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Regional Economic Policy: Place-based or People-based?

We invite submissions of papers on the topic of the role of place-targeted versus people-focused Regional Economic Policy for a Special Session at the 2012 [Southern Regional Science Association](#) meetings.

Policies designed to assist regions with lagging economic outcomes include both those directed at individuals such as education, training and other human capital-augmenting initiatives, as well as policies that target the 'place' or the region both through infrastructure provision and specific business tax incentives or subsidies in a particular location. While there is likely a case to be made for both approaches there are also empirical examples where one or the other is less desirable.

Inter-regional migration in response to demand shocks and differential growth rates is generally considered to lead to improved productivity and growth trajectories overall. Policies to facilitate, rather than hinder such mobility may thus be desirable. On the other hand this process may leave declining (sending) regions with 'brain drain' and excess infrastructure capacity while receiving regions experience congestion and strained capacity. In making their choices, policy makers may consider not only efficiency and long-term sustainability but also equity goals and political gains.

We invite submissions on topics in all areas broadly related to the relevant consideration in choosing people-based versus place-based policy for lagging regions. This includes but is not limited to:

- Entrepreneurship determinants and Policy
- Local government tax incentives and subsidies
- Sustainable local economic development
- Human capital and economic development
- The Externalities Case for Place-Based Policies
- Inter-regional migration and Sending/Receiving Region Economic Outcomes
- Place Targeted support for Lagging Regions
- Entrepreneurship of Necessity versus Opportunity Entrepreneurship
- Infrastructure requirements of expanding regions
- Successful Policies for Declining Regions
- More

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The 2012 Southern Regional Science Association annual meetings will be held March 22-24 in Charlotte, NC. Please send your submission to Professor Olfert by January 1, 2012 if you have a paper for the Special Sessions.