

Special Session on:
***Productive diversification,
territorial inequality, regional
development and public policy
in the Global South***



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Purpose and Scope

This special session examines how productive diversification (sectoral, technological, and export) shapes territorial inequality and regional development in the Global South. Building on structural change, economic complexity, and related/unrelated variety, we welcome subnational evidence that tests mechanisms: productivity upgrading, job quality and wages, value-chain linkages, resilience to shocks, and capability accumulation. We particularly encourage spatial and causal designs (spatial econometrics, DiD, event studies, shift-share) and mixed-methods work connecting findings to policy. Contributions should speak to place-based strategies, territorial industrial policy, innovation and skills, infrastructure, and a just green transition. Comparative work across regions or countries is especially welcome and encouraged.

SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT