

REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019

Pushing Regions beyond their Borders

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Regions are intrinsically bounded territories. However, they are increasingly exposed to global forces and flows that undermine their borders. Therefore, it is necessary to push regions beyond their limits, which can be understood as physical, but also as mental and disciplinary. In this sense, regions have to be re-examined going beyond the traditional scopes. The possibilities are multiple, including, among others: regions as scenarios for resilience and global competition; regions as social and political constructions permanently adapted to trans-scale dynamics; and regions as arenas for cooperation and inclusion.

In short, the 2019 RSA Annual Conference aims to discuss about how to push regions beyond all kind of borders as a way to plan the future with different lens. Thus, we are calling upon the regional studies and neighbouring communities to join us in Santiago de Compostela, with the following conference themes:

A. Regional development & its policies	B. Global economies, trade, commerce	C. Financial geographies, flows & globalisation
D. Regional economies & (re)location of activities	E. innovation, knowledge & regional development	F. Technologies, social networks & regional development
G. Entrepreneurship, businesses, start-ups & spin-offs	H. Economies of agglomeration, clusters & externalities	I. regions & identity economics
J. Tourism & regional development	K. Developing rural, peripheral, remote & marginal regions	L. Global South, BRICs & developing-area studies
M. Institutions, governance, governments & policies	N. Spatial planning, infrastructures & practices	O. Geopolitics nationalism, federalism & regionalism
P. Borders, cooperation & cross border regions	Q. Demographics, mobility, migration & labour markets	R. Wellbeing, habitability, vulnerability & resilience
S. Sustainability, climate change, environment & energy	T. Regional methodology & data	U. Regional theorisation & history – between time & space

We welcome papers from all – academics, researchers, students and those working in policy and practice. The event is inclusive and offers networking opportunities for all in our field. The organisers welcome proposals for special sessions, themed workshops and innovative forms of networking and collaboration. If you would like to organise or offer a session to the conference, please contact Lesa Reynolds at: lesa.reynolds@regionalstudies.org.

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