



The *Journal of Regional Research - Investigaciones Regionales* announces a Call for Papers (CfP) for a Special Issue devoted to uncovering business and spatial dimensions of industrial districts, clusters and learning regions. Thus, the overall aim of this special issue is to bring together evidence and perspectives from different lines of study that build upon and support the foundations, evolution and state-of-the-art, along those new research avenues, of the industrial district/cluster and learning region concepts. The Special Issue is a contribution to our good friend and scholar Dr. Fiorenza Belussi that is retiring in 2023. This is a special occasion for paying tribute to her scholarly thought to learning and innovation in the Industrial Districts/Clusters/RIS perspectives.

The proposed Special Issue focuses on the evolution perspective, the state of the art and the essence of the concepts and their underpinnings.

The list of **TOPICS** (just tentative, not limited to):

-Industrial districts and clusters: more than 40 years of knowledge and pushing ahead. What do we really know? What is left behind?

-Institutions, networks, cooperation in clusters and industrial districts: What do we know and what do not?

-Regional Innovation Systems: what is the state-of-the-art? What are the new research avenues?

-Spatially-bounded contexts for sustainability/digitization: how do they all fit?

-Cultural agglomerations: the culture of innovation in space

-Innovation Systems: innovation systems at the different levels, what is new?

-Other related topics

This special issue attempts to gather high-quality **articles or letters** on clusters, industrial districts and regions that present new evidence on emerging topics or take stock of existing ones. We especially welcome case studies building theory or **case studies as examples of specific cases of cluster/industrial districts; also, econometrics-based studies, conceptual papers, reviews, viewpoints** or others focus on cluster/industrial districts and competitiveness and innovation, such as those addressing policy initiatives. Investigations at the firm and regional levels are all very welcome.

Authors with questions about the suitability of proposed topics for this special issue are encouraged to contact the Guest Editors before November, 1st, 2023, sending a short abstract of about 100 words, along with title and authorship.

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December, 15th, 2023

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