

Call for Papers Issue 15: Regional Development at a time of uncertainties - Global economic uncertainties and the challenges for structurally weak regions



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Regions ezine, with the theme of 'Regional Development at a Time of Uncertainties', is calling for papers for our Issue 15 with the sub-theme of 'Global Economic Uncertainties and the Challenges for Structurally Weak Regions.' We are interested in articles examining the impact of technology and automation, globalisation and international trade, climate change and environmental degradation, government policies, social entrepreneurship and impact investing, financial inclusion and geopolitical change on regional economic disparities, particularly in structurally weak regions. We also aim to feature policy-focus

articles on how these factors exacerbate disparities in structurally weak regions and how they can be addressed to promote economic development and social justice amidst global economic uncertainties. We are also interested in featuring in Issue 15 original articles on the potential of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to boost Africa's trade and strategic position.

Subtopics Issue 15

- Study technology and automation's role in exacerbating regional economic disparities.
- The role of globalization and international trade in shaping regional economic disparities.
- An examination of the impact of climate change and environmental degradation on structurally weak regions.
- Analysis of the effectiveness of government policies and programs addressing regional economic disparities.
- Study the potential of social entrepreneurship and impact investing in addressing economic disparities in structurally weak regions.
- The role of financial inclusion in addressing economic disparities in structurally weak regions.
- Analyse the impact of geopolitical changes, including Brexit and the US-China trade war, on structurally weak regions and their economies.
- The future of Africa-EU trade under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).
- The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in the global economic uncertainty.
- Shifting the Balance of Global Economic Power: The African Continental Free Trade Area's (AfCFTA) Role.
- Explore the potential of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to boost Africa's trade and position the continent as a major global economic player.
- The potential of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to position Africa as a major global energy supplier. It would examine the current state of Africa's energy sector, including the continent's vast renewable energy potential, and assess how the AfCFTA can help unlock this potential.

Submission Procedure (guidelines)

If you are interested in writing a contribution to Regions ezine, please email your idea (i.e. tentative title) and desired section (see below) to Office RSA email or, in the alternative:

- **Regional Insights** and **Research Hacks**: Eduardo Oliveira email
- **Spotlight**: Stefania Fiorentino email
- **Research Frontline**: Robert Bowen email

Word limits for each section

- **Regional Insights**: Articles between 800 - 1000 words providing a fresh take on regional studies. (Writing Sample)
- **Research Frontline**: Articles between 1500 - 2000 words reflecting innovative regional research. (Writing Sample)
- **Spotlight**: Articles between 2000 - 2500 words taking an in-depth look at critical issues for regional studies. (Writing Sample)
- **Research Hacks: Articles between 800 - 1000 words reflecting on academic experiences and practices. (Writing Sample)**

Important dates

Submission deadline: **Monday, April 17th**

Publication date: **First week of May**

Thank you for considering Regions ezine.

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