



## Special Session Proposal

### Consequences of Place-Based Policies: Perspectives and Challenges

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#### Abstract

This special session aims to delve into the consequences of place-based policies. These policies, emphasizing localized development and consideration of geographical specificities, have been widely adopted by numerous jurisdictions worldwide. The session will focus on evaluating the impacts of these policies on local communities, regional economies, and social dynamics.

#### Proposed topics:

1. **Local Economic Development:** analyzing the economic outcomes of place-based policies, including job creation, economic growth, and stimulation of investments.
2. **Social Inclusion:** exploring how these policies influence social inclusion, particularly examining access to education, healthcare services, wellbeing, and social disparities at the local level.
3. **Employment Dynamics:** studying agglomeration effects, changes in employment structure, the emergence of key sectors, and implications for local workers.
4. **Environmental Sustainability:** assessing the impact of place-based policies on environmental sustainability, with a focus on local resource management and sustainable development practices.
5. **Policy Evaluation:** discussing methodologies for evaluating place-based policies, highlighting best practices and lessons learned.

The special session will welcome contributions from researchers, practitioners, and policymakers, fostering enriching dialogue and understanding of the consequences of these policies on places and communities. We invite proposals for presentations covering a broad range of perspectives and encourage diversity in methodological approaches.

This special session will provide an opportunity to promote critical reflection, exchange innovative ideas, and identify pathways to enhance the effectiveness of place-based policies.