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

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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 RRSA 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

Geography of Innovation Winter School
15-19 January 2024 2024, Pavia, Italy

Applications deadline: 15 November 2023

Organised by Università di Pavia and Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi
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International Conference of Territorial Development  
End of November 2023, Matera, Italy

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

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**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

**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

**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

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

**Guest editors:** Carolina Guevara, Ecuador

**Expected closing date:** February 2024

**Special Issue: The Economic Impacts of Public Health Spillovers**

**Guest editors:** Konstantinos Eleftheriou; Peter Nijkamp and Konstantinos Christopoulos

**Expected closing date:** September 2024

**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

**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,
Expected closing date: **May 2024**

**Investigaciones Regionales - Journal of Regional Research**

**Issue 57 is now available**

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

New deadline: **10 November 2023**

**ERSA-RSAI Members Publish**

**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.

**Resilience and Regional Development: New Roadmaps**

New roadmaps
Editors:
Gabriela Carmen Pascariu and Ramona Țigănașu, Centre for European Studies, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iaşi, Romania, Karima Kourtit and Peter Nijkamp, Open University, the Netherlands
EE Edward Elgar Publishing

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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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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 Barcelon, 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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