

ERSA 2010 Call for papers

Special session: **Regional city – reproduction and transformation of place in regional planning**

In the last few decades the development of society has in a substantial way transformed regional economic, social and spatial structures, leading to concepts such as Functional Urban Regions, Metropolitan Regions and Regional Cities. For an increasing number of people the daily life operates simultaneously at two scales – a super-structural scale – the Regional City – and a sub-structural scale – the local place. A Regional City provides a framework that contributes to shape local places physically and socially, and, at the same time, the physical and social character of various local places build-up and constitute the Regional City. For example, commuting potential makes it possible for people to live in one place and work in another. Depending of their spatial pattern of activities (e.g. shopping, recreation and communal activities) within the Regional City, they will contribute in different ways to the reproduction and transformation of the physical and social settings that constitute local places. Regional policy and, thus, much of previous research concerning this societal development has been preoccupied with effects on the regional level, e.g. demographic change and regional economic development. How the transformation on the regional level affects local places, in physical and social senses, e.g. regarding development of built structures and the social use of local environments, has not been studied explicitly to the same extent.

At the ERSA 2010 congress we intend to explore how local places are reproduced and transformed in the Regional City. Hence, the comprehensive question asked is, what is the consequences and effects on physical development and social use of local places, resulting from the development and planning on the regional level.

We would like to invite you to participate in this special session by contributing a paper. We are hoping that we can receive commitments from scholars in various scientific fields concerned with the development of local places in regional planning. **The deadline for abstracts is January 15, 2010.**

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