



ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA DI SCIENZE REGIONALI
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**“GIORGIO LEONARDI” 2021
BEST PHD DISSERTATION AWARD**

XXXVI EDITION

To promote the diffusion of Regional Science among young scholars, AISRe (the Italian Section of the Regional Science Association International) has established an annual award for two PhD dissertations in memory of Giorgio Leonardi. Dissertations can cover the following topics:

- 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**

1. For the year 2021, AISRe announces **two Best PhD dissertation awards** following the procedures described in this Call. The award winners will have the right to register free of charge at the XLII Conference (Lecce, September 8-10, 2021) and at the Italian Association of Regional Science for the legal year 2021/2022. The winner will be awarded 2,500 euros (gross), while the second 1,500 euros (gross).

2. Participation is limited to authors of dissertations in the field of Regional Science. Participants will have to hold an Italian or foreign PhD degree obtained between March 2018 and March 2021. Dissertations submitted to previous editions of the “Giorgio Leonardi” Best PhD dissertation award, as well as co-authored dissertations, will not be accepted. The award cannot be combined with other awards by AISRe.

3. Applications must be submitted through the following [LINK](#) within the deadline of **March 30th 2021**. For further information and clarifications, please contact Prof. Ilaria Mariotti (ilaria.mariotti@polimi.it), who oversees the Award.

4. In the application form, the candidate must indicate his/her name, surname, place, and date of birth, address, and fiscal code, as well as his/her e-mail address, telephone number and the postal address chosen for communications. Any change in the contact details must be promptly



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communicated to the person in charge of the Award. AISRe does not bear any responsibility for the loss of communications not directly ascribable to its own fault.

5. On sending the application form (through the [LINK](#)) the following documents must be attached as PDF files, and named with the surname of the corresponding candidate:

- a) a short (15-20 pages) summary of the dissertation;
- b) a copy of the PhD dissertation;
- c) a certificate of authenticity for the submitted copy of the dissertation (in Italian: “dichiarazione sostitutiva di atto notorio”), according to the d.p.r. 445/2000;
- d) a copy of the PhD degree and its certificate of authenticity (in Italian: “dichiarazione sostitutiva di atto notorio”), according to the D.P.R. 445/2000.

On request by the person in charge of the Award, candidates must provide the printed version of the dissertation (the original document or a copy with certificate of authenticity). In this case, the documents provided will not be returned to candidates. Documents sent after the deadline of the submission of the applications will not be accepted.

6. The accepted candidates may be subject to verification of true declarations. The decision to exclude candidates who do not fulfil the requirements at points 2-5 of this Call, even partially, is taken by the person in charge of the Award.

7. Identification of the winners is the sole responsibility of the Award commission appointed by the AISRe board. The evaluation is based on a comparative analysis of originality, innovativeness, and methodological robustness of the submitted works. The Commission unequivocally determines the winning dissertations and the names of their authors with the majority of votes. The legal validity of the acts is certified by the person in charge of the Award. The authors of the winning dissertations will receive a written notification, via email, of the assignment of the Award by **April 30th 2021** from the person in charge of the Award.

8. The winners of the best PhD dissertation award must present at the XLII Conference of Regional Science a paper 6,000-8,000 words in length (20 pages maximum, images, graphs and references included) based on their thesis. Winners will send the paper via the AISRe website (www.aisre.it) by **May 31st 2021**. Winners must also notify acceptance of the Award by **May 14th 2021** to the AISRe Secretariat (segreteria.technica@aisre.it) and the AISRe Secretary:

Cristina Bernini- Università di Bologna
cristina.bernini @unibo.it

Presentation of the paper at the Conference and participation in the award ceremony are mandatory requirements for the assignment of the award.

9. The acceptance of the Award by the winner offers him/her the chance to submit his/her contribution to the volume of the AISRe series “Scienze Regionali” (FrancoAngeli), dedicated



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to the Conference, or to the “Scienze Regionali” Journal of the Association, subject to review process. Submission does not guarantee the publication.

10. The monetary reward will be transferred in a single instalment after the award ceremony, which will take place during the XLII Conference. The amount transferred as monetary reward will be subject to taxation in accordance with law no. 835/1982.

11. The awarded authors are subject to the conditions established in Art. 8 of this call. If these conditions are not fulfilled, the AISRe Secretary can decide to withdraw the prize.

12. The winners and the motivation written by the award Commission will be published on the AISRe Website. In accordance with law no. 675/1996, AISRe will keep the information provided by the candidates confidential: all the information provided will be used for the purpose of the award, in compliance with the legislation in force.



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“GSSI-AISRe” YOUNG AUTHOR BEST PAPER AWARD 2021

XIII EDITION

To promote the diffusion of Regional Science in the Italian university system, AISRe, supported by the Gran Sasso Science Institute-GSSI, has established an award for the most original and innovative paper presented by a **young scholar** to its annual scientific conference. Papers can cover the following issues:

- 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**
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- O. Policy evaluation methods**

1. The award winners will have the right to register free of charge at the XLII Conference (Lecce, September 8-10, 2021) and for the Italian Association of Regional Science for the legal year 2020/2021. The winners will be awarded the amount of 2,000 euros (gross).

2. Participation is limited to the authors of papers, who, at the start of the Conference (September 8th 2021), will not yet be 35 years old. Moreover, authors who already hold an Italian or foreign PhD must have completed their PhD not before September 8th 2016. Papers already submitted for previous editions of the award will not be accepted. The award cannot be combined with other AISRe awards.

3. In the case of co-authorships, all authors must fulfil the conditions stated at the previous point of this Call.

4. Candidates must send the abstract and paper through the Association's website by **May 21st 2021**, by filling the form through the following [LINK](#), uploading the receipt for payment of the registration fees and a copy of their identity card or fiscal code. If the candidate wins the Award the registration fee will be reimbursed.



5. **The submitted paper must be in its final version**, preferably written in English, and comply with the “editing guidelines” of international journals (a template is available at the AISRe website www.aisre.it where you can download the “file layout”).
6. The acceptance of the Award by the winner offers him/her the chance to submit his/her contribution to the volume of the AISRe series “Scienze Regionali” (FrancoAngeli), dedicated to the Conference, or in the “Scienze Regionali” Journal of the Association, subject to review process. Submission does not guarantee the publication.
7. Identification of the winners is sole responsibility of the Award Commission appointed by the AISRe board. The members of the Commission are chosen among Italian and foreign renowned scholars. A member by right of the Commission is a member staff of Gran Sasso Science Institute-GSSI. The evaluation is based on a comparative analysis of originality, innovativeness, and methodological robustness of the submitted works. The Commission unequivocally determines the winning paper and the names of its authors with the majority of votes. The legal validity of the acts is certified by the person in charge of the Award, Prof. Ilaria Mariotti.
8. The authors of the winning paper will receive a written notification, via email, of the assignment of the Award by **June 18th 2021** and the delivery of the award will take place during the Conference. The presentation of the paper at the conference and the attendance at the award ceremony are mandatory conditions to receive the Award.
9. The monetary reward will be transferred in a single instalment after the award ceremony, which will take place during the XLII Conference. The amount transferred as the monetary reward will be subject to taxation in accordance with law no. 835/1982.
10. The winners and the motivation written by the award Commission will be published on the AISRe Website. In accordance with law no. 675/1996, AISRe will keep the information provided by the candidates confidential. All the information provided will be used for the purpose of the award, in compliance with the legislation in force.



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BEST POSTER AWARD 2021

V EDITION

To promote the diffusion of Regional Science in the Italian university system and to stimulate poster format presentations, AISRe has established a best poster award. Thematic and methodological deepening of the presentation and the communication skills represent the criteria to assign the award.

Posters can cover the following issues:

- 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**
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1. The award winner will have the right to register free of charge at the XLI Conference (Lecce, September 8-10, 2021) and for the Italian Association of Regional Science for the legal year 2020/2021. The award amounts to 500 euros (gross).

2. Posters already submitted to previous editions of the award will not be accepted. The award cannot be combined with other AISRe awards.

3. Applications, submitted through the following [LINK](#), uploading a pdf file of the poster, the receipt for payment of the registration fees, a copy of their identity card or fiscal code, within the deadline of **June 30th 2021**.

4. Identification of the winners is sole responsibility of the Award commission appointed by the AISRe board. The members of the Commission are chosen among Italian and foreign renowned scholars. The Commission unequivocally determines the winning poster and the names of its authors with the majority of votes. The legal validity of the acts is certified by the person in charge of the Award, Prof. Ilaria Mariotti.



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5. The outcome of the selection will be communicated to the author(s) **during the first two days of the conference** and the assignation of the Award will take place during the Conference. Presentation of the poster at the Conference and participation in the award ceremony are mandatory requirements for the conferral of the Award.

6. The winners and the motivation written by the award Commission will be published on the AISRe Website. In accordance with law no. 675/1996, AISRe will keep the information provided by the candidates confidential. All the information provided will be used for the purpose of the award, in compliance with the legislation in force.