

# IX Regional Studies Group (A.G.E.)

CONGRESO

Seville, 3-4 October 2024

## Third Circular

# TERRITORY INTELLIGENCE & SUSTAINABILITY

## Keys for regional spaces

1<sup>st</sup> International Congress of the Regional Studies Group (AGE)

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Seville, Thursday 3 and Friday 4 October 2024  
THIRD CIRCULAR (September 2024)

In collaboration with: Faculty of Geography and History, Department of Physical Geography and Regional Geographical Analysis, University of Seville, and Società Italiana di Management-SIMA.

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), First International Congress of the Group, 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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# PROGRAMME

## THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2024

Faculty of Geography and History, University of Seville

- 9:00** Reception of participants. Entrance, Sala Carriazo.
- 9:30** Institutional presentation. Sala Carriazo.
- 10:00** Presentation 1. Sala Carriazo.  
“Smart and Sustainable Territories: Some Contributions of Geographic Information Technologies.”  
ANA NIETO MASOT. Lecturer in Human Geography. University of Extremadura, Spain
- 11:00** Coffee break
- 11:30** Presentation 2. Sala Carriazo.  
“*The role of the entrepreneurial ecosystem in large EU cities*”  
LARA PENCO. Full professor, Department of Economics, University of Genoa, Italy
- 12:30** Ordinary Assembly of the Regional Studies Group of the A.G.E. Sala Carriazo (only members of the group).  
Guided Tour of the Tobacco Factory, currently University of Seville (rest of the participants in the Congress).
- 13:45** Lunch
- 15:30** Defence of contributions:  
Key Theme 1. Session 1. Aula XXXIV.  
Key Themes 2 and 3. Session 1. Seminario III.
- 17:15** Coffee break
- 17:45** Defence of contributions:  
Key Theme 1. Session 2. Aula XXXIV.  
Key Themes 2 and 3. Session 2. Seminario III.
- 19:45** Guided walk through the historic centre of Seville
- 21:00** Dinner



## FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 2024

- 9.30** Field trip to Vía Verde de La Sierra, by Drs. Jesús Ventura Fernández and Gustavo Contreras Cabrera.
- 14.00** Lunch in Olvera (Cádiz).
- 18.00** Arrival in Seville.

# 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.

# REGISTRATION

Registration for the Congress is closed and includes:

Coffee on 3 October.

Lunch on 3 and 4 October.

Dinner on 3 October.

Bus transport and field trip activities on 4 October 2024.

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# MORE INFORMATION

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