

**20** | **IX CONGRESS OF THE**  
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AND SUSTAINABILITY  
KEYS FOR REGIONAL SPACES**

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FIRST CIRCULAR (November 2023)

In collaboration with: Department of Physical Geography and Regional  
Geographical Analysis, University of Seville.

Venue: Faculty of Geography and History, University of Seville

Dates: Thursday 3 and Friday 4 October 2024



# PRESENTATION

The 9th Congress of the Regional Studies Group (AGE) aims to be a place for meeting, reflection, and discussion on research into the topics of territory, intelligence, and sustainability. From a regional perspective, it will focus on the keys to the processes and results that can make the territory increasingly intelligent and sustainable, as well as on the methodological contributions that measure, assess, and explain these processes and results.

Since the end of the 20th century, concern for the sustainability of the planet has been growing, and we are currently focused on achieving the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set out in the 2030 Agenda, which was approved in 2015. At the same time, an information society has developed, within which the large majority of the population establishes relations, in political, economic, social, administrative, labour, and consumer terms, through information and communication technologies (ICT). Likewise, the growing digitalisation of society is giving rise to the concept of the "smart territory", a sustainable territory that provides, with the use of ICT and emerging technologies, a high quality of life for its inhabitants. This is facilitated through optimal management of the territory's resources, and knowledge-based decision-making based on its dynamics. The concept of territorial intelligence can be seen at a local, urban level with "smart cities", but it is also being applied to the rural environment in so-called "smart villages". At a regional scale (sub-national spatial level), the European Union adopts a territorial approach to smart specialisation in the Regional Innovation Systems (RIS).

The development of smart territories involves a wide range of variables from distinct domains (political, economic, infrastructural, social, and technological). It is a process that develops a strategic vision characterised by the identification of the domains of greatest strategic potential; the development of multi-stakeholder governance mechanisms; the establishment of priorities; and the use of supportive policies to maximise the potential for knowledge-based development. Within this context, this 9th Congress welcomes scientific contributions on the following principal themes:

- 1.- Smart territories and innovation.
- 2.- Governance, development, and sustainability: SDGs and Agenda 2030
- 3.- International cooperation, planning and social development: the new knowledge societies.

These will cover key issues, such as those listed below:

- Sustainable economic development: transformation, innovation, and new challenges of economic activities.
- Governance: territorial planning and management. Agenda 2030 and SDGs.
- Knowledge, Innovation, ICT, Artificial Intelligence, Information Society.
- Environmental challenges: energy, water, silent pollution. Environmental resilience and adaptation.
- New knowledge societies, smarter and more sustainable social metamorphosis.
- Smart and sustainable infrastructures.

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# PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

## THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2024

Faculty of Geography and History, University of Seville

**9:00** Reception of participants

**9:30** Institutional presentation

**9:30** Presentation 1

*"Geographic Information Technologies in the design of intelligent and sustainable territories"*

ANA NIETO MASOT. Lecturer in Human Geography. University of Extremadura, Spain

**11:30** Coffee break

**12:00** Presentation 2

*"The role of the entrepreneurial ecosystem in large EU cities"*

LARA PENCO. Full professor, Department of Economics, University of Genoa, Italy

**13:30** Working lunch

**15:30** Defence of contributions (parallel sessions)

**17:15** Coffee break

**17:45** Defence of contributions (parallel sessions)

**19:30** Guided walk through the historic centre of Seville

**21:00** Dinner



## FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 2024

9.30pm Field trip. Vía Verde de La Sierra.

13.15pm Assembly of the Regional Studies Group (members). Aperitif in Olvera\*

14.15pm Lunch in Zahara de la Sierra\*

18.00pm Arrival in Seville

\*provisional activities

# SCHEDULE. IMPORTANT DATES

## 2023

### 01

December

First Circular sent

### 07

December

Registration begins

### 18

December

Second Circular sent

## 2024

### 15

January

Deadline for  
submission of short  
abstracts

### 29

January

Communication of  
acceptance of short abstracts

### 22

March

Deadline for full text  
submissions

### 13

May

Acceptance or revision  
report issued for full text

### 03

June

Deadline for revised  
full text to be  
resubmitted

### 24

June

Communication of  
acceptance of the revised text

### 01

July

Registration period  
with reduced fee  
ends

### 15

July

Registration period  
with normal fee ends

### 09

September

Third Circular sent

### 3-4

October

Congress takes place

# PUBLICATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS

After peer review, the long abstracts (1,500-2,000 words) of the accepted papers will be published in a Proceedings Book with the ISBN of the Spanish Association of Geography (AGE).

Those contributions selected by the Scientific Committee, after they have been peer-reviewed and then defended at the Congress, will be proposed for expansion to be published either:

a. in **article format**, in the *Revista de Estudios Andaluces (Journal of Andalusian Studies)*, indexed in the database of the Web of Science Emerging Sources Citation Index, JIF-WoS 0, 5-Q3 and Class A in B1/11-ANVUR. They must conform to the publication rules of the journal and pass the established evaluation process (double-blind peer review).

or

b. as a **book chapter** in a monograph indexed in a Scholarly Publishers Indicators (SPI). They must conform to its publication rules.

## RULES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

### Pre-registration and brief summary.

The author/s must initially specify, in their pre-registration: the title of the paper; the key words of the text (3-6), preferably not already used in the title; and an abstract in Spanish and English, which should be around 250-300 words, including: proposal and state of the issue; methodology; main results; and conclusions, following the established template.

### Long summary.

Subsequently, once the short abstract has been accepted, and on the date mentioned in the calendar, the full abstract will be submitted in Spanish or English. This should be between 1,500-2,000 words, with the usual structure of a scientific document: introduction, methodology, results, discussion, conclusions, and references.

The text of the proposed contribution must be sent in a single Word document (.docx), following the established template, including tables, maps, and figures (diagrams, graphs, and photographs), in A4 page size with 3cm margins, in single-spaced, fully justified, 12-point Calibri font, except for the title of the paper (in 14-point capital letters). Paragraphs should not be indented and should be single-spaced. Headings must be numerical with a maximum of two orders, according to the following guidelines: Arabic numerals and bold (12 point), in upper case for the first order and lower case for the second (e.g.: 2., 2.1.). Tables, maps, and figures (diagrams, graphs, and photographs) should not account for more than 20% of the total contribution.

Tables, maps, and figures (diagrams, graphs, and photographs) should be inserted into the text in the appropriate place, in Word format, with Arabic numerals and a brief title in Calibri 12-point Roman font. Figures (diagrams, graphs, and photographs) must be presented in a form suitable for direct reproduction. In all cases, the font should be Calibri 10-point Roman. References and citations must conform to APA7 standards in their 2018 version.

# REGISTRATION FEES

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	Until 1 July 2024	Until 15 July 2024
Members of the Regional Studies Working Group	150 €	170 €
Other GSA partners and collaborating international organisations	180 €	200 €
Student members of the GAA*.	50 €	100€
Non-member students and the unemployed	80 €	130 €
Other interested parties	200 €	220 €
Companions entitled to materials and activities**.	80 €	100€

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\* Those registering in this category must provide proof of enrolment in university studies (Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate).

\*\* Accompanying persons have lunch and dinner included.

\*\*\* At least one signatory and presenter of each paper must be registered at the Congress.

Registration for the Congress includes:

- Coffee on 3 and 4 October.
- Lunch on 3 and 4 October.
- Dinner on 3 October.
- Bus transport and field trip activities on 4 October 2024.
- Publication of the long abstract of the accepted papers, after peer review, in a Proceedings Book that will be published with ISBN of the Spanish Association of Geography (AGE).



# METHOD OF PAYMENT

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In the Second Circular (scheduled for 18 December 2023), instructions for the payment of the corresponding registration fee will be sent to each interested party.

## Registration and information

 <https://bit.ly/IXCongresoGER>  
since december 7

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