

Special Session on:
Ruralities, Inequalities and
Socioecological Systems:
Regional Science Perspectives
from the Global South



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Purpose and Scope

This Special Session invites paper submissions exploring ruralities, territorial inequalities and socio-ecological systems from a Regional Science perspective, with particular focus on the Global South. Rural regions are approached as heterogeneous and dynamic socio-ecological systems shaped by society–nature interactions, institutional arrangements and territorially embedded productive activities, especially those linked to sociobiodiversity. The session examines how structural territorial inequalities affect access to land, water, biodiversity, public policies, infrastructure and governance mechanisms, shaping regional development trajectories and sustainability outcomes. We welcome contributions addressing rural and peripheral regions, traditional and Indigenous communities, territorial governance, sustainability transitions, and emerging challenges for inclusive, resilient and just regional development.

The Special Session welcomes theoretical, methodological and empirical papers related, but not limited, to the following themes:

- Ruralities and the heterogeneity of rural spaces
- Territorial, socio-spatial and socio-environmental inequalities
- Socio-ecological systems and society–nature interactions
- Sociobiodiversity, livelihoods and rural production systems
- Territorial governance, commons management and institutions
- Regional development and rural dynamics
- Traditional communities, Indigenous peoples and local knowledge
- Sustainable, adaptive and regenerative transitions
- Climate change, resilience and regional vulnerability
- Tourism, land-use conflicts and pressure on sensitive ecosystems
- Water, biodiversity and strategic natural systems
- Geotechnologies, spatial data and artificial intelligence in territorial planning
- Participatory methods, social cartography and action research

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