

ERSA Monthly news & updates

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We wish you a good reading

#ERSA2026



#ERSA2026: Call for Abstracts!

We would like to remind you that the **Call for Abstracts** for the **65th ERSA Congress** is currently **OPEN**.


The ERSA Congress is the largest international academic event for regional scientists and provides a unique platform to present your research, receive valuable feedback, and engage with the global regional science community.

Congress Theme

“Global Challenges and Regional Responses in a Transition Era”

We warmly invite researchers, scholars, and practitioners to submit their work and contribute to the scientific programme of **#ERSA2026**.

 **Submission deadline:** 20 February 2026

 **Congress dates:** 25–28 August 2026

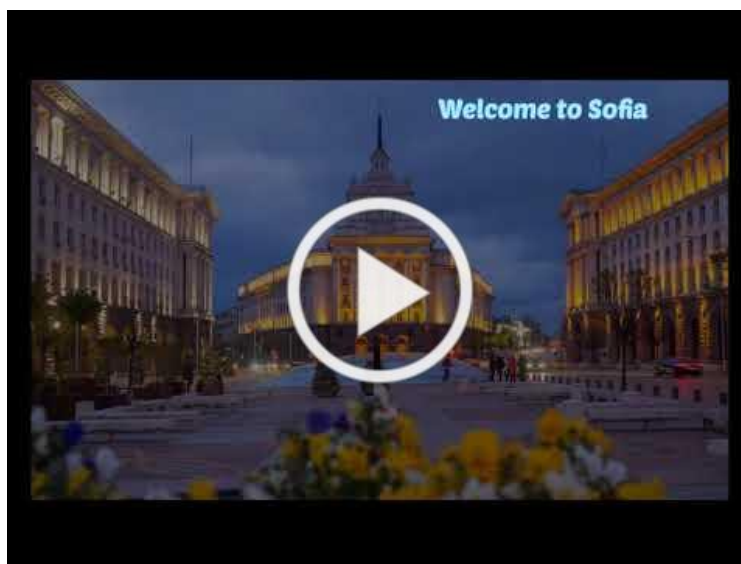
 **In-person | Sofia, Bulgaria**

We look forward to receiving your submissions and welcoming you to Sofia in August 2026.

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of **#ERSA2026!**

[Submit your proposal here!](#)

See You in Sofia! #ERSA2026 Host City Preview



Journals News



Global Challenges and Regional Science (GCRS)

Check out the latest paper:

Volume 5 - March 2026

Pro-independence feelings and the economic impacts of a secession: a study for the region of Catalonia

Authors: Claudia V. Montaña, Alberto Franco-Solís, Esteban Fernández-Vázquez, Geoffrey J.D. Hewings

[more information about this issue](#)



Regional Science Policy & Practice (RSPP)

Call for Papers | **RSPP Special Issue: Impacts of War in Ukraine: Perspectives and Challenges**

Guest Editors: **Kateryna Zabarina - University of Warsaw.**

Submissions extended deadline: **February 28th, 2026**

[more information here](#)

Check out the latest paper:

Volume 18, Issue 3

Assessing the economic and environmental impacts of improved accessibility: A spatial CGE approach to the Marrakech-Fès highway project in Morocco

Authors: Mahmoud Arbouch

[more information about this issue](#)



Papers in Regional Science (PiRS)

Latest Article:

Volume 105, Issue 1

Multidimensional measures of quality of life: A comparison of methods using U.S. county-level data

Authors: Yang Cheng, Tessa Conroy, Steven C. Deller

[more information about this issue](#)



New Article in REGION Vol. 12 No. 2 (2025)

Latest Article: *Know your competitor! Analyzing and predicting the location of competing stores : The case study of Valora at Swiss railway stations*

Authors: Thomas Wieland

[more](#)



News from Scienze Regionali

New Issue (3/2025) – The latest special issue of Scienze Regionali, guest-edited by Maurizio Mussoni and Laura Vici, explores “*Exogenous Shocks and Resilience in Tourism: A Regional Science Perspective.*” [Explore the issue](#)



New Issue in Review of Regional Research (RRR):

Latest article: [Financial dynamics in Interreg A: A quantitative analysis of the determinants of budget execution](#)

by Pol Montemayor Cejas and Ricard Esparza Masana

Access to all publications [here](#)



Investigaciones Regionales - Journal of Regional Research Investigaciones Regionales - Journal of

Regional Research has published the **63rd Issue**, the third volume corresponding to 2025.

Special Issue 2025 Well-being and quality of life in Latin American and Caribbean cities: progress and challenges:

Latest Article:

Regional disparities in amenities and the life satisfaction of internal migrants

Authors: Grace Carolina Guevara-Rosero, Alexander Sarango-Iturralde, Andrés García-Suaza

Access to all publications [here](#)

We invite authors to submit papers [here](#)



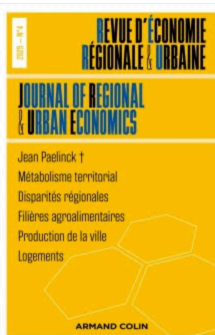
Latest issue of Romanian Journal of Regional Science

Vol.19, No.2, Winter, Issued December 2025

Latest Article: *Effects of export taxes in an endogenous growth model with industrial location*

Authors: Wataru Johdo, Tokyo Keizai University, Japan

[More information about this issue here](#)



Journal of Regional & Urban Economics (JRUE/RERU)

Call for Papers - Special issue
Which methodologies for addressing the question of public services in territories?

This special issue of the Journal of Regional & Urban Economics (JRUE/RERU) aims to focus on the measurement and qualification of accessibility to public services, a topic that remains seldom explored in the literature, although central to current debates and controversies on territorial inequalities.

Spatial and temporal analysis; statistical and cartographic data, simulations, models or projections; quantitative, qualitative or mixed methods; original or innovative data are welcome in this issue.

2 page proposals are expected by **31 January 2026**

[Find out more](#)



Portuguese Review of Regional Studies (RPER): N° 73 (2026) is already available!

Editor-in.Chief: José Cadima Ribeiro
Co-Editors: Conceição Rego e João Marques
Published: 19-01-2026

<https://www.review-rper.com/index.php/rper/issue/view/73>

Full Issue

- [PDF](#)

Technical Information

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Spatial Economic Analysis



Spatial Economic Analysis Current Issue: Volume 20, Issue 4

This thematic issue comprises of papers on globalisation and topics and/or researchers from the Global South.

[More information about this issue here.](#)

The journal published for the first time an editorial with the list of journal articles that share data and code. [This can be seen here.](#)

Upcoming events



HUNGARIAN REGIONAL
SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

Hungarian Section

**XIV Scientific Conference on Landscape History –
History Creating Landscape**
Pécs, 5-6 February 2026

[more](#)



British and Irish Section

The British and Irish Section is delighted to confirm that their **2026** annual conference will take place at **Queens University, Belfast** on **May 13 and 14**. Chair of the Local Organising Committee, **Dr Kevin Mulligan**, says that *"the Belfast conference will be a great occasion, and it is wonderful to see the conference returning to Northern Ireland for the first time since 2007"*.

Belfast is served by two airports, Belfast International Airport and the George Best Belfast City Airport, with good connectivity to the rest of Europe. Dublin Airport has flights to the US, Asia, and Africa and has a direct bus connection to Belfast. Dublin to Belfast is two hours by bus or train. There are also ferry connections to Belfast from Liverpool and Cairnryan in Scotland.

So please mark the date in your diary and keep an eye on the Section [website](#) for more details.

The deadline for submission is February 13, 2026.

The Section hopes you can join us for what is always a very enjoyable and stimulating event. The call for abstracts and information about the venue can be found [here](#).

German Speaking Section

Call for Abstracts

**Winter Seminar of the German Speaking Section of
ERSA, 15-21 February 2026, Innsbruck / Austria**

All contributions with a focus on regional/spatial phenomena and an economic, environmental, geographical or social science background are welcome!

Submit your extended abstract at www.gfr.ersa.org by **23 November 2025**, indicating any time constraints, and take advantage of a winter seminar with ample time for engaging discussions and socializing opportunities.

Participation in the seminar is free of charge. Travel and accommodation costs, however, must be covered by the participants themselves.

New: Early-career researchers can apply for a grant subsidizing accommodation costs when submitting their abstract.

Contact: gfr@ersa.org

More information at:

[Submission site](#)

[Call for abstract](#)



AISRe
Associazione Italiana
di Scienze Regionali

Italian Section

**Call for papers – XLVII Annual Scientific Conference
Florence, June 24-26 2026**

REGIONS BETWEEN INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY: THE CHALLENGES FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

The Italian Association of Regional Science (A.I.S.Re), the Italian section of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI), announces its **47th Annual Scientific Conference**.

The conference, which welcomes contributions from national and international scholars across a variety of disciplines related to regional science, will be held at the *Dipartimento di Scienze per l'Economia e l'Impresa, Università di Firenze, Polo delle Scienze Sociali di Novoli*, Florence.

More information: [here](#)

**“GIORGIO LEONARDI” 2026 - BEST PH.D.
DISSERTATION AWARD - XLI EDITION**

To promote the diffusion of Regional Science among young scholars, AISRe (the Italian Section of the Regional Science Association International) has established an annual award for two Ph.D. dissertations in memory of Giorgio Leonardi. Applications must be sent within the **deadline of March 3rd, 2025**.

“AISRe” YOUNG AUTHOR BEST PAPER AWARD 2026 - XVIII EDITION

To promote the diffusion of Regional Science in the Italian university system, AISRe has established an award for the most original and innovative paper presented by a **young scholar** at its annual scientific Conference. Candidates must send the abstract and paper through the Association's website **by March, 3rd, 2026**.

Complete information at the following [LINK](#)



AISRe
Associazione Italiana
di Scienze Regionali

Italian Section

The call for the **AISRe Summer School** is open.

Here you can find detailed information:

<https://www.aisre.it/7th-summer-school-aisre-salerno-2026/>

Title: **Green Transformation and Inequalities: New Challenges for Regional Policies** (Salerno, Italy, 25-29 May 2026)



Associação Portuguesa para o Desenvolvimento Regional

Portuguese Section

Call for Papers | 33rd APDR Congress, June 30-July 3, 2026, Polytechnic University of Cávado and Ave, Barcelos, Portugal

The APDR invites regional scientists, economists, managers, sociologists, geographers, urban planners, engineers, policy makers, and researchers of related disciplines to participate in the **33rd APDR Congress** with the theme **"Interregional Governance, Cohesion and Sustainability: Overcoming Territorial Inequalities for a Balanced Future"** that will be held from **2 to 3 of July, 2026**, at the Polytechnic University of Cávado and Ave, Barcelos, Portugal. On **June 30 and July 1, 2026**, just before the main conference, a **Sustainable Regional Development Academy** will be organized for a limited number of participants.

The theme **"Interregional Governance, Cohesion and Sustainability: Overcoming Territorial Inequalities**

for a Balanced Future” underscores the growing importance of collaborative frameworks that promote equitable and sustainable development across regions. In the face of persistent territorial disparities, effective interregional governance emerges as a key mechanism for fostering cohesion, resilience, and shared prosperity. By integrating economic, environmental, social, and cultural dimensions, this approach seeks to ensure that sustainability is achieved not only within individual regions but also across territorial boundaries, paving the way toward a more balanced and inclusive future.

The call for papers and Special Session Proposals is open, and your participation is very welcome!

Deadline for Special Session proposals: February 1, 2026. Proposals should be sent by email to the Congress secretariat (apdr@apdr.pt).

Deadline for Abstracts submissions: April 2, 2026. Authors should submit their abstracts through the online submission system by following the link <https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/APDR2026>

Deadline for Academy Applications: March 15, 2026.

All information available at the congress website: <https://apdr.pt/congresso/2026/index.html>

Looking forward to hosting you in Barcelos, Portugal!

The Organizing Committee and the Board of APDR
33rd APDR Congress



Portuguese Section

Call for Applications

**2 SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
ACADEMY nd June 30-July 1, 2026, IPCA, Barcelos,
Portugal**

Places are limited to 25 Participants

[Apply Now](#)

About the Academy

The Academy is a two-day format, just before the 2026 APDR conference (2-3 July) at the Polytechnic University of Cávado and Ave, Barcelos (included in the registration fee), including: outstanding Lecturers, presentations by participants, and a field visit.

During the Sustainable Regional Development Academy, the participants will:

- Develop a collaborative research project based on the case study of Águas do Norte, S.A.
- Understand the specifics of wastewater treatment and the supply chain value in the water sector.
- Identify problems related to the decarbonisation of wastewater treatment plants, considering different perspectives (e.g., economic, financial, social, and environmental).
- Design a strategic plan proposal aimed at solving the problem of decarbonisation of wastewater treatment plants.
- Present and discuss the proposed solution to the identified problem.

Deadline: 15 March 2026

[here more information](#)

See all upcoming events

Sections News



Early Career and Doctoral Colloquium Winners

The Section recently held its annual online symposium for early career and doctoral researchers. It was a huge success with participants from universities in Ireland, UK, Italy, Sweden, and Madagascar. The quality of presentations will extremely high.

The Section gave the best paper prize to Peter Njekwa Ryberg of Jönköping University for a paper called “When specialisation becomes repetition; The division of labour and routinization of work”.

The best presentation award went to Nicholas Sweeney of the University of Manchester for his paper called “Spatial Variation of Mobility in England: Revealed Distance–Decay Behaviour from Geo-coded Credit-Card Transactions”.

Special mention was given to Kyron Hoare of the University of Galway for his paper “Classifying regions in the digital transition: towards a framework of change agency for digitalisation”.

The winning researchers have been invited to present their papers at the Belfast conference in May.

Other Events



[Best Master Thesis Award](#) [Circular Economy and Territories](#)

The European Chair of Excellence on Circular Economy and Territories (EM Normandie) launches the second edition of its **Best Master Thesis Award**. This prize recognises outstanding Master's theses in the Humanities and Social Sciences that contribute to advancing research on the circular economy and its territorial dimensions.

The winning thesis will receive a **€500 award** and benefit from dedicated visibility within academic and professional networks. Applications are open to students who defended a Master's thesis during the **2024–2025 academic year**.

<https://en.em-normandie.com/faculty-academic-excellence/research-em-normandie/research-chairs/european-chair-of-excellence-on-circular-economy-and-territories?tab=actus>



[Keynote Speakers Announced](#) [EURINT 2026](#)

The organisers of the **15th EURINT International Conference – “The EU’s future: Cohesion in an age of inequalities”** (14–16 May 2026, Iași, Romania) are pleased to announce the keynote speakers for this edition:

- **Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, London School of Economics and Political Science**
- **Sébastien Bourdin, IESEG School of Management**

Their keynote addresses will provide critical insights into European territorial cohesion, regional inequalities, and the economic and social challenges shaping the future of the European Union.

<https://eurint.uaic.ro/>

Publications



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