

Regional studies community in Estonia

Regional studies folks in Estonia have usually background in human geography, economics or political science. There are no special regional studies institutions, researchers contributing are mainly affiliated with the Tartu University Faculty of Economics and Department of Geography, Tallinn University of Technology Faculty of Social Sciences, and Tallinn University Institute of Futures Studies.

Estonia is a small country. This means that the number of people is limited, everybody knows everybody cross the country and these institutions, but also that most research paper are written in English. Estonian researchers have usually wide and interdisciplinary research interests, they actively networking within the country as well as internationally: besides RSA they are members of IGU, ERSA, AESOP and other organizations.

On the other hand, as good citizens, regional studies knowledge community members contribute also as volunteers or on a contractual basis to numerous applied research and consultancy projects initiated by central and local government agencies, and have quite a number of contacts with civil servants (often their graduates) responsible for spatial and regional policy.

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