Special Session (SS37) on:

University as an instrument of regional policies: its limitations

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The aim and scope:
In the last decades, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) have been considered an essential element for the development of the regions in which they operate. There are even those who consider them the engine of regional development. As a result, a series of transformations, internal and external, has been recommended to the HEIs. However, even though they have an important role, regional development is a complex problem and depends on the performance of other actors besides HEIs. Thus, even if the HEIs in a given region promote changes in their structures and ways of acting, approaching the model idealized by institutions such as the OECD and the European Union, this alone is not a guarantee of the region's development.

For this Special Session, we invite all researchers working on these issues to submit an article. Any type of article, theorists, case studies or projects in execution, are welcome.