

CALL FOR PAPERS

THE SIXTH ASIAN SEMINAR IN REGIONAL SCIENCE

Theme
**CROSS-FERTILIZATION OF IDEAS AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
IN THE GLOBALIZING WORLD**

Tohoku University
Sendai, Japan
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Organized by:
Applied Regional Science Conference
Chinese Regional Science Association – Taiwan
Korean Regional Science Association
Regional Science Association of China

BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

Regional Science plays a more and more important role in these decades featured by broadening, deepening, and speeding up of globalization. The enhancement of knowledge and technologies asks for more suitable techniques in regional science. Furthermore, the changes brought upon the need for people from various fields that were not involved in Regional Science before, rendering the field truly multi-disciplinary. Initiated as a field of human geography, it winds up including people from varying disciplines such as engineering, planning, economy, geography and environmental studies. In a multidiscipline field such as Regional Science the exchange of ideas and research within the field is deemed to be necessary. It is this multi-disciplinary approach that helps to facilitate new theoretical insights for tackling regional problems. It fosters better codification of methods and exchange of frontier ideas. The combination of knowledge of an industry and knowledge of theory is inevitable if it is to establish credibility. For without it, efficient communication is restricted.

With recent trend in globalization and cross border activities, promoting international collaboration is essential. Asian regional science organizations currently lack of such alliance and exchange of ideas and research. This joint seminar is set upon with the aim to serve as a platform for cross-fertilization of ideas among scholars and policy makers. In particular, the exchange of ideas and research among Asian countries and regions is promoted. This will definitely accelerate the development of regional science and benefit all regions in the globalizing world.

Topics of interest in this Joint Seminar on Applied Regional Science include (but not limited to):

1. Spatial Economics
2. Economic Geography
3. Interregional and International Trade

4. Transportation
5. Asian Regional and Urban Problems
6. Regional Development
7. Location of Economic Activities
8. Housing
9. Regional and Urban Planning
10. Environmental Quality
11. Local Public Finance
12. Migration and Demographic Analysis

OBJECTIVES

Key objectives of the conference are:

- To foster exchange of ideas and research experience in the field of Regional Science among scholars and policy makers of Asian countries and regions.
- To establish a formal collaboration relationship among regional science associations in Asian countries.
- To promote interaction between researchers and policy makers of Asian countries.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE CONFERENCE?

- Regional science educators.
- Researchers in regional science, trade, engineering, planning, transportation, economy, geography, the environment, etc.
- Professionals and consultants from the construction industry.
- Financiers, bankers, lawyers and policy makers.
- Graduate students
- Others normally associated with regional science

LANGUAGE

- The official language of the conference is English

CONFERENCE VENUE

- Graduate School of Information Sciences, Tohoku University, Japan
(Aramaki aza Aoba 6-3-09, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi, 980-8579 Japan)
http://www.is.tohoku.ac.jp/_eng/access/index.html

CALL FOR EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

Authors are invited to submit abstracts, relating to the conference themes. The abstract should be written in English (in MS word or PDF format only)

All abstracts should be structured as follows:

- **Title:** The title should be short, preferably less than 15 words.
- **Author(s):** Provide contact details for the authors including names, surnames, organization/company, phone/fax no., e-mail and full postal address.
- **Keywords:** Provide up to 5 keywords.
- **Background:** Short summary of relevant background and problem addressed.
- **Objectives:** Define the “tangible and measurable” objectives of the work presented in the paper.
- **Methodology:** Describe briefly the methodology that you are using or have

used to achieve your objectives.

- **Results:** Provide a short summary of the results.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 30, 2016 Deadline for submission of abstracts
August 31, 2016 Deadline for full papers.

Abstract should be sent to the Organizing Committee via e-mail to
seminar2016@se.is.tohoku.ac.jp

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Member: 15,000 yen
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