

A SPECIAL SESSION

Territorial and place-based governance, (new) processes for local coordination

The session is a bilingual session and papers in French and in English are welcome

Title

Territorial and place-based governance, (new) processes for local coordination
La gouvernance territoriale comme (nouveau) mode de coordination territoriale

Key Words

Territorial/ Local governance, place-based policy and local authorities
Gouvernance territoriale et action publique locale

Summary

What do we mean when we speak about local/territorial governance? Place-based approach or policy? Local/territorial development?

We deal with local, material and immaterial resources, coordination and decision making process by various stakeholders including local communities but also public authorities able to generate sustainable changes. We recognize the impact of community capacities and collective behaviors in order to support local development and the existence of new arrangements and networking. We identify specific horizontal and vertical coalition and pooling, multi-level organization including a “marble pie” effect (i.e. authorities from various levels become equal partners, no matter of hierarchical organization).

The aim of the session is triple:

- (1) to take stock of more than 15 years of experiences, case studies and use of the words “governance” “territorial/local” and “place-based approach”,
- (2) to compare what French-speaking economists and political scientists discuss in terms of territory/ *territoire* and governance and what the place-based approach and the place-based policies propose,
- (3) to insist on the (new) roles the public authorities in such a local development, in such a collective process of decision making and implementation.

Theoretical proposals, regional, and local case studies coming from all over Europe are expected. The session is a step towards the development of a theoretical framework on the (new) process of local/territorial governance.

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