Regional Studies Association
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Northumbria University
Newcastle upon Tyne

Place Leadership in Europe: Research Seminar Series
2023-2025

Seminar 1: Leadership in Transnational City & Regional Development in the North: New Uncertainties, New Prospects?

Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th May 2023

Event Programme

DAY 1 - Wednesday 10th May

14:00-15:00  Arrival & Registration [The Great Hall, Sutherland Building]
15:00-15:15  The UK in Europe to 2030: Taking stock and moving forward
Professors Joyce Liddle and John Shutt, Professor Ignazio Cabras, Northumbria University; Dr John Gibney, Birmingham University.
15:15-16:00  The Future of the Motor Industry in the UK and NE: Critical Issues for England
Professor David Bailey, University of Birmingham
16:00-16:45  The Contribution of Universities and University Leader(ship) in City & Regional Development
Professor Andy Long, Vice Chancellor, Northumbria University, UK
16:45-17:15  Coffee break
17:15-18:45  Making Devolution Work in the Northern Regions (Panel Debate)
Chaired by Professor John Shutt and Professor Joyce Liddle
  • Jamie Driscoll, Mayor, North of Tyne Combined Authority
  • Ben Houchen, Mayor, Tees Valley Combined Authority
  • Martin Gannon, Leader Gateshead Town Council,
  • Amanda Hopgood, Leader Durham County Council
  • Lucy Winskell, North East Local Enterprise Partnership
  • John McCabe, North East of England Chamber of Commerce
18:45-20:00  Drinks Reception
DAY 2 - Thursday 11th May

09:00-09:15 Arrival & Registration [The Great Hall, Sutherland Building]

09:15-09:30 The Changing Context of the North East and the Northern Powerhouse; Governance and Economy: Critical issues. 
Professors Joyce Liddle, Professor John Shutt, and Professor Ignazio Cabras, Newcastle Business School, Northumbria University.

09:30-11:15 Session One: Public Sector Leadership and Social Welfare
The gendered power-relations in the leadership of regional development Emma Ormerod - CURDS, Newcastle University
Transformational leadership may not transform: climate washing and European Mayors in C40 Ryan Wong, Northumbria University

11:15-11:30 Coffee break

11:15-12:45 Session Two: Brexit, Sustainability, Vulnerabilities and the North
Leading without Leadership: Place, Instability and Transborder dynamics in post-Brexit Northern Ireland Joanne Murphy, University of Birmingham; and Sara McDowell, University of Ulster
Euro ecology and Mezzo climate change Thomas Hoerber, ESSCA Angers
Civic leadership in response to climate and environmental change: The regional case of Cornwall, UK Lummina Horlings, Groningen University and Jane Wills, Exeter University
Border ‘Vulnerabilities’: identifying some transborder leadership issues Gareth Addiddle and Marco Palillo, Bradford University

12:45-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-15:00 Session Three: Leadership in International Contexts
Place Leadership as a Mobilisation of Assets: The town of Salo, Nokia and Microsoft as a case in point Markku Sotarauta, Sami Sopanen, Jari Kolehmainen & Heli Kurikka – Tampere University
Making the most of international leadership learning in Birmingham and Leipzig: Changing perspectives, challenges, and opportunities Johannes Read, Abigail Taylor and Anne Green, City-REDI, University of Birmingham
Resilience and preparedness of regions for the just transition process: the story of leadership role in achieving success and failure of Czech coal regions Martin Pelucha, Economics University of Prague

15:00-16:15 Session Three: Leadership in International Contexts
Can place-based leaders in different countries counter the rise of the radical right? Robin Hambleton, University of the West of England
Leadership and transborder city-regional development: For a relational-adaptive perspective John Gibney, University of Birmingham; Joyce Liddle and John Shutt, Northumbria University

16:15-16:30 Summary and Close

Social Dinner at 19:00
Venue: Blackfriars Medieval Friary, Friars St, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4XD
DAY 3 - Friday 12th May

09:00-09:15  Arrival & Registration [Corporate Hub at 4th Floor - Faculty and Business and Law]

09:30-10:30  Place Leadership in Europe. What next after the war has ended? [PLENARY SESSION]
Changing path dependency and regional structures- lessons and observations from the Nordic experience in leadership and place management Markku Sotarauta, Tampere University

10:30-12:00  Leadership and Places: Moving Forward (Panel Debate)
Chaired by Professor John Shutt and Professor Joyce Liddle
- David Charles, Northumbria University
- Louise Kempton, Newcastle University
- Liz Shutt, Newcastle University
- Jane Robinson, Newcastle University

12:00-13:00  Lunch Break

13:00-14:00  Final session: publication plans related to this and future seminar events in ANGERS, France (Autumn 2023); in Prague, Czech Republic (Spring 2024); and Tampere, Finland (Autumn, 2024). Collaboration with the Regional Studies Association.

14:00  Event ends