The 56th Symposium of the Regional Science Association of French Language (ASRDLF) will be held in Iasi (Romania), from 4th to 6th July 2019. It is organized jointly with the Romanian Association of Regional Science.

The specific objective of the 2019 Symposium is to discuss the adaptation of new spatial dynamics and territorial policies to sustainability throughout the world, in the East as well as in the West, in the North, as well as in the South.

The symposium will first offer the opportunity to investigate the potential differences of adaptation of territorial policies to the new local and regional dynamics and the way they respond to the sustainability requirement. The main questioning of the symposium will therefore be an assessment of differences or even divergences in the way we tackle sustainable spatial development between East and West, North and South and within one another.

A number of thematic workshops and special sessions are also planned to further this objective or expand it to other regional development topics.

**Guest speakers:**
To be confirmed

**Discussants:**
To be confirmed

**Complementary to the conference**

At the end of the colloquium, on Sunday, July 7, 2019, a practical "field study" will be organized for those participants and the accompanying persons who wish to better know the regional territorial resources. It will include a visit to the painted monasteries of Northern Moldova, which are included in the World Heritage list. The program also includes a visit to an exceptional private ethnographic collection in the Neamt area, as well as to other original destinations that will be specified soon.

**Contact:** contact@asrdlf2019.org

**Official websites:**
Call for applications for 10 young researchers scholarships

The ASRDLF and the organizing committee of the symposium are pleased to announce that 10 ASRDLF "Young Researchers" scholarships can be awarded for an amount that cannot exceed 400 euros each (including conference registration fees).

Application procedure

The application procedure is open until 31 May 2019 12h (GMT +1).

The application form is available at the following link: application form.

The candidates are requested to send, by May 31, 2019 12h, their scholarship application by email:

- to the following address: bourseasrdlf2019@gmail.com
- with the subject: "name of the candidate_BourseASRDLF" (ex: Dupont_BourseASRDLF);
- including the attached form in word format filled in and saved as: "name of the candidate_BourseASRDLF" (ex: Dupont_BourseASRDLF.docx)

Young Researcher Award 2019

In July 2019, the Association of Regional Science of French Language will award the "Young Researcher" prize.

Download the information sheet

Download the registration form

Key dates (Calendar)

5 November 2018 – 15 December 2018 – Call for Special Sessions
15 March 2019 - Deadline for abstract submission
30 March 2019 – Notification of acceptance / rejection
15 April 2019 – Deadline application for the "Young Researchers" Scholarship
15 May 2019 – Deadline for submission of full papers for the "Young Researcher Award"
15 June 2019 - Deadline for submission of full papers
4 July – July 6 2019: ASRDLF Symposium

Scientific partners

„Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iasi (http://www.uaic.ro/)

„Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iasi is the oldest higher education institution in Romania. Since 1860, the University has been carrying on a tradition of excellence and innovation in education and research. With over 23,000 students and more than 700 academic staff, the University enjoys high prestige at national and international level and cooperates with 481 universities worldwide. Following the adoption of the Bologna process, ”Alexandru Ioan Cuza University” has become Romania's first student-centered higher education institution. The university is a member of some of the most prestigious university networks – i.e. Coimbra, Utrecht, AUF, EUA etc.

The Geography Department (http://www.geo.uaic.ro/ro/)

The Geography Department at Alexandru Ioan Cuza University in Iasi dates back to 1904. The strength of Iasi's geography lies in the mixture between physical geography and human geography, with geography being approached as a whole. The environmental sciences will be added a little later to further strengthen the interdisciplinarity of geographical sciences. With more than 1200 students, the Faculty of Geography and Geology is one of the important faculties of the University. Several specializations in geography stand out: Tourism Geography, Tourism Geography - the Francophone section; Territorial planning; Environmental geography; Hydrology - Meteorology – at the bachelor level; Tourism and Regional Development; Tourism and Regional Development – the Francophone section; Natural risks and spatial planning; Current environment and sustainable development; Geomatics – at the master level. The Geography Department has Erasmus agreements with more than 40 universities worldwide.

The Centre for European Studies (http://cse.uaic.ro/)

The Center for European Studies (CES) was created in 2000 as an inter-faculty department. Starting 2017, CES is part of the Faculty of Law and currently functions as an interdisciplinary department, combining insights from different fields of the European studies (economics, law, political and administrative sciences, geography, regional development, history, etc.) in order to develop specific programs of education, research, vocational training and information / documentation.

CES offers teaching and training programs through interdisciplinary and specialized Master studies (in European Studies, Regional Development, or European Neighborhood Policy) or postgraduate studies, conducts research and consultancy activities (particularly in the areas of
economic disparities and cohesion, the core-periphery model, secondary growth poles, international specialization and competitiveness, tourism and regional development, foreign direct investment, migration, local and regional governance, European cohesion policy, cross-border cooperation and ENP).

The Centre for European Studies is part of several networks: Jean Monnet, Europe Direct via the Jean Monnet European Documentation Center; since 2009, the Centre hosts the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence in European Studies and is a member of Regional Studies Association (RSA), The Academic Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES), Partnership for Peace Consortium (PPC), European Consortium for Political Research.

**Call for papers**
The 56th Symposium of the Regional Science Association of French Language (ASRDLF) and the Symposium of the Romanian Regional Science Association will be held at the University Alexandru Ioan Cuza of Iași (Romania), from 4th to 6th July 2019.

The "Iron Curtain" divided Europe into two separate areas and its effects, even after its physical disappearance in the late 80s, are felt at different levels (economic, social, cultural...). During the same period, North-South relations, particularly those between Europe and the Maghreb, were marked by large development asymmetries, despite a worldwide trend towards imitations in the "circulation" of planning and development models. However, it was also during this period, after the 1980s, that the concept of Sustainable Development - despite a lack of stabilization - has become the benchmark for public action throughout the world, and even for private action, in terms of spatial planning and development, at all geographical scales.

This is why the central objective of this symposium is to discuss the adaptation of new spatial dynamics and territorial policies to sustainability throughout the world, in the East as well as in the West, in the North, as well as in the South. The symposium will offer the opportunity to investigate the potential differences of adaptation of territorial policies to the new local and regional dynamics and the way they respond to the sustainability requirement. The main questioning of the symposium will therefore be an assessment of differences or even divergences in the way we tackle sustainable spatial development between East and West, North and South and within one another.

Indeed, we presume that the "territorialization" of sustainable development does not necessarily lead to similar environmental, social or economic options and the symposium will be an opportunity to verify this hypothesis.

Indeed, if the transition to the East has succeed to bring the concerned societies into the fold of a capitalist economy and the Southern Mediterranean countries have entered the era of globalization, the cultural and social legacies, or the governance legacies, have kept different trends and paths for the countries and their regions.

In addition, while sustainable development has become a benchmark for public action, and even often for private action, within the territories there are large differences in taking into account the environmental and social expectations in the face of purely economic objectives. However, everything seems to indicate that the relative importance attributed to
the various "pillars" or dimensions of sustainable spatial development in territorial projects remains highly dependent on the extent of internal socio-economic inequalities that each country may experience.

2019 will symbolically mark the 30 years of transition for the East; a transition sometimes directed, spontaneous at other times, but with widely different impacts in different countries. If this transition seems first to be concluded globally by a rapprochement of the Western model and its development trajectories, the comparative approach, which is privileged by this symposium, should lead us to a more nuanced vision, highlighting the specificities of the territorial development on both sides and within each of these areas.

The debate on the content to be given to the perspective of sustainable territorial development and to the ways of its operationalization is obviously not limited to an East-West confrontation.

Between the North and the South, and especially between Europe and Maghreb, despite particularly impressive growth dynamics in some Southern or Northern countries, the persistence of phenomena such as extreme poverty, socio-spatial fragmentation of territories (metropolitan or not), the urban-rural divide, the weight of informal activities - tends to reinforce the use of "empowerment" of excluded communities and to affirm their specific cultural values. From then on, the socio-cultural dimension seems to take precedence over the strict environmental objectives. Form then on, the apprehension of sustainable development gives rise in the territories of the "South" to priority choices and to unique forms of public action. For this reason, the papers dealing with reflections and / or territorial practices conducted in other contexts than those of the Western or Eastern countries, particularly in the "South", can usefully contribute to the exchange.

In the end, the possibility opened up by this Symposium, to examine territorial dynamics and policies through the lens of sustainability, offers new perspectives for research and reflection to cross the viewpoints, which are expected to enriched both the theoretical and practical conceptions, irrespective of the territorial scales (rural, urban, regional, national, macro-regional, etc.).

Overall, the specific questions to which the Symposium will attempt to answer through the East-West and South-North comparison can be summarized as follows:

- When and how did the trajectories of regional development and territorial policies get closer between Western and Eastern Europe?
- Which are the answers, particularly in terms of technical, but also social innovations, to the challenge of the "territorialization" of sustainable development?
- How to approach the new territorial policies in the face of the possible crises to come (climate, migration, economic, political, etc.)?
- How to take into account the different territorial scales in the analysis of spatial dynamics and in the advancement of sustainable territorial development policies and actions?
- How to associate to a purely environmentalist approach to sustainable territorial development the social, cultural and economic dimensions?
- Can territorial policies contribute to the rapprochement and homogenisation of development trajectories between the East and the West, the South and the North?
Which are the strategic and practical ways of greater operationalization of sustainable territorial development? Putting the principles of the circular economy into practice contribute to this operationalization?

How are the public policies carried out at different scales (local, regional, national, European) affected by the way of conceiving sustainable territorial development?

These questions are expected to be discussed either by the communications directly favoring the comparative analysis, or by theoretical papers, and / or by analyzing specific field realities.

The call for papers for the 2019 Symposium is open from January 15, 2019 to March 15, 2019. Proposals must be submitted directly on the Symposium site at: 'I send my abstract' and be registered either in a specific theme of the conference (T1 to T7), either in one of the recurring themes (A to F) or in a special session - see the Session tab.

The proposals are evaluated by two experts. The notification of acceptance of the communication will be sent to the author at the end of March.

**Instructions for the presenters**

Communication proposals must include the following elements:

• 1. The specific details about the author(s);

• 2. The title of the communication;

• 3. The reference to one or two themes or sessions concerned;

• 4. The purpose of the communication, the originality of the subject, the method, the results obtained clearly exposed and justified (a summary of about 800 words);

• 5. Five key words;

• 6. A precise and specific bibliography (maximum 15 relevant references).

**Specific instructions for the PhD students**

A prize will be awarded to the best written paper presented by one (or more) doctoral student(s). To participate in this competition, PhD students must indicate in their registration form the title of the paper submitted, the title of their thesis, the name of their doctoral university, their doctoral year and the name(s) of their thesis coordinators. More details can be find on the website.

Students will also be able to apply for a scholarship for their participation in the Symposium.

**Final papers**
After acceptance by the scientific committee, the full text of the communications, drafted with the imposed standards of style, must be submitted to the Symposium organizers no later than **June 15, 2019**. The final papers will be sent **online**.

To submit your communications, please refer to the email notification of acceptance of your abstract received at end of March. You will find a link allowing access to the interface for sending your final communication. You can replace any communication already submitted via this interface at any time.

The texts of the communications (approximately 20 pages including figures, tables and bibliography) must be sent in .doc format (Word 97-2010 document) or in .pdf format.

For any further questions, a message can be sent to: contact@asrdlf2019.org

**Sessions**

**Thematic sessions**

T1 - Territorial Scales and "territorialization" of sustainable development, comparative approach East-West-South-North. Sustainable territorial development: what perimeters for which governance?

T2 – Metropolitan development, territorial dynamics at all scales and issues of territorial cohesion. Comparative approach East-West-South-North

T3 - Preservation of nature and resources, circular economy, climate change adaptation, control of land consumption, new challenges for cities and regions? Comparative analysis East-West-South-North

T4 - New challenges, tools and forms of operationalization of sustainable territorial development actions in Europe and worldwide

T5 - Territorial innovation for sustainable development

T6 - The challenges of sustainable territorial development for the training of planners and developers

T7 - Analysis of European regional policies: convergence issues and current challenges

**Recurring themes**

**A - Methods and modeling**

A1 – Spatial models

A2 – LUTI models (land use transport interaction)

A3 – SIG

A4 – Geomatics

A5 - Cognitive systems for spatial planning

A6 - Econometrics and spatial statistics

A7 – Models of agglomeration economies and economic geography
B - Resources and factors of sustainable regional and urban growth
B1 - Infrastructure and Public Services
B2 - Social Capital and Territorial Capital
B3 - Accessibility, mobility, transport and communication
B4 - Evolution of the labor market
B5 - Migration
B6 - Demographic trends
B7 - Sustainable Cities
B8 - Environment and Sustainable Development
B9 - Urban and Territorial Risk
B10 - Conflicts of use and land dynamics

C - Regional and Urban Policies, Evaluation
C1 - Regional and local policies, multi-level programming
C2 - Community Programs
C3 - Evaluation of territorial policies: instruments and methods
C4 - Strategic Planning
C5 – European Spatial Planning
C6 - New orientations of territorial and urban planning
C7 - Integrated Territorial Projects
C8 - Plans and policies for urban renewal

D - Territorial development
D1 - Globalization, growth and local development
D2 - Dynamics of the urban system and periurbanisation
D3 - Metropolisation
D4 - Rural development
D5 - Differentiated regional development
D6 - Development of the Mediterranean area
D7 – Tourism and sustainable regional development
D8 - Residential economy

E - Spatial Competition, Public Economy, Local and Territorial Taxation
E1 - Credit, Financial Services and Local Development
E2 - Natural goods
E3 - Cultural property
E4 - Knowledge, competitiveness and cohesion
E5 - Interregional cooperation
E6 - Territorial Marketing
E7 - Institutions, governance and local development
E8 - ICT and territorial planning

F - Urban economy, territory, space, theorization and modeling
F1 - Theory of urban and regional development
F2 - Location of activities
F3 - Industrial Districts, Clusters, Local System and Global Network
F4 - Economic and Productive Transformations of the Territory
F5 - Innovation and new technologies

Special sessions

SS1 – The new economy of resources: assessment and perspective for the countries of the European Union
SS2 - Circularity, circuits and territories: actors, scales, resources
SS3 - Sustainable urban projects: objects of territorial valorization and residential attractiveness?
SS4 - Urban dynamics, transport systems and daily mobility: what evolutions?
SS5 - What relevant territorial perimeter to develop alternative food systems?
SS6 - Gender and sustainable development: a lever for citizen mobilization?
SS7 - Emergence and anchoring of the territorialized bioeconomy: practical experiences and theoretical interpretations
SS8 - The territories of vine and wine between sustainability, globalization and heritage
SS9 - A reading of urban crises by the prism of temporalities: sustainability as a constrained horizon
SS10 - East-West and South-North Territorial Food Systems: crossing perspectives
SS11 - Hyper rurality and innovations: what changes could define rural territories and what dynamics of differentiation?
SS12 - Sustainability and heritage of merchant spaces: challenges of territorial renewal?
SS13 - Cross-border cooperation in Europe: diversity of experiences, capitalization and transfer of innovations
SS14 - Cross-border European cultural capitals and sustainable urban development
SS15 - Making metropolis regional
SS16 - Bernard Pecqueur and local development: a whole story (tribute session in honor of Bernard Pecqueur)
SS17 - IMAJINE - Integrative Mechanisms for Addressing Spatial Justice and Territorial Inequalities in Europe
SS18 - Spatial resilience, urban systems, rural areas, spatial labor markets
SS19 - The new electoral geography in the European Union

Programme

Detailed programme

Coming soon
**Draft programme**

**Coming soon**

**Registration**

Remember to book a hotel as soon as possible ([List of hotels and accommodations](#)) or to ask us for more information if you are interested in a moderately priced CROUS room.

We also propose you a visit to the tourist objectives of North of Moldova on Sunday, July 7th, 2019.

Registration fees include access to the Symposium, lunches and coffee breaks, access to abstracts and final papers.

No registration can take place on the day of the conference.

Payments are made only by credit card. No order form (for any further information, email to contact@asrdlf2019.org).

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(1) Registration for the Symposium and annual membership for the Association of Regional Science of French Language (ASRDLF)

(2) Option open only to students / PhD students subject to sending a copy of the student card to contact@asrdlf2019.org

(3) Registration for the conference dinner also includes the entrance and the visit of the Palace of Culture.

**Practical information**

**Conference venue**
Download the [Access plan](#)

Download the [List of hotels and accommodations](#)

For accommodation and student rooms for the PhD students, please email to: corneliu.iatu@yahoo.fr

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