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## **Regional Science and Tourism**

### **NECTAR Clusters 5-6 Special Session for WRSA-PRSCO of RSAI 2020**

Waikiki, Hawaii USA  
March 18-21, 2020

## **Call for papers**

As part of the 26th Pacific Conference of the RSAI, to be held jointly with the 59th Annual Meeting of the WRSA in Waikiki, Hawaii from March 18 to 21, 2020, Nectar clusters 5 and 6 are organizing a Special Session on "Regional Science and Tourism". The website for submission is now open ([www.wrsaonline.org](http://www.wrsaonline.org)). Short abstracts, as well as full papers (also in draft format), will be accepted for the Special Session. Full papers benefit from the traditional WRSA 45-minute per paper time slot. The submission deadline is November 15, 2019, for full-length original papers (not previously published).

During your submission, do not forget to add that your paper is submitted for the Nectar Special Session on Regional Science and Tourism. Please, also send a copy of the submission to Juan Carlos Martin, University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, [jcarlos.martin@ulpgc.es](mailto:jcarlos.martin@ulpgc.es) and Luca Zamparini, University of Salento, [luca.zamparini@unisalento.it](mailto:luca.zamparini@unisalento.it).

Selected full papers will be invited for publication in a special issue of the Regional Science Policy & Practice Journal, following standard review/revision procedures. (<https://rsaiconnect.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/17577802>).

#### **Main topic**

Christaller (1964) was probably one of the first regional scientists who analysed, after the conference held in Lund during 1963, the patterns on the geographical location of tourist activity. Christaller found that "It is typical for places of tourism to be on the periphery. In this way, regions economically benefit from factors which cannot be utilized otherwise: high mountain chains, barren, rocky landscapes, heather,

unproductive dunes.” (p.86). Since then, the tourism industry has changed dramatically. It is not so much the activity to move away from each other but instead to be with each other visiting their places and new places, also being involved with tourists in our own places because the we, and the places we live, are nice. That is why regional science – the study of human interaction within space with sound methods – has a say that can change the scientific perspectives on tourism that often miss space and the relation with each other. Regional Science as a discipline needs to analyse multiple strategies, policies and trends that are critical for tourist destinations that aspire to position and to consolidate their image in the world-wide network of tourist destinations at different geographical levels, urban or rural, within a framework of tough global competition. For this reason, potential topics discussed at the Special Session include:

- How can tourism studies benefit from Regional Science?
- Quantitative methods of Regional Science applied to Tourism
- Consumer Behaviour & Tourism Analysis
- From the Well-Being and Happiness of tourists to Quality of Life of host residents.
- New Directions and Paradigms in Regional Science applied to Tourism
- From Decision Making to Travel Behaviour
- Regional Science and Hospitality Research. The notion of industrial clusters.
- Tourism Infrastructure. Natural and Cultural Endowments
- Tourism Flows. Place, Time and Activities
- National and Regional Tourism and Travel Competitiveness
- Tourism Trends. Climate Change and Sustainable Tourism
- Tourism Demand: Demographics, Behavioural and Social Changes.

The abstracts/papers will be reviewed by the Organizing Committee and the notification of paper acceptance will be distributed by December 20, 2019.

**Organizing committee** For more information or questions please contact: Juan Carlos Martin, University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, jcarlos.martin@ulpgc.es and Luca Zamparini, University of Salento, luca.zamparini@unisalento.it.

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