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Special Session:

**Challenges of Primate and Second-Tier Cities of Developing Countries in the
Changing Economic Geography of Globalization**

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While 1980s witnessed the globalization along with striking political and technological changes, the world economic geography has been shifting since then due to the advantages of developing countries. 2000s have pointed the significance of emerging economies indicating higher national economic growth and attracting more foreign investment. However, the national economic growth of these countries has mostly been based on one (primate or capital city) or only a few cities. Those cities have always had the advantages of agglomeration economies, as they are more integrated into the global networks, more attractive both for investment and human capital, having a better infrastructure and being a transportation hub. Meanwhile, there has been an issue of interregional disparities within the country since the attention has solely concentrated on these few most developed cities. Moreover, negative externalities of agglomeration such as congestion, environmental issues, increasing living cost and land prices would be critical aspects. In this context, there has been an increasing interest on second-tier cities as an alternative to sustaining agglomeration effects and making contribution to national economy as well. With the observation of all these interests occurred in literature, we ask two main questions to find out some insights from developing countries:

1. What are the challenges of primate cities in developing countries?: competitiveness, attractiveness, changing economy and built-environment, dualism, inequalities, spatial/social segregation, environmental issues etc.
2. What are the opportunities of second tier cities in developing countries?: competitiveness, attractiveness, changing economy and built-environment, inequalities, dependence, sustainability, self-sufficiency, shadow effect, accessibility, complementarity etc.

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