



Special Session (SS09) on:

Regional, national and supranational identities: determinants and policy implications

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The aim and scope:

In the last 20 years, the study of the processes of individuals' identity formation and its social, political and economic implications gained great attention from social scientists. More recently, this interest was furtherly enhanced by the widespread increasing support to nationalist and populist parties, that put identity at the core of the political debate.

In spite of this, still little is known on the relationship between identity and the territory. The role of regional and urban characteristics in shaping individuals' identities is far from being fully understood. Similarly, the effects of identity on the social, political and economic sphere of regions and cities remains, at present, largely unknown.

Our special session aims at contributing to the discussion on this topic. More precisely, it will host contributions focused on the identification with any institutional/political construct (i.e. subnational, national, supranational), adopting a clear regional approach to the issue. The multidisciplinary nature of the topic makes the RSAI conference an ideal forum in which to debate these issues. Economists, geographers, sociologists and political scientists are therefore invited to contribute to the special session.

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