

**57th ERSА CONGRESS Social Progress for Resilient Regions  
29 August - 1 September 2017 Groningen, The Netherlands**



**Conference Overview<sup>3</sup>**

The 57th ERSА Congress will take place in Groningen (Netherlands) in 29 August - 1 September 2017. In a world of rapid economic and technological change, resilient regions with sustainable socio-economic structures and institutions are more important than ever for social progress and development. The ERSА congress “Social Progress for Resilient Regions” will host a large variety of themes in spatial, regional and urban economics, economic geography and regional policy topics like local governance and institutions.

The core theme of the congress is ‘Social progress for resilient regions’, but the congress covers all fields in Regional Science. In addition to the general themes, a limited set of Special Sessions will be organized. The Special Sessions address specific and topical themes in Regional Science.

Some of the main themes are: Social Progress for Resilient Regions (Resilience, Well-being, Inequality, Segregation, Poverty), Regional Economic Development, Regional or Urban Labour Markets, Migration, Commuting or Mobility, Infrastructure, Transportation or Accessibility, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Benefits of Agglomeration, Education, Tourism, Regional or Urban Policy, Real Estate and Housing, Regional Finance, Investment or Capital Markets, Methods in Regional Science or Urban Economics, Location of Economic Activity and Environmental Issues or Sustainable Development.

Finally, some of the Special Sessions are: Regional Resilience in the face of Natural Disasters and Climate Change (in association with the Waddenacademie), Urban Disasters and Resilience Policies of Cities, The Impact of Earthquakes on Regional Housing Markets and Regional Economic Development, Smart Rural Development and Beyond, Regional and Urban Perspectives on Individual Well-Being and Are Cities more Productive but less Inclusive? (in association with European Commission).

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<sup>3</sup> Conference overview by Christos Genitsaropoulos, RSI Journal