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Call for Papers - Special Session

Trade, Transportation, and Global Supply Chains: Spatial Perspectives

We invite submissions for the special session "Trade, Transportation, and Global Supply Chains: Regional and Spatial Perspectives" at the 2025 North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) conference.

Global and regional supply chains have become central to understanding how regions grow, adapt, or decline. Disruptions, from pandemics and port congestion to geopolitical tensions and food system shocks, have revealed the spatial fragility of these networks and their uneven impacts across regions. Yet, despite their spatial complexity and importance, trade and logistics remain underexplored within the core of regional science.

This session calls for a renewed agenda that places transportation, logistics, and supply chains at the center of spatial analysis and policy debates. We welcome theoretical, empirical, and policy-oriented contributions examining how these systems shape regional development, spatial inequality, urban-rural dynamics, and cross-border integration, drawing from fields such as regional economics, geography, transportation, and agricultural economics.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Regional economic impacts of supply chain disruptions and global trade reconfigurations
- Transportation networks, freight accessibility, and spatial inequality across regions
- Food and agricultural supply chains, rural-urban linkages, and regional food security
- Urban logistics, e-commerce expansion, and land use transformation
- Infrastructure investment, trade facilitation, and regional economic development
- Ports, land and maritime flows, and intermodal transportation in regional connectivity
- Methodological innovations (e.g., spatial econometrics, GIS, network analysis)

To participate in this session, please submit your abstract via the NARSC portal: https://www.narsc.org/newsite/conference/online-abstractsession-submission/

Once you receive your submission ID (e.g., P54321), please email it along with your abstract and paper title to Paul Jung at Paul.Jung@inha.ac.kr.

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If you are also interested in serving as a presenter or discussant, or have questions about our session, please feel free to contact us.