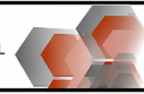




THE REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL



Call for Papers – 38th Annual Regional/Rural Development Sessions

73rd Annual Meeting of the R S A I

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Nov. 11-14, 2026

<https://www.narsc.org/newsite/conference/>

We are delighted to solicit papers for the 38th rendition of our regular Regional/Rural Development sessions. Past papers and session topics have included the following themes among others:

- Regional/rural labor and financial markets
- Regional/rural entrepreneurship, including links to urban and metropolitan markets
- Demographic evolutions in rural regions and implications for development
- Evolving issues in regional/rural development, such as health care and immigration
- Contributions of institutional structures to regional/rural development
- Regional/rural competitiveness, including measures of such competitiveness
- Cross-national/international experiences
- Public finance

To participate in the Regional/Rural Development Sessions: Presenters submit their paper to the conference via the regular NARSC submission portal (<https://narsc.mymeetingsavvy.net/login>). **When your paper has been assigned its unique ID/P-code, please fill out this form (<https://forms.gle/Er5182q6oRXPkvyC7>)** We will use this information to develop our sessions. The last day we can accept submissions for these special sessions is ***July 15***.

One presenter in the Regional/Rural Development sessions will be awarded the **Stephan Weiler Award for Research Excellence in Regional/Rural Development**. To be considered for the award, an extended abstract or paper introduction (~1000 words) and early abstract submissions (**June 15th**) is required. Semi-finalists will be selected based on career stage (preference for junior status), novelty/uniqueness of the research, strength and appropriateness of the theory/data/methods, the potential for the results to be impactful, and quality of writing/clarity. Finalists will present their papers in the same session during NARSC, and a winner will be named at the NARSC Awards Luncheon on Friday. For more details see: <https://publish.illinois.edu/sarahalow/exceed-ced/weiler-award/>

With best wishes,

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