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies, Sophia University.

Expected closing date: **May 2024** [more](#)

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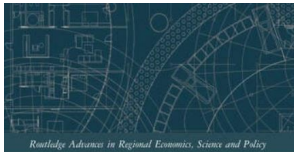
Issue 57 is now available [more](#)

Reminder: Call for special issue on *Uncovering business and spatial dimensions of industrial districts, clusters and learning regions*

New deadline: **10 November 2023** [read more](#)

Ongoing Journals' calls more

ERSA-RSAI Members Publish



**THE REGIONAL ECONOMICS
OF TECHNOLOGICAL
TRANSFORMATIONS**
INDUSTRY 4.0 AND SERVICISATION
IN EUROPEAN REGIONS

Roberta Capello and Camilla Lenzi



The Regional Economics of Technological Transformations

Industry 4.0 and Servitisation in European Regions

Editors:

Roberta Capello, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Camilla Lenzi, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Routledge 2023

About the book

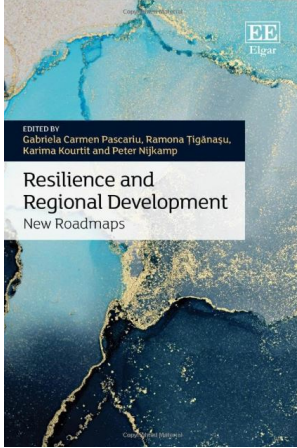
The book provides a comprehensive overview of 4.0 technological transformations in Europe and their socio-economic impact, with a particular emphasis on the regional dimension.

The authors employ extensive original data and robust quantitative methods to analyse technological change in all regions of the 27 EU countries plus the UK and shed light on this trend for Europe and beyond.

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Resilience and Regional Development: New Roadmaps

New roadmaps



Editors:

Gabriela Carmen Pascariu and Ramona Țigănașu, Centre for European Studies, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Karima Kourtit and Peter Nijkamp, Open University, the Netherlands
[EE Edward Elgar Publishing](#)

About the book

Interdisciplinary in its approach, with expert contributors from diverse backgrounds, Resilience and Regional Development brings to light the significance of multiple dimensions of resilience and its implications for the economy.

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You are member of the ERSA Community and you have recently published a book, grasp this opportunity to inform us about it. We are looking for

- Books published in **2023**
- Preferably written in English

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Vacancies

- [Assistant Professor Circular Economy, University of Groningen, NL](#) Application deadline: **7 November**
- [Postdoctoral Research Associate at University of Cambridge, UK](#) Application deadline: **9 November**
- [A full-time academic in Human Geography, UCLouvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.](#) Application deadline: **13 November**
- [Postdoctoral Researchers at University of Barcelona, Spain](#) Application deadline: **15 November**
- [Tenured or Tenure-track \(Assistant or Associate\) Professor in Geospatial Health Analysis, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, US.](#) **Applicable until position is fulfilled**
- [Two research fellows for the regional and urban economics research group, Department of Architecture, Built Environment, and Construction Engineering, Politecnico di Milano](#) **Applicable until position is fulfilled**

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