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Special Session Proposal

Peripheral areas: from marginality to places of opportunity

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Abstract

The social and economic consequences of recent crises risk of exacerbating the pre-existing intergenerational and interregional inequalities between and within countries, such as those between core and peripheral areas. However, the Covid-19 pandemic has brought the challenges and opportunities of peripheral areas at the centre of public, political and academic debate. Hence, now, more than ever, expanding our knowledge and identifying evidence-based policy guidelines to stimulate the liveability and the development in these areas is an urgent matter.

As such, this session focuses on debating and discussing under what conditions policies fail or succeed in reverting actual negative dynamics in peripheral areas. In this context, investigating how (and if) peripheral areas may become a place of opportunity, leading the green transition, and positively influencing the migration decisions of young and educated people is particularly relevant.

Within this special session, we welcome works on topics that revolve around the following issues:

- Human capital, migration and the role of the youngest generations in peripheral areas;
- Opportunities and challenges in the post Covid-19 era (e.g. smart-working; change of preferences etc.);
- Recovery, cohesion and green transition: the conditions under which the European Union can foster development in these areas;
- Socio-economic impact and assessment of policy initiatives targeted to peripheral areas.