Regional Studies Association
1st Pan-Northern Branches Conference
Northumbria University
Newcastle upon Tyne

The Future of Northern England in Changing Times for Regions
Friday 27th 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