



Territoires et action  
publique territoriale :  
nouvelles ressources pour le  
développement régional

Université du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR)  
Rimouski, Québec, Canada  
les 25, 26 et 27 août 2008

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## Call for Paper

(and instructions for the presentation of a proposal)

The XLV<sup>e</sup> Conference of the French Language Regional Science Association - *Territory and territorial public actions: new resources for regional development* - is organised by the CRDT - Territorial Development Research Center - in partnership with the Canadian Regional Science Association (CRSA), the GRIDEQ (Eastern Québec Interdisciplinary Group in Regional Development of l'UQAR, the GRIR (Intervention and Research Group of l'UQAC), VRM (City, Region, World; the interuniversity network in urban and regional studies), CRISES (Research Center on Social Innovations) and the Québec Department of Municipal Affairs and Regions.

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### CONTEXT

Anticipated by a variety of pioneer work linked to regional sciences, the territorial perspective is today emerging as a central hypothesis with respect to both key trends determining the transformation of global societies and the models aimed at understanding the factors and processes which support them. Less and less indifferent to the specificities of territories and the resources and assets which characterize them, the global economy would in fact draw from it certain essential conditions for its renewal. The act of naming the territories, which draws from their biophysics' characteristics as much as from the projects of the actors who live in them, contributes to endow them with a unique identity. Territories thus become new resources for regional development which cannot go without an appropriate public territorial action.

Indeed, whether it is contemplating implementing public policies focusing on innovation, competitiveness and the attractiveness of territories, the discussion of more efficient productive or decision making mechanisms or presenting concerns concerning the environment, social equity, health measures or security, the territorial character of these processes can no longer be ignored.

A better asserted territorially rooted development not only concerns metropolitan or "winning" region but also basis the development strategies of peripheral regions - lagging or fragile - some having already been targeted by unsuccessful or disappointing revitalization attempts. For these in particular, can territorial development be a direction allowing populations to significantly and permanently improve their living conditions and welfare?

While the territorial perspective reintroduces place and the role of local actors in the development, on must admit that the past quarter century has seen the meteoric rise of globalisation and also *metropolisation*. The relevance of territorial or ascending approaches which have also been tested in peripheral regions is thus questioned. Having greatly benefited from numerous scientific contributions from various trends and disciplines, regional sciences in North America and in Europe have strongly questioned their relevance. At the theoretical, political and practical levels, questions were raised as to whether territorial development was capable of generating new answers. In the

form it seems to be emerging as a scientific approach, is it able to better understand the development challenges faced by communities and, furthermore, indicate how to restore them.

During the conference which will take place in Rimouski (Québec, Atlantic Canada), the organisers invite participants to think about the contribution and depth of pioneer and contemporary work having contributed to the definition of the territorial perspective or to understand the dynamics of territorial and regional development

Located in eastern Québec, in the hearth of a vast region with during the sixties was the focus of a much talked-about management pilot-project, the town of Rimouski is today experiencing an unprecedented expansion, linked in part to the marine science and technology sector. Always considered a large social and cultural laboratory, eastern Québec also remains the target of sustained efforts of development and integrated management of resources aimed at countering various phenomenon of devitalisation which affects particularly certain rural communities.

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## ***SPECIFIC AND RECURRENT THEMES***

The following themes are particularly submitted to the attention of researchers and practitioners

### ***Specific themes***

- A- The territorial perspective in the pioneer work linked to regional science and their influence on the work of subsequent generations
- B- The spatial and the territorial in the work of F. Perroux, J. Friedmann, Philippe Aydalot
- C- The contribution of Esdras Minville and Fernand dumont to regional studies
- D- Spatial trends of the global economy and their relation to territories
- E- Public policies or development and governance strategies counting on the attractiveness or the competitiveness of territories, culture, cooperation, entrepreneurship
- F- Local and regional public action, its characterization and its evaluation
- G- The role of territories and regions in the knowledge and innovation economy
- H- Factors of territorial differentiation and the modeling of territories ("urban, rural, island, maritime, mountain, etc")
- I- Firms and actors as engines of socio-economic-spatial change
- J- Territorial reconstruction and local and regional production systems
- K- Resources, heritage or natural assets, cultural, institutional and their relations to the territories and to the environment
- L- Natural resources (energy, mining, forestry, agriculture, etc.): curse or strategic asset in the era of sustainable development?
- M- Urban-rural relationships: conflicts and collaboration with respect to activities
- N- *Polycentrism* and regional development
- O- *Multifunctionality* and its application to territories
- P- Methodologies to examine, to evaluate territorial impacts or balance sheets and of quality applied to territories

## *Recurrent Themes*

All proposals related to Regional Sciences are welcomed, namely:

- Q.1 Methods and models
- Q.2 Spatial competition
- Q.3 Regional policies, evaluation
- Q.4 Metropolisation
- Q.5 Urban economics
- Q.6 Rural and peripheral spaces
- Q.7 Evolution of the labour market
- Q.8 Migratory phenomenon
- Q.9 Transportation and communication
- Q.10 Environment
- Q.11 Innovation and new technologies
- Q.12 Demographic trends
- Q.13 Localisation of activities
- Q.14 Public sector economics, local and territorial taxation

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## *PROPOSALS FOR THEMATIC WORKSHOPS*

We encourage you to propose and organise thematic workshops or special sessions (please refer to the document *Call for Paper*)

Please inform Bruno Jean of your plans before December 15, 2007, at the following e-mail address: [bruno\\_jean@uqar.qc.ca](mailto:bruno_jean@uqar.qc.ca)

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## *PROPOSALS FOR PAPERS*

### *Submission*

The deadline for receiving proposals is **March 25 2008**. Proposals for paper must be submitted by e-mail at the following address: [crdt@uqar.qc.ca](mailto:crdt@uqar.qc.ca)

Contacts : Luc Gobeil or Stève Dionne (CRDT).

### *Format*

Proposals for papers (3 pages, including the bibliography) must include the following elements:

- Title of paper
- Summary of paper
- Detailed information to communicate with author(s)
- Objective of the paper
- Reference to the thematic workshop or session targeted
- Originality of the topic
- Methodology
- Expected results
- Bibliography (A maximum of 15 principal references)

Any proposal which does not follow these criteria will not be submitted for evaluation

## *Date for results*

Results from the scientific committee will be forwarded to authors May 1st 2008 at the latest.

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## **ACCEPTED PAPERS**

### *Submission of completed papers*

After acceptance by the scientific committee, completed papers must be submitted to conference organizers July 15 2008 at the latest. Texts must be sent by e-mail at the following address: [crdt@uqar.qc.ca](mailto:crdt@uqar.qc.ca)

Contacts: Luc Gobeil or Stève Dionne (CRDT).

Only the texts received by that date will be included on the conference CD-Rom which will be distributed and given to each participant.

### *Format*

Papers will have to respect the following criteria:

- Maximum of 15 pages (including figures, tables and the bibliography)
- Font : Times New Roman
- Font size : 12
- Single spacing
- Only one line between paragraphs

Texts must be submitted in standard MS Word format (extension .doc).

### *Publication*

The publication of a selection of papers is planned after the conference. Publication will only be considered, after selection, for papers whose summary and text submissions will have met the relevant deadlines and formats and which will have effectively been presented by the author(s).

### *Language*

English texts are allowed, but presentations should be in French, with the exception of special workshops specifically identified in the program in another language.

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## **PRACTICAL QUESTIONS AND LOGISTICS**

### *Summary of important dates*

Deadline for thematic workshop proposal:	December 15, 2007
Deadline for paper proposal:	March 25, 2008
Deadline for results for accepted papers:	May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2008
Deadline for reception of completed texts:	July 15, 2008

### *Conference web site*

For more information (registration, program, transportation, lodging, etc.), please visit the conference web site: <http://asrdlf2008.uqar.qc.ca>

### *Web site of past conferences*

Visit the ASRDLF web site: <http://asrdlf.u-bordeaux4.fr/>

### *Dates and location*

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday August 25, 26 and 27, 2008.

Université du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR)  
300, allée des Ursulines, Rimouski, Québec, Canada

Note that the opening session Monday morning will take place at the *Salle de spectacle de Rimouski* (salle Desjardins-Telus), located Saint-Germain street, in downtown Rimouski (between the cathedral and the regional museum).

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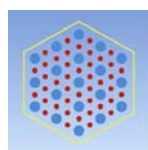
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