

Special Issue: Regions and cities in the 21st century: a view from the developing world

Internal disparities within countries are sometime as important, or even more, than international ones. Consequently, our capacity to influence people's welfare depends on our understanding not only of international and national dynamics, but also of what happens between and within regions and cities. Accordingly, research on regional and urban economics has become fundamental for the design of sound policies aimed at increasing prosperity for all.

In recent years and decades, research in the fields of regional and urban economics has gained momentum. But the focus has in the majority of cases been put to the analysis of dynamics of the developed world. By contrast, our understanding of regional and urban dynamics in the developing world remains very limited. Developing countries currently will by 2030 host more than 85% of the world population, and more than 90% of the new urban residents of the world will live in cities in the developing world. These and other figures call for more research from the regional and urban economics that focuses on the developing world.

The *Region* Journal edited by the European Regional Science Association (ERSA) announces a call for papers for a special issue devoted to **Regions and cities in the 21st century: a view from the developing world**. The special issue expects to collect research articles, letters and works for the resources section, from studies discussed at the First Workshop on Regional and Urban Economics at the University of Javeriana, in Bogotá-Colombia (June 2017), but also welcomes works not presented at the workshop. Suggested areas of research are:

- Location theory, with an emphasis in developing world contexts
- Regional economic performance in developing countries
- Urban dynamics in cities of the developing world
- Inequalities within and between regions and cities
- Regional and urban policies in developing countries
- Regional and urban labour markets in developing countries
- Segregation, gender inequalities, transport, congestion, pollution, and other urban challenges of urban areas in developing countries

Submission Instructions

- All works submitted will be subject to the normal blind refereeing process undertaken by the journal
- All submitted works must not be under review by any other journal
- Works must be analytic and rigorous and will be peer reviewed.
- Letters should be about 3,000 words. Summaries of theses are acceptable if the full thesis is available online or is uploaded as supplemental material.
- Resources may include description of databases, courses, etc. These pieces are reviewed only by the journal editors.
- The closing date for submissions is: 30th November 2017.

Please submit your papers direct via [the journals website](#). When submitting your paper, please select the “Special Issue on Regions and cities in the 21st century” in the *Journal Section for submission*. For more information on the submission process you can see this [document](#) or see this [video](#).

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