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“Innovation and Development Traps: Barriers and Breakthroughs”

Special session of the XXIII. Annual Meeting of
the Hungarian Regional Science Association

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Persistent development traps—characterized by low productivity, stagnating economic growth, and limited capacity for innovation—present serious obstacles for both emerging and advanced economies. These traps often stem from structural weaknesses such as inadequate human capital, weak institutions, and limited access to technology or knowledge networks.

Innovation, in this context, serves as a key mechanism for escaping stagnation. It not only drives technological progress but also enables broader structural transformation, enabling productivity growth, competitiveness, and upward mobility within global value chains. Supporting innovation at both the firm and system level is thus essential for overcoming development traps and fostering sustainable, inclusive growth.

With this in mind, the Innovation Subcommittee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Committee of Regional Sciences (MTA RTB IAB) is pleased to announce the special session on “*Innovation and Development Traps: Barriers and Breakthroughs*” to be held at the XXIII. Annual Meeting of the Hungarian Regional Science Association.

The special session aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers, research scholars, and policy-makers to exchange and share their experiences and research results based on quantitative or qualitative research methods and to establish a platform for interdisciplinary discussions.

Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Innovation and structural transformation
- Innovation systems and regional development
- Collaboration and networking for innovation
- Sustainability and innovation
- Impact of digital transformation on innovation
- Broadening innovation policy for regions
- Barriers of innovation

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