



Special Session (SS02) on

Asymmetries in metropolitan areas: measuring, correcting, rethinking

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Aim and scope of the session:

Following the classic definition that a territory can be distinguished as a region when the internal differences are less relevant than those that exist in their surroundings, comes up easily to the idea that the metropolitan areas actually configure regions, although with obvious peculiarities.

These regions were constructed through very specific historical and dynamic pathways resulting in strong identities but also in a set of needs and problems concerns addressing not only metropolitan but also national reasons because here there is a large proportion of the population and productive capacity.

Because this reality continues to deepen with the process of globalization and financializing still in progress and because there isn't a proportionate attention of the Regional Science it is considered useful this session where we can discuss, among many other aspects, metropolitan governance, metropolitan inequalities, urban problems, metropolitan infrastructures, territorial planning, housing, metropolitan futures, tourism.