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XLV Annual Scientific Conference

Cities and Regions in the Digital Era and the Challenge of the Transition Towards the Circular Economy



Call for papers

The Italian Regional Science Association (A.I.S.Re), the Italian Section of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI), announces its XLV Annual Scientific Conference and welcomes contributions from researchers working on different disciplines in the field of regional science. The conference venue is Università degli Studi di Torino, Campus Luigi Einaudi, Lungo Dora Siena, 100A.

The central theme of the conference is the digital and circular transformation and the new opportunities and challenges emerging from these radical changes for regions and cities. Despite the large commitment and investments envisaged by the PNRR, the adoption of the new digital technologies remains weak and highly unbalanced across businesses and territories, with the risk of worsening the territorial gaps between North and South as much as between centers and peripheries, and of postponing the much desired, and increasingly necessary, relaunch of productivity. The transition towards a circular economy, made compelling by the climate crisis, has found a further obstacle in the rapid and unexpected growth of inflation, and in particular in the sharp increase in energy prices, especially following the explosion of the conflict in Ukraine. The combination of these factors depict a new, more complex and changing scenario in which the future of the territories must be framed and appropriately rethought, in order to make the best of the vast possibilities offered by the PNRR, already in the early stages of implementation. The conference aims to represent an opportunity for reflection and discussion on the determinants and consequences of the digital and circular transformation underway in the various territories, as well as on the governance policies and structures which, in a context of greater political and economic uncertainty and turbulence, can better initiate and/or facilitate the transition towards a phase of renewed growth of the country and its regions and cities.

Besides the main theme, the A.I.S.Re conference encourages the discussion on the major topics in regional science. Thus, the A.I.S.Re invites all those interested to present original scientific works on the following themes:

- A. Governance, regional and territorial public policies, European programming
- B. Growth, decline, and regional disparities
- C. Globalization, value chains and local production systems
- D. Methods of territorial analysis and spatial econometrics
- E. Labor, welfare, personal services and social policies
- F. Tourism, culture and local development
- G. Urban planning, real estate market and city development processes
- H. Infrastructure, transport, mobility and local development
- I. Wellbeing, sustainability, and local development
- L. Urban development and agglomeration economies
- M. Development and local entrepreneurship
- N. Innovation, creativity and local development
- O. Policy evaluation methods

HOW TO JOIN THE CONFERENCE

There are two ways to participate in the Conference:

- with **organized sessions**. Participants can propose themselves as session organizers (no more than two sessions per organizer) on specific themes. The proposal can be submitted directly from the [login area](#) of the website, by entering the name of the scientific manager, the session title and the tentative number of presentations. The deadline for the submission is **January 31, 2024**.
- with **individual papers**. Those interested should submit an abstract by **February 29, 2024**, directly from the [login area](#) of the website. Consult this [LINK to see detailed instructions for abstract submission](#). A template file for writing the papers is also available on the Conference site ([LINK](#)).

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

March 31, 2024	Paper acceptance
May 31, 2024	Registration at early bird fee
June 20, 2024	Registration at full fee
July 15, 2024	Papers submission
July 20, 2024	Programme publication on the website (www.aisre.it), based on paid registrations

AWARDS

AISRe promotes the diffusion of studies in regional science by awarding young scholars with:

- **Best PhD Dissertation Award**
- **Best young scholar paper**

The call for candidatures and their instructions are available on AISRe website (www.aisre.it/en/awards).

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Registration and participation in the Conference is subject to A.I.S.Re. membership, as individual, corporate or young member, available in the [login area](#). Registration and membership fees are available at this [LINK](#).

A.I.S.Re. membership benefits include:

- the subscription to [Scienze Regionali](#) (Italian Journal of Regional Science) for the following calendar year;
- the volumes of the [Regional Science Series](#) (FrancoAngeli) published during the business year and the [AISRe E-book](#) (Donzelli);
- the registration to the Regional Science Association International (RSAI), which includes an online subscription to the journals [Papers in Regional Science](#) and [Regional Science Policy and Practice](#) for the following calendar year, the opportunity to pay a reduced fee at the Annual Conferences of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA) (www.ersa.org) and the Regional Science Association International (RSAI) (www.regionalscience.org).
- Young scholars have also the opportunity to participate to the Summer/Winter Schools of A.I.S.Re.

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