

**12th World Congress of the Regional Science Association International “Spatial Systems: Social Integration, Regional Development and Sustainability”  
29th May - 1st June 2018, Goa, India**



**Conference Overview<sup>2</sup>**

In 29<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018, the 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI) will be held in Goa, India. RSAI is an international community of scholars, which was founded in 1954 and focuses on the regional impacts of the processes of economic and social change.

The upcoming World Congress titled “*Spatial Systems: Social Integration, Regional Development and Sustainability*” will welcome regional scientists, practitioners and researchers in the field of regional science and its aim is to act as source of inspiration for young students and scholars by creating an attractive network, to promote the exchange of knowledge and the interaction among the participants and overall to create an environment that encourages the research community. Having in mind that regional science concentrates on the achievement of a sustainable future via a better understanding of the notion of ‘region’ as a special unit, this Congress focuses on the needs of development across the regions as spatial entities. The sub-themes of the Congress, such as the “big data for regional science”, the “environmental issues”, the “innovation and entrepreneurship” and the “migration and labor markets”, are expected to be a motivation platform for further discussion and debates.

The sub-themes will be aimed at providing a platform for debates and discussions around the key issues of contemporary regional science and carve out the way to future research agenda. Furthermore, lectures, scientific and themed sessions as well as workshops will be a vital part of the upcoming Congress. Some of the special sessions include the topics of water management in South Asia, a spatial analysis regarding the transition from neural computing to deep learning and analytical approaches to climate change at multiple scales.

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