

**Call for papers – XLII Annual Scientific Conference
Lecce (LE), 8-10 September 2021**

Local Sustainable Rebound and Development: What role for Tradition and Innovation?

AISRe, the Italian Section of the Regional Science Association International, is pleased to announce its XLII Annual Scientific Conference, which gathers contributions of scholars from different disciplines belonging to Regional Science. The Conference is organized jointly with the University of Salento and it is supported by the Joint Research Center of the European Commission.

The core themes of the XLII Conference will deal with the analysis and interpretation of the impact that the most recent technological innovations generated and will generate in the near future on the territories characterised by traditional productive specialisations, from traditional manufacturing activities to services, such as tourism. Policy implications for local sustainable development through advanced 4.0 technologies are also at the core of the analysis. The role of these technologies may also be very relevant for the recovery of local economic systems after the occurrence of exogenous shocks that may condition their regular dynamics.

The new technological revolution imposes in fact large and profound transformations in the society, in lifestyles, and in production processes. The digital revolution has indeed become a pervasive and disruptive process, urging a deep re-organization in value added production modes. It allows traditional sectors, no one excluded, to find new revitalisation strategies and to counter the effects of unexpected shocks, such as COVID-19. The capacity to face the new technological revolution and to grasp the large advantages that it generates and at the same time to limit the costs it implies, is the way for less advanced areas to compete by generating values to their productive traditions through product and process innovation. All this allows to highlight scenarios of growth trajectories and to formulate social, economic and environmental strategies for valorising the *genius loci*.

The identification of the factors that influence a local area's capacity to pro-act and re-act to the socio-economic transformation that the new technologies generate is one of the most important questions regional science is called to reply to. Not much has been said so far on such issue, and the Conference represents a way to launch studies on the identification of local factors that allow a structural transformation of territories, without losing their specificities. It is also an occasion to reflect on the policies and strategies that local policy makers could put in place for facilitating territories to go through such changes.

Besides the main theme, at the AISRe conference scholars will be able to debate on all topics belonging to Regional Science. Therefore, AISRe is pleased to host scientific papers on:

- A. Governance, regional and territorial public policies, European programming**
- B. Growth 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 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**

Participating in the conference

There are two ways to participate in the conference:

- **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, 2021**.
- **Individual contributions or Posters.** Interested applicants should submit an abstract no later than **March 5, 2021**. Posters follow the same procedure for the contributions, specifying “poster” in the title. The instructions for the speakers, for the editing of the papers and posters, are available on the conference website in the dedicated section [Conference/rules-and-instructions](#).

Deadlines

April 9, 2021	Papers/poster acceptance
May 14, 2021	Reduced registration fee
June 25, 2021	Full registration fee
July 16, 2021	Programme publication
July 23, 2021	Papers/posters submission

Awards

To promote the dissemination of Regional Science among young scholars, AISRe will assign the following awards:

- **Ph.D. Dissertation Awards;**
- **Award for the best paper presented by a young scholar** (in collaboration with GSSD);
- **Award for the best poster.**

Applications and related instructions are published with a special call available on www.aisre.it, in the [Awards](#) section.

How to join the association /conference and registration fees

Conference and Association fees can be paid through the Association's website from the [login area](#) of the website. To register for the conference as an author or co-author of a paper, it is also required to register to the Association as a Member (Individual, Collective or Young).

AISRe members receive:

- a subscription to Scienze Regionali (Italian Journal of Regional Science) for the following calendar year (<https://www.mulino.it/riviste/issn/1720-3929>);
- the volumes of the *AISRe-Book Series* (Donzelli);
- the registration to the Regional Science Association International (RSAI), which includes an online subscription to the journal Papers in Regional Science for the following calendar year, the opportunity to pay a reduced fee at the Annual Conferences of the International Associations European Regional Science Association (ERSA) (www.ersa.org/) and of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI) (www.regionalscience.org/).
- the opportunity for young members to attend free of charge to the Summer / Winter Schools promoted by AISRe.

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Venue of the Conference

University of Salento, Lecce.

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