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Special Session Proposal

Special Academic Session (SAS) of *The Regional Science Academy (TRSA)*
on the theme of:

Is the New Economic Geography (NEG) Still Alive and Well in 2023? Smart Algorithmic Places and Artificial Intelligent Spaces

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Aims and Scope

Nobel Laureate Paul Krugman raised recently at the Global Conference on *Regional Development* in Shenzhen, China (January, 2023) the challenging question: ***Is the New Economic Geography (NEG) still relevant in 2023?*** This SAS intends to provide a follow-up to this intriguing question, by positioning the relevance of NEG in the context of an intellectual discourse on new megatrends, namely platform economies, digitalization of services and deep learning methods (e.g. AI, ML, CNN, etc.) on the one hand and de-globalization and local resource dependencies on the other hand.