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DISPUTED TERRITORIES
UNCERTAIN GEOECONOMICS AND
GEOPOLITICAL SCENARIOS

In memory of Dr. Sergio González-López, RII Coordinator 1999-2023

November 13 to 15, 2024, Bahía Blanca, Argentina

HYBRID MODE

**Second Call
for papers**

BACKGROUND

The **Iberoamerican Network of Researchers on Globalization and Territory (RII)** –today under the generic term "research"– was established in 1994 during a seminar held in Pereira, Colombia. Its objective was to create a space for systematic analysis and debate on the restructuring processes (economic, productive, social, political and institutional) that were occurring at different local, regional and urban scales in Iberoamerican countries. In this new structural context, marked by globalization and the technological revolution, the issues addressed included changes in the territorial distribution of economic activities and population, regional and/or local inequalities in terms of social quality and welfare, the diffusion and adoption of technological innovations in different geographical areas, as well as new forms of public management at the territorial level.

RII has developed a research agenda that has advanced and broadened theoretical and analytical perspectives in relation to the consequences of restructuring in Iberoamerican territories. This has been achieved by recognizing the dynamics and tensions in subnational territories within the global logics of accumulation. In this sense, the **RII** has organized seventeen seminars in different places: Pereira, Colombia (1994); Santiago de Chile, Chile (1995); La Rábida, Spain (1996); Bogotá, Colombia (1998); Toluca, Mexico (1999); Rosario, Argentina (2001); Camagüey, Cuba (2002); Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2004); Bahía Blanca, Argentina (2006); Querétaro, Mexico (2008); Mendoza, Argentina (2010); Belo Horizonte, Brazil (2012); Salvador, Brazil (2014); Monterrey, Mexico (2016); Santiago de Chile, Chile (2018); Blumenau, Brazil (2020) and Toluca, Mexico (2022).

Thirty years later, the thematic agenda of the **RII** is confronted with processes and phenomena unfolding in global capitalism that require a critical approach and debate. Among the various manifestations of this dispute, issues such as the proliferation of nuclear weapons, armed conflicts and struggles for hegemony, large-scale migration, concentration of income and wealth, climate change and global warming, the advance of scientific and technological knowledge, the expansion of insecurity in the digital sphere and concerns related to job stability stand out.

With the aim of giving continuity to the thematic challenges that are at the genesis of the network, the **XVIII Seminar of the RII**, entitled "Disputed Territories: Uncertain geoeconomics and geopolitical scenarios", is being held at the National University of the South, located in Bahía Blanca, Argentina. The meeting will be held at **Universidad Nacional del Sur**, located in **Bahía Blanca, Argentina**. This academic institution has benefited from the theoretical and methodological debates generated within the **RII** since the late 1990s, particularly its graduate programs, such as the Master's in Territorial Development and Management and the PhD in Geography.



In memory of **Dr. Sergio González López**, who coordinated the Seminar for 24 years, we celebrate the XVIII edition of the RII Seminar. His legacy lives on in the solid network of experts in urban, regional and territorial studies in Ibero-America that he helped to consolidate. During his tenure, he contributed significantly to the strengthening and linking of graduate programs in the area, as well as to the consolidation of specialized journals. This seminar is dedicated to honor his tireless work and his profound impact on our academic community.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

On this occasion, priority will be given to research that addresses the analysis of the main transformations and uncertainties at the global and national levels, whose effects on the urban and territorial sphere may have a significant influence on our region. These transformations include, the following stand out:

1. The new dynamics and geopolitics, as well as their consequences in the context of the predominant forces in the current phase of capitalism, characterized by financialization, technological advances and the reconfiguration of the international division of labor.
2. The global climate crisis, as an essential component that aggravates the exploitation and use of resources, such as land, landscapes, soils and historical heritage. Emphasis is placed on the geographical areas of the region that are affected by these processes.
3. Territorial inequality, resulting from accumulated imbalances in infrastructure, access to essential services and productive capacities, among other aspects. These disparities manifest themselves at different scales and give rise to various development gaps, ranging from economic and social inequalities to environmental and gender issues.
4. Crises and transformations in urban and metropolitan environments, with an essential focus on processes related to the real estate sector, population mobility in large cities and urban governance.
5. The new structural challenges facing Iberoamerican countries, including manufacturing modernization and technological competition in the face of re-primarization, deindustrialization and denationalization. It also addresses issues such as labor segmentation, precariousness and exclusion in the labor market, and gender inequality and perspective.

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Postulation of contributions in any of the five working groups

Group 1.

Multiscale dimensions of new geopolitical and geoeconomics trends

Group 2.

Global processes and techno-productive transformations.

Group 3.

Climate crisis, environmental risk and territorial vulnerability.

Group 4.

Contemporary Urban Processes and Socio-territorial Inequalities

Group 5.

Land Use Planning and Public Policies

Mentoring sessions for graduate students on specific topics

In order to encourage graduate student participation, several professors, experts in different specialties, will offer tutoring sessions on specific topics. Certificates of participation will be offered,

The tutoring sessions will be publicized on the RII web page in due course.

XIV RIPPET, postgraduate meeting

Meeting of people who coordinate, direct or manage postgraduate programs on territorial, urban and regional issues, including poster presentations on the participating postgraduate programs. The topic will be "Strategies for the integration of academic resources in postgraduate training."

XI RIER, meeting of journals

Meeting of people who coordinate, edit or manage journals on territorial, urban and regional topics. The theme will be digital publishing and the challenges and potential of Artificial Intelligence. It includes a Pecha Kucha session to present challenges of the participating journals.





Group 1.

Multiscale dimensions of new geopolitical and geoeconomics trends

- 1.1 **Global economic and geopolitical changes:** Historical perspective of space and the reconfiguration of the postmodern world order. Structural problems of Iberoamerican and dependence. Political and territorial difficulties for regional integration. Opportunities and challenges in the current context.
- 1.2 **The geopolitics of climate change and green transition:** Geopolitics of natural resources and biodiversity. The Amazon, clean energies, lithium reserves in Latin America. Geopolitical orders and energy orders. Geopolitics of energy transition.
- 1.3 **Asian expansion and the regressive integration of Latin America:** Territorial dispute of the great powers. The Chinese Belt and Road project and Latin America: opportunities and risks. The BRICS and their impact on global geopolitics

Group 2.

Global processes and techno-productive transformations

- 2.1 **Implications of techno-productive transformations:** Technological disruption generated by advances such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), 5G-4G technologies and the Internet of Things. Economic, socio-labor, political, ethical and territorial repercussions, especially in the periphery of the modern world system. Desynchronization between technological developments and the capacities of societies to perceive, process and regulate them. Gender perspective.
- 2.2 **Global value chains and territorial tensions:** Global value chains and tensions arising in terms of geographical location and territorial distribution in the context of global processes and techno-productive transformations. De-localizing dynamics and the role of the peripheries of the world system.
- 2.3 **Organizational and spatial strategies:** New organizational and spatial strategies derived from global processes and techno-productive transformations in key sectors such as agriculture and industry. Dynamics of concentration of productive resources. The financialization of agriculture and its consequences.

Group 3.

Climate crisis, environmental risk and territorial vulnerability.

- 3.1 **Climate crisis and socio-environmental conflicts:** The global social production of goods and its socio-environmental consequences in the territory, from the global to the local. Environmentally vulnerable territories and localized socio-environmental conflicts. Irruption of intra- and extra-regional migrations and environmental conflicts. Processes of transformation of inhospitable soils into soils suitable for agriculture and cattle raising. Quality of life and environment: between social content and environmental continent.
- 3.2 **Commodification of nature and conflicts:** Land use change and agricultural expansion. Economies dependent on natural resources. Commodification of nature, natural habitat degradation and socio-environmental conflicts. The role of the State and citizenship.
- 3.3 **Climate neutrality: renewable energies, sectoral decarbonization and citizenship:** The role of renewable energies, diversification of energy sources and decentralization of generation. Decarbonization of economic sectors and new business niches. The role of citizenship: the right to produce, consume, store and sell one's own energy.





THEMATIC GROUPS



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Group 4.

Contemporary Urban Processes and Socio-territorial Inequalities

- 4.1 **Contemporary urban processes:** contemporary challenges of cities, financialization of urban development and commodification of space. Urban reterritorialization and reconfiguration processes: evolution of centralities, consolidated and emerging spaces; territorial fragmentation and segregation, migrations and socio-territorial exclusion. New functions for urban spaces.
- 4.2 **Urban transformations in the digital age:** Influences of digital technology, including the concept of smart cities, on the planning, development and management of cities, and how this affects the distribution of resources and services.
- 4.3 **Gentrification and displacement:** Processes and effects of gentrification on urban communities. Strategies to mitigate the displacement of low-income residents. The role of the State.

Group 5.

Land Use Planning and Public Policy

- 5.1 **Land use planning and intervention instruments:** The state of planning in Ibero-America. Diagnoses and scenarios to address territorial imbalances derived from economic, social and environmental transformations: global warming in the territories, risk of natural disasters, overcrowding and migration to large cities in search of greater equity.
- 5.2 **Public policies, multilevel governance of territorial policy:** Proposals for strengthening institutions and resizing the role of the State, strategies for coordinating sectoral policies according to jurisdictional levels, citizen involvement in decision making, tactics of social movements to influence public policies, such as environmental, feminist, LGBTTTi, migrant and defenders of those displaced by violence movements, creation and consolidation of community social networks to generate consensual public management actions.
- 5.3 **Public policies related to affordable housing and quality of life for residents:** Policies and practices related to affordable housing and quality of life for residents. Strategies to address housing shortages and equity in access to land with emphasis on their impact on gender equality and access to basic services. Urban designs to avoid overcrowding, design and provision of public green spaces, sustainable mobility and resilient infrastructure. Right to the city. Sectoral policies such as employment, health, food security, among others.

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CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS

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IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for submission of abstracts (already extended)	until July 15, 2024
Deadline for notification of evaluation results	September 1st, 2024
Deadline for submission of the extended document and presentation	October 20, 2024.



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