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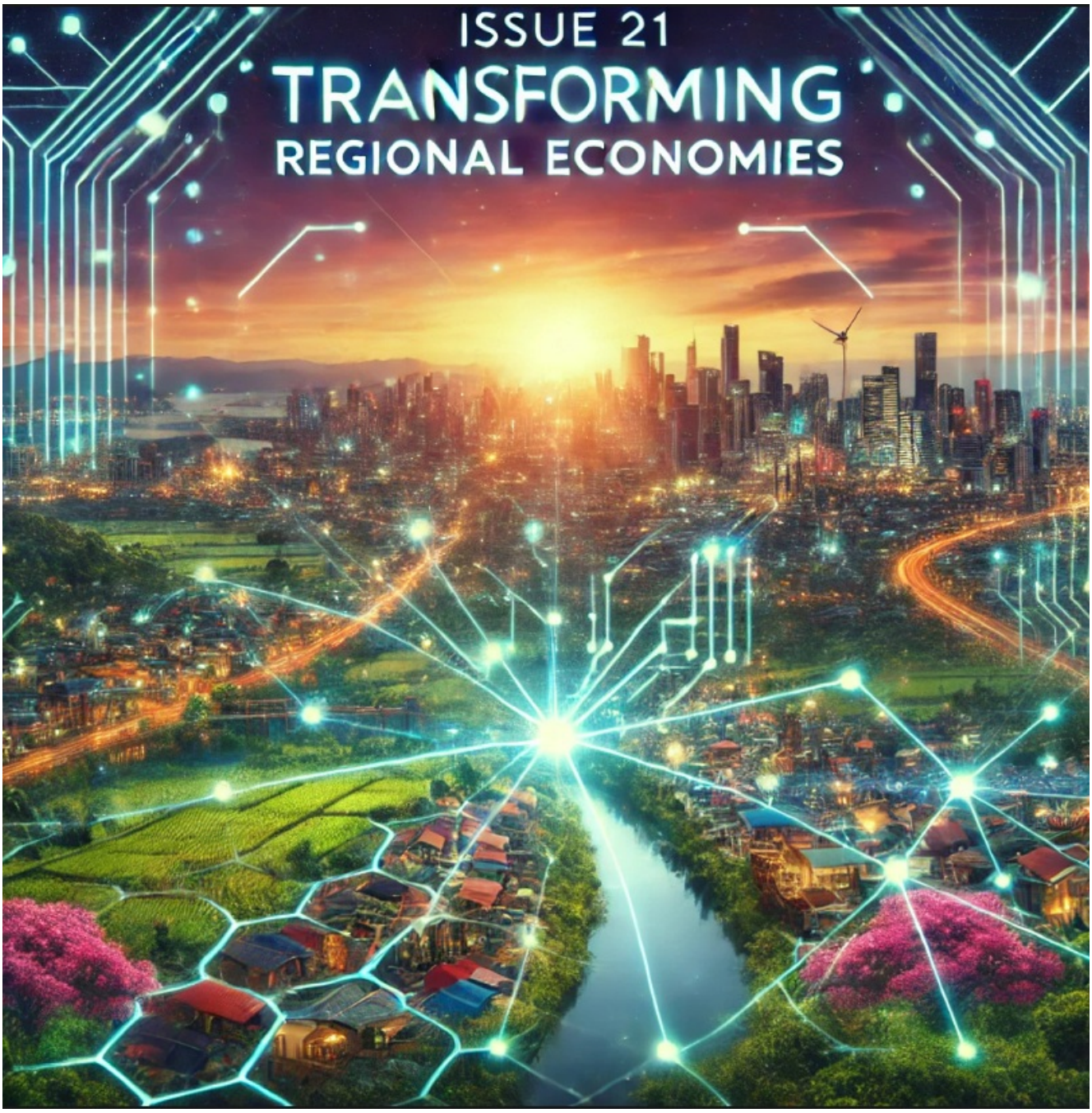

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Editorial

Regions E-Zine 2025: Transforming Regional Economies

As we move into 2025, the *Regions* e-zine will focus on the overarching theme of Transforming Regional Economies, aligning with the Regional Studies Association (RSA) research priorities. The global landscape of regional development is undergoing rapid transformation due to technological advancements, shifting economic structures, and evolving policy frameworks. Our 2025 issues will explore this transformation through three carefully selected sub-themes that address resilience, technological change, and place-based development.

Regions e-zine is committed to engaging policymakers and early-career researchers. We welcome diverse perspectives from academics, practitioners, and policymakers who can contribute insights into past experiences and future directions in regional economic transformation.

Regions e-zine priority target groups for contributors in 2025:

1. **Policymakers** – Translating cutting-edge research into actionable insights that inform regional policy and governance.
2. **Early Career Researchers** – Providing a platform to showcase innovative research and contribute to academic and policy discussions.

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