

REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION STUDENT & EARLY CAREER CONFERENCE 2018

## STRATEGIES FOR CAREER SUCCESS: NETWORKING, PUBLISHING AND FUNDING

25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK

**Abstract submission deadline: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

This conference will give PhD students and early career researchers (within 5 years after finishing a PhD) the opportunity to network, collaborate and socialise with others working in regional and urban studies, planning, geography, politics, development studies, economics and related fields. This is an annually run conference and previous participants particularly valued the invaluable feedback received, new ideas and learning how to strategically develop and enhance their profiles for career progression.

The conference will bring together a range of international participants from different disciplines to present and debate their work in a welcoming, supportive and stimulating environment. Participants will be able to enrich their engagement with contemporary research in the field and share their learning.

Experts in academic publishing, funding and impact will be present during the conference and provide insights into how to publish in academic journals, how to build a professional network, how to promote your publications, how and where to apply for funding and how to increase the impact of your work.

The 2018 conference is supported by the University of Sussex ESRC Doctoral Training Centre and organised in partnership with the School of Global Studies and the Institute of Development Studies.

We welcome submissions with a regional focus and especially those in the following areas:

- Alternative concepts and strategies for urban and regional development
- Cities, city-regions and regions in territorial development
- Community development
- Big and open data: analytics, mapping, modelling and visualisation in cities and regions
- Brexit, devolution, regional autonomy
- Climate change, sustainability transitions and regional development
- Education and skills
- Employment, welfare and labour markets
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance and development in cities and regions
- Gender, diversity and equality
- Globalisation and de-globalisation
- Health, wellbeing and urban and regional development
- Infrastructure and regional development
- Inclusive growth in cities and regions
- Innovation, knowledge, learning and creativity
- Institutions, government and governance in regional development
- Migration, mobility and urban and regional change
- Politics and territory
- Regional industrial strategy and the revitalisation of manufacturing
- Regional resilience and adaptive capacity
- Smart specialisation
- Social and spatial inequalities and cohesion
- The gig economy
- Uneven development and spatial disparities
- Urban and regional policy and planning

Methods Roundtable Session: The conference will include a roundtable session on methods. For this session we welcome abstracts addressing a methodological problem or innovation.

**Abstract submission:** Please submit your research and/ or methods abstract (up to 500 words) via the Regional Studies Association conference portal by **20<sup>th</sup> September 2018**. To submit, [click here](#) and follow 'click here to register'. Abstracts will be considered against the criteria of originality and interest, subject balance and geographical spread.

### Scientific Committee:

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