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CONCEPT NOTE

In the last few decades or so, globalization powered by neoliberalism has rapidly integrated different regions of the world. Especially, by the end of the 20th century, the utopia of global and common citizenship, global market, and supra-regional market system, and rising capital, labour and product mobilities across the regions/countries/continents had started creating an euphoric environment. The seamless flow of ideas and cultural elements across regions and the rise of multiculturalism promised an unparalleled world in the history of mankind where identities were not only becoming irrelevant on one end of the scale, while also appreciated as diversity crucial for an acceleration of economic growth. The factor of mobility enabled globalization and breaking of the barriers of trade, it also enabled the low developed regions to grow faster providing hope to the deprived regions to catch up with the developed regions.

However, the voices against globalization started growing especially from the third world and underdeveloped regions in the last 20th century and over the years they have got strengthened. The major concerns for these regions have been relative adverse terms of trade and erosion of their social, cultural, and economic identities. The developed regions which initially emerged as major gainers of globalization also started getting restive to the streams of migrants which led to the rise of conservative and anti-globalization/anti-migrant movements through right and far-right political formations. The fear of cultural dilution and migrant-phobia gripped many in developed regions.

The global financial crisis of the 2010s, slowing down of economic growth, and then the covid-19 further enhanced the anxieties among the regions within countries, and also at continental and the global levels. As a consequence, the valorisations of spatial identities have re-emerged. The barriers to regional integration are re-evolving either resisting, decelerating, or blocking the globalization or integration processes. The new policy innovations and muscular conservative movements are increasingly compromising the mobility of labour/ migrants and their rights to work and livelihoods.

Studies show that this emerging regional de-integration through reshaping of globalization and the rise of competitive regional identities have been both beneficial as well as harmful to the development of regions. In the traditional stratified societies, the barriers to liberalization has impacted the poor and socially deprived communities, women, their mobilities, and resilience but also some of the regions have shown a resurgence of their economic growth, and political consolidations.

The emerging situation calls upon researchers to examine this new-regionalism from the perspectives of development, politics and questions of socio-economic integration. In this context, the present conference invites papers, both theoretical and empirical, having bearing up on the regional development, regional politics, and identity dynamics, including the intra-region social, political, economic, policy, and practice re-configuration processes. The broad sub-themes of the conference (though not limited to) are given below.

SUB - THEMES

- Regional development: economic, educational, health, infrastructural
- Regional identity, diversity, and resilience
- Regional social dynamics and questions of caste, class, gender, language, and religion
- Regional politics and policies
- Regional culture and entrepreneurialism
- Regional organization and integration
- Regional experience of COVID-19 and adaptive mechanism
- Regional resilience, climate change, disaster, vulnerabilities
- Regional mobilities of capital, labour, and raw materials
- Regional urbanization, city regions, and economic integration

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT

We invite concise and factual abstract of 300 words highlighting the research problem, data, methods and major findings. References should be commonly avoided in the abstract. Kindly follow the following format for preparing the abstract. Submit abstract at: **rsai.conference@gmail.com**

Title of the Research Paper
[in Times New Roman 14pt Bold]

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Abstract should be written in Times New Roman 12pt. Italic should be used for emphasis. Bold and underline should be avoided. Line spacing 1.5 line should be used. Each abstract must be accompanied by three to five keywords. Abstract should be written within the prescribed limit of 300 words.

Keywords: [three to five keywords]

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission : **22nd November 2021**

Intimation about Abstract Acceptance : **25th November 2021**

Registration : **28th November 2021**

Event

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Main Conference : **09th and 10th December 2021**

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