

*The Regional Science Academy*



## Special Academic Session (SAS)

**Host:**

2023 ERSA Conference  
28 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER, 2023

## *The Regional Science Academy (TRSA)*

**SAS date: Friday, 1 September, 2023, at 08:55-15:45 CET (local time)**

**Theme:**

**Is the New Economic Geography (NEG) still Alive and Well in 2023?  
Smart Algorithmic Places and Artificial Intelligent Systems**

**Location & Room:**

University of Alicante  
(Aulario II Building)  
Carretera San Vicente del Raspeig s/n  
03690 San Vicente del Raspeig  
Alicante, Spain  
<https://www.ua.es/en/>  
Meeting room: 1-E12

**Zoom meeting link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88100285742?pwd=UkhJSXl3VzJSaTg5RmhHaWhyM0tUdz09>

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**Organizers:**

Paul Krugman  
Peter Nijkamp  
Karima Kourtit  
Yongda Yu

**This session aims to build upon the success of the recent Shenzhen conference,  
where we had the privilege of hosting also Paul Krugman, Nobel laureate.**

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**08:55 – 09:00**

**Welcome and Introduction to SAS: Peter Batey, President,  
The Regional Science Academy (TRSA)**

### **SESSION A**

**09:00 – 10:30**

**Chair: Andres Rodriguez-Pose**

**Abdul Shaban**

*'Locations' in Digital Age: The Economic Geography is not Dead*

**John Östh, Umut Turk, Karima Kourtit & Peter Nijkamp**

*Asking AI to Describe your Neighborhood - a Source of Bullshit or a Suitable*

*Approach for Data Generation*

**Alexandru Banica**

*A Territorial Approach to Post-Covid Recovery and Resilience in the EU:*

*Institutional Quality Relevance in the Green and Digital Transition*

**Dani Broitman & Danny Czamanski**

*Pathologies in the Self-Organization of Cities*

**10:30 – 11:00**

**COFFEE BREAK**

### **SESSION B**

**11:00 – 12:25**

**Chair: Peter Nijkamp**

**Nicos Komninos**

*Smart City Ecosystems Integrating Human, Collective and Artificial Intelligence:*

*Lessons from MaaS*

**Deborah Strumsky**

*Exploring the Combinatorics and Spatial Distribution of Novelty in AI Inventions*

**Laurie Schintler & Ting Zhang**

*Is ChatGPT Really Replacing Cognitive Jobs?*

**SESSION C**

**12:25 – 13:15**

**GREAT MINDS IN REGIONAL SCIENCE**

Chair: **Peter Batey**, President, *The Regional Science Academy (TRSA)*

**TRSA (The Regional Science Academy) Great Minds in Regional Science**

**lecture**, by **Bjorn Harsman** and **Folke Snickars** on: The Scientific Significance of Ake Andersson.

**13:15 – 14:00**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**SESSION D**

**14:00 – 15:15**

Chair: **Peter Batey**, **Karima Kourtit** & **Yongda Yu**

**Peter Nijkamp**

Introduction to the theme ‘*New Perspectives on the Space Economy*’

**Paul Krugman**

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**Edward Glaeser**

*Engines of Opportunities*

**Carlos Moreno**

*15-Minute City: Urban Intelligence, Sustainability & Resilience*

**SESSION E**

**15:15 – 15:40**

**Roundtable Discussion, on:**

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Animators: **Karima Kourtit**, **Peter Batey** & **Yongda Yu**

Panelists:

**Paul Krugman**

**Edward Glaeser**

**Carlos Moreno**

**Peter Nijkamp**

**Laurie Schintler**

**15:40 - 15:45**

**Closing Words**