

**Special Session:  
Creative Regions: Cultural and Creative Industries & Regional  
Development**

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**Call for papers**

The special session aims to explore the role of cultural and creative industries in regional development. It aims to address trends, challenges and issues around the development of the creative and cultural industries at the local and regional level, fostering a multi-disciplinary debate among researchers.

Some of the key themes that will be addressed by the session are:

- The role of creative industries in urban regeneration and regional economies;
- Local dynamics of interactions among creative industries and practitioners;
- The role of policy frameworks and initiatives to support the sector.

Case studies are welcome as well as papers addressing methodological issues in measuring and evaluating the impact of the sector.

We would like to invite you to participate in this special session (s) by submitting a paper. **The deadline for the abstracts is 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2010 and for finished papers 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2010.** Abstract and papers can be submitted directly via the ERSA website (but please inform us if you would like to be included in this session), or you can submit the abstract directly to us.

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