



Special Session (SS11) on

Knowledge cities: Updating the state of the art

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Aim and scope of the session:

The growing interest in knowledge-based cities and regions reflects the fundamental changes that are taking place. Comparative advantages increasingly depend more on human resources, the creation of knowledge and continuous and incremental innovation than on access to physical capital and raw materials.

In recent decades, cities have become active participants in international relations as never before. Cities work together to define their problems and try to find adequate solutions based on sharing experiences with similar groups. These practices are increasingly recognised as very important resources in the collective advance of knowledge.

Knowledge and its rate of growth are the keys to the XXI century, not just in regard to economic growth but also in relation to the place that countries, regions and cities will occupy in any future territorial order.