



Special Session

Causes and Effects of Regional Integration: Development of Local Economy via Mobility

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We can say that the big waves of mobility in labor, capital, goods and services have caused drastic changes of the local economies in the world. On the other hand, economic development or stagnation of local regions are also the main reason of those global mobility. Studies about this topic mainly considering recent regional integration and development caused by expansion of several inter-regional economic changes, such that, trans-border transportation, migration, FDI and FTA will be included in this session.

First, we will include studies about recent trend of international and inter-regional trade (mobility of goods). For example, studies about trade liberalization and productivity in traded and non-traded sectors and about international trade policy in the economy with infrastructure goods will be presented.

Second, our session will include studies about multinational and multi-regional firms (mobility of capital). For example, studies about economic integration and agglomeration of multinational production with transfer pricing and about production dynamics in multi-product firms' exporting.

Third, we will include studies about international and inter-regional service network and relocation (mobility of service). For example, applying panel data of Japan, studies about impacts of highways on commodity prices and about determinant of international conference venues will be presented.

Forth, we will include studies about international and inter-regional migration (mobility of labor). For example, we will include studies about new trends of Japanese immigration policy, that is, introduction of legal unskilled workers.

The keywords of this session are international and inter-regional mobility (of goods, capital, service and labor), integration and development (or stagnation).