

## Call for Papers

Special Session organized by Research Area B & X:

### **Spatial competition as a mean for coordination or control?**

#### **Discourses, institutions and everyday practices**

EAEPE Annual Conference 2022 in Naples, September 7 – 9 2022 (on-site event)

The special session is meant to discuss the **impact of an increasingly strong reliance on competition**, and particularly ‘spatial competition’, as a prime mode of social organization and as a core concept for designing social institutions on different ontological levels of social reality: contributions are meant to cover (1) international and national policies and institutions (**macro-level**), (2) regional institutions, organizations, and discourses (**meso-level**), as well as (3) individual practices (**micro-level**). While single contributions may focus on one of these levels, the overall goal of the sessions is to make steps towards a **transdisciplinary analysis of competition** within a micro-meso-macro framework and, thereby, to contribute to the triangulation of theories and methods from **different paradigms** in the social sciences.

Individual contributions may focus on one particular level, yet contributions that explore the mutual interrelations of ontological levels are especially welcome. Moreover, discussions of the ‘performativity’ of economic theory are particularly welcome, i.e. discussions of how the rules for competition were informed by economic and social theories of competition, most of which put the positive effects of competition as a social coordination mechanism at center stage.

### **Organization of the panels**

The panels of the RA will be organized in a way that both presenters and the audience benefit from a constructive and appreciative discussion. This includes, whenever feasible, the organization of **short co-presentations to each paper presentation** and a moderated discussion with the audience.

### **More about EAEPE, RA S, and RA X**

For more general information about the EAEPE and its annual conference, please visit the [general conference homepage](#). You can find more information on the RA via the [EAEPE homepage](#). For more information, feel free to contact the RA coordinators, [Stephan Pühringer](#) (stephan.puehringer@jku.at) and [Claudius Gräbner-Radkowitzsch](#) (claudius@claudius-graebner.com).

Abstracts of no more than 750 words can be submitted until **April 1** via the EAEPE homepage:

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