

The Regional Science Academy



Special Academic Session (SAS)

Host:

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The Regional Science Academy (TRSA)

SAS date: Friday, 1 September, 2023, at 08:55-15:45 (local time)

Theme:

**Is the New Economic Geography (NEG) still Alive and Well in 2023?
Smart Algorithmic Places and Artificial Intelligent Systems**

Location & Room:

University of Alicante
(Aulario II Building)
Carretera San Vicente del Raspeig s/n
03690 San Vicente del Raspeig
Alicante, Spain
<https://www.ua.es/en/>
Meeting room: TBA

Zoom meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88100285742?pwd=UkhJSXl3VzJSaTg5RmhHaWhyM0tUdz09>

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Organizers:

Paul Krugman
Peter Nijkamp
Karima Kourtit
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08:55 – 09:00

**Welcome and Introduction to ABC: Peter Batey, President,
The Regional Science Academy (TRSA)**

SESSION A

09:00 – 10:30

Chair: Peter Nijkamp

'Locations' in Digital Age: The Economic Geography is not Dead

Abdul Shaban

*Asking AI to Describe your Neighborhood - a Source of Bullshit or a Suitable
Approach for Data Generation*

John Östh, Umut Turk, Karima Kourtit & Peter Nijkamp

A Territorial Approach to Post-Covid Recovery and Resilience in the EU:

Institutional Quality Relevance in the Green and Digital Transition

Alexandru Banica

Pathologies in the Self-Organization of Cities

Dani Broitman & Danny Czamanski

10:30 – 11:00

COFFEE BREAK

SESSION B

11:00 – 12:25

Chair: Andres Rodriguez-Pose

Smart City Ecosystems Integrating Human, Collective and Artificial Intelligence:

Lessons from MaaS

Nicos Komninos

Exploring the Combinatorics and Spatial Distribution of Novelty in AI Inventions

Deborah Strumsky

Is ChatGPT Really Replacing Cognitive Jobs?

Laurie Schintler & Ting Zang

SESSION C

12:25 – 13:15

GREAT MINDS IN REGIONAL SCIENCE

Chair: **Peter Batey**, President, *The Regional Science Academy (TRSA)*

TRSA (The Regional Science Academy) Great Minds in Regional Science

lecture, by **Bjorn Harsman** and **Folke Snickars** on: The Scientific Significance of **Ake Andersson**.

13:15 – 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

SESSION D

14:00 – 15:15

Chair: **Peter Batey & Karima Kourtit**

Introduction to the theme ‘*New Perspectives on the Space Economy*’

Peter Nijkamp

Is the New Economic Geography (NEG) still Alive and Well in 2023?

Paul Krugman

Engines of Opportunities

Edward Glaeser

15-Minute City: Urban Intelligence, Sustainability & Resilience

Carlos Moreno

SESSION E

15:15 – 15:40

Roundtable Discussion, on:

Is the New Economic Geography (NEG) still Alive and Well in 2023?

Chairs: **Karima Kourtit** and **Peter Batey**

Panelists:

Paul Krugman

Edward Glaeser

Carlos Moreno

Peter Nijkamp

Laurie Schintler

15:40 - 15:45

Closing Words