

Special Session on:
***Spatial dynamics of local public
finance: fiscal behavior,
intergovernmental transfers and
regional development***



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Purpose and Scope

Understanding how local governments respond to intergovernmental transfers is fundamental in regional science due to its spatial implications for development, inequality, and service provision. This session invites theoretical and empirical work on the spatial dynamics of local public finance, examining how fiscal performance, political incentives, tax effort, and expenditure decisions interact with territorial structures. We welcome studies on mechanisms such as the flypaper effect, revenue crowding-out, pork-barrel allocation, resource windfalls, and fiscal disparities, as well as their spatial spillovers. Contributions using spatial econometrics, GIS, panel data, causal identification, or comparative institutional approaches across centralized and decentralized systems are encouraged.

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