

Open Special Session Proposal

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Session Title: Metropolitan aspirations of cities located in peripheral areas

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Metropolitan areas are perceived as centers of potential and growth of civilization progress, places of concentration of management functions, specialized services, innovations, scientific and research activities and modern industry. They are seen as key drivers of territorial development. The metropolisation process requires the strategic of rural urban linkage, context setting and local assessment, strategic community investment, and interculturalist approach. In this context the metropolisation processes taking place in peripheral areas face special challenges and different trajectories of development.

This special session will be devoted to metropolitan aspirations of cities located in peripheral areas and the challenges associated with it. Thus, we seek to stimulate a lively debate and set the basis for an ongoing conversation on the future and development of metropolisation processes in peripheral areas.

This session organisers invite for contributions in this field, addressing conceptual and/or empirical issues including the following areas (but not limited to):

- theoretical and practical approaches to the concept of the metropolisation process in peripheral areas
- trajectories of development of metropolitan areas
- potential, determinants and development perspectives of metropolises peripherally located
- functional integration with the area surrounding metropolis peripherally located
- international position and competitiveness of the metropolitan cities situated in peripheral areas
- the challenges of metropolisation processes in peripheral areas in terms of living conditions, mobility and governance, etc.

If you are interested in presenting a paper in this session, please submit your abstract of no more than 300 words via the RSA platform by 21st May 2019.

This special session will be sponsored by Lublin City Office, thus the costs of the qualified participants will be fully covered.

In case of any questions about this session and abstract submission, do not hesitate to contact Urszula Bronisz (urszula.bronisz@poczta.umcs.lublin.pl).