



2025 MCRSA/IMPLAN Conference

June 4-6, 2025

The Bloch School at the University of Missouri at Kansas City

The 55th Annual Mid-Continent Regional Science Association (MCRSA) Conference and the 17th IMPLAN National Users Conference is scheduled for June 4-6, 2025 at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. It will be a joint conference with the Midwest Public Affairs Conference (MPAC). An IMPLAN training session is scheduled for June 2-4 prior to the conference.

Submitting a Presentation: Deadline March 31, 2025

The program committee welcomes papers on a wide range of topics relating to applied economics, economic development, planning, geography, business, public administration, sociology, and political science. Please use the link below to submit a presentation title and abstract for consideration.

MCRSA and IMPLAN welcome single presentations and organized sessions.

<https://www.mcrsa.org/conference/submit-a-presentation-proposal-2/>

Conference Registration: Deadline April 30, 2025

Registration fees for the conference are as follows: a regular registration rate of \$300, student rate of \$150 and emeriti rate of \$250.

Please use the following link to register for the conference.

<https://www.mcrsa.org/conference/conference-registration/>

Hotel Accommodations

The conference is not using a conference hotel. Please find a list of hotels located near the UMKC Bloch School of Management here <https://www.mcrsa.org/conference/hotel-accommodations-and-reservations/>

Call for Papers: Special Issue on Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Tourism

In partnership with the upcoming MCRSA conference, *The Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy* invites submissions for a special issue focused on assessing the economic and fiscal impacts of tourism.

We seek original research papers that explore innovative applications of economic and fiscal analysis in tourism. Submissions may address challenges related to data limitations, propose methodological advancements, or offer insights to improve policy decision-making in the tourism sector. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Case studies measuring the economic and/or fiscal impact of tourism events
- Tourism-driven regional economic growth
- Fiscal impacts of tourism-related tax policies
- Employment patterns in tourism-dependent regions
- Tourism's effect on housing affordability and availability
- Public infrastructure investment and tourism demand
- Destination competitiveness and economic outcomes
- Short-term rental markets and local economies
- Seasonal tourism and labor market dynamics
- Spillover effects on non-tourism industries
- Tourism's influence on migration patterns
- Economic resilience in tourism-reliant communities
- Sustainable tourism and long-term fiscal planning

To be considered for this special issue, manuscripts must be presented at the 55th Annual MCRSA Conference, held jointly with the IMPLAN National Users Conference and the Midwest Public Affairs Conference (MPAC), at the University of Missouri–Kansas City from June 4-6, 2025. Those submitting a manuscript must register for the MCRSA conference (not MPAC) for consideration. Submissions of the presentation title and abstract for MCRSA presentation must be received by the March 31, 2025 deadline.

A full paper must be submitted to *JRAP* by September 1, 2025 to be considered for the special issue. The journal requires a \$25 submission fee for all papers.

Please contact Jason Jolley at jolleyg1@ohio.edu with your abstract to ensure proper session organization. Additionally, when submitting your title and abstract in the submission system, please indicate that the paper is for the Special Issue on Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Tourism. Questions may be directed to the same email address.

We look forward to your submissions!