



## Regional Studies Association 1<sup>st</sup> Pan-Northern Branches Conference

Northumbria University  
Newcastle upon Tyne



# The Future of Northern England in Changing Times for Regions

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Conference Programme

- 09:00-09:30 Arrival & Registration [The Great Hall, Sutherland Building]
- 09:30-09:45 Introduction to the day  
**Professor Andrew Wathey (Vice-Chancellor, Northumbria University);**  
**Professor Ignazio Cabras (Chair, Regional Studies Association North East Branch)**
- 09:45-11:15 Session One: Public Sector Leadership and Social Welfare  
**Professor Christina Beatty, Sheffield Hallam University**  
*The Impact of Welfare Reform on Northern England*  
**Professor Joyce Liddle, Northumbria University**  
*Public Policy and Leadership in Northern England*
- 11:15-11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30-13:00 Session Two: Brexit and the North  
**Professor Raquel Ortega Argiles, University of Birmingham**  
*The Impact of Brexit on UK Regional Economies*  
**Professor David Bailey, University of Birmingham**  
*The Need for a Holistic Regional Industry Policy: Brexit and the UK Automotive Sector*
- 13:00-13:45 Lunch break
- 13:45-15:00 Panel Discussion: Changing Times for the Northern Regions?
  - **Professor Alan Harding** (Chief Economic Adviser, Greater Manchester Combined Authority)
  - **Victoria Sutherland** (Senior Economist, North East Local Enterprise Partnership)
  - **Dr Tom Forth** (Head of Data, Open Data Institute Leeds)
  - **Dr Anna Round** (Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Public Policy and Research)
  - **Felix Kumi-Ampofo** (Assistant Director - Policy and Assurance, Sheffield City Region)
- 15:00-15:45 Closing session:  
**Professor Andy Pike, Newcastle University**  
*Regional Development, Policy and Governance Futures for Northern England*
- 15:45-16:00 Wrap-up and Conclusions  
**Professor Ignazio Cabras, Dr Elvira Uyarra and Dr Will Eadson**
- 16:00-16:30 Official Launch – iNCITE Research Centre  
**Professor David Charles, iNCITE Director at Northumbria University**
- 16:30-17:30 Drinks and Refreshments; Conference ends