

Special Session on:
***Universities and public–private
entities in building competitive
and sustainable territories:
Evidence from Ecuador***



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Purpose and Scope

Building competitive, sustainable, and safe territories represents a major challenge for regional development in Ecuador, particularly in a context of territorial inequalities, insecurity, and environmental pressures. This special session aims to analyze the role of universities as generators of knowledge and applied research, together with public and private entities involved in Policy design and implementation. Contributions will examine collaborative approaches among local governments, the productive sector, and civil society to promote territorial development strategies. The session emphasizes subnational heterogeneity and place-based conditions, offering empirical evidence and policy-relevant insights with potential relevance for other regions facing similar challenges.

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