



## Advanced Brainstorm Carrefour (ABC)

**Theme:**  
**Big Data, Artificial Intelligence and Smart Cities**

**Host:**

**North American Regional Science Council Conference (NARSC), 2018**  
**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7 – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2018**

***The Regional Science Academy (TRSA):* Special Academic Session (SAS)**  
**Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 8:00 AM -5:00 PM**

**Venue:**

**The Hyatt Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, USA**

**Room: Llano**

## Scientific Programme of the ABC

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

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- 8:00 AM Coffee/Refreshments
- 8:50 **Peter Nijkamp** – Greeting and introduction to the program
- Chair: **Peter Nijkamp**
- 9:00 **Raj Kulkarni, Laurie Schintler & Roger Stough**– Blockchains and Regional Economic Development
- 9:45 **Geoffrey Hewings** - Small is Still Beautiful
- 10:30 **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 **Karima Kourtit** – City Love is in the Air – A Body and Soul Analysis
- 11:30 **Terry Clower** – Infrastructure, Smart Cities and Rural Economic Development
- 12:00 **Laurie Schintler** – What if we Asked Claude Shannon and Herbert Simon to Design the Most Intelligent City Ever?
- 12:30 **Zhenhua Chen** – Evaluating On-time Performance of Transportation Systems Using Big Data and Artificial Intelligence
- 13:00 **Lunch to be provided**
- Chair: **Karima Kourtit**
- 14:00 **Elizabeth Mack** – Artificial Intelligence and Entrepreneurship
- 14:30 **Bill Bowen** – State and Local Level Energy Sector Impacts of the American Reinvestment and Recovery 2009-2013
- 15:00 **Peter Nijkamp** – The Economics of *Dolce Far Niente*
- 15:30 **Coffee Break**
- 16:00 Discussion on the Day's presentations
- 17:00 Closure and way forward