



## Call for papers - Special Session on **Regional Impacts of International Migration**

We are pleased to invite you to contribute papers for a Special Session on **Regional Impacts of International Migration**, which we will organize at the 11th RSAI World Congress on April 25-28, 2016. The RSAI World Congress will take place in Istanbul (Turkey) and will be a major international event.

International migration has a profound effect on regional and urban economies; and has been extensively analyzed from different economic viewpoints in recent years. Given persistent growth in the number of people living abroad, the debate on the local external effects of international migration intensified during the last decade, both in the scientific literature and in the public domain. The public debate has focused particularly on the large influx of refugees and unskilled economic migrants in specific regions in the Middle-East and in Europe, and on undocumented migration into specific states within the US. The scientific literature continues to focus predominantly on the skills and educational composition of migrant groups and their impact on the local economy. This special session aims to bridge both discourses by addressing various aspects of international migration with a specific emphasis on the impact on the local, regional or urban economy. Most notably, we welcome papers concerning the regional and urban variation in international migration issues.

### **Pertinent issues that may be covered are (but are not necessarily limited to):**

- What is the impact of refugee placement on communities in peripheral areas?
- To what extent do place characteristics affect immigrant integration? Additionally, is there a specific need for place-based policies regarding immigrant integration and what spatial level is the most appropriate for immigrant integration analysis?
- Could international migration spur local productivity externalities by bringing in complementary (tacit) knowledge or skills?
- What is the effect of high-skilled migration on local income inequalities, also taking into account possible skills mismatch and overeducation?
- Could regional population aging problems be offset by spatially selective international migration?
- How does international migration impact on the finances of local authorities and local budgets regarding public facilities and infrastructure?
- Can regions benefit from strong networks and linkages with their expats and diasporas?

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**Submitting an abstract**

This session specifically calls for empirical contributions looking at regional impacts both within and across countries. The deadline for the abstracts is **15<sup>th</sup> of December 2015**. Abstracts must be submitted at the RSAI Istanbul conference website <http://2016worldcongress.regionalscience.org>. Please also submit the abstracts and papers to [c.ozgen@vu.nl](mailto:c.ozgen@vu.nl).