

# The cross-section of Economic Geography, Regional Economics and Regional Science within an evolving Data Driven Landscape

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This panel session investigates how the fields of economic geography, regional economics and regional science have evolved, changed, and intersected over time, and where synergies exist moving forward. More importantly, is the role “location” has taken in recent years, as regional economic data (sub state level) has become more readily available. We are also now seeing more powerful analytical tools available within the GIS suite. How has this impacted the work and research questions being asked by these disciplines. Where can there be more cross-collaboration between geographers and economists, especially with economic development opportunities of “distressed” communities and regions, both urban and rural? What are some of the challenges these fields have encountered within the current regional economic landscape, including data availability and timeliness of data? What if any, are changes that need to occur within these disciplines to remain relevant and in the forefront of both research and meeting community needs?

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