

RSA Annual Conference 2020
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CONFERENCE SIDE EVENT

**4th Networking Workshop for Early and Mid-Career Women in
Regional Studies and Science**

CV Surgery: Compelling CVs and appointment panels

Wednesday 17th June 2020, 13:00 – 17:00

School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Since 2018, the RSA has been supporting a members' led initiative offering an open platform for women in regional science and regional studies and allowing for exchange and dialogue around all matters that participants express an interest in. At this year's Annual Conference, the workshop will focus on the topic of developing and presenting a convincing CV when applying for an academic positions, in particular post-doc positions, academic appointments and applications for promotion.

The workshop will consist of two parts: Firstly, a panel with heads of departments and members of academic appointment panels will discuss what makes a good academic CV. In the second part, the workshop will focus on peer support and learning and towards this end, all participants are asked to bring two printed copies of their up-to-date CV.

With this support, the RSA hopes to strengthen and develop this growing community that provides informal and formal support throughout academic careers and across countries. An important element in dealing with uncertainties of an academic career and in making conscious decisions is access to a strong network, the chance to plan and discuss career opportunities, and access to role models, mentors and coaches.

With this workshop we aim to provide a forum for exchange led by participants, bringing in external and academic expertise. Previous workshops covered topics such as:

- How to succeed in a peer reviewed publication process,
- What to look out for when taking decisions at different career stages,
- What are good career development opportunities,
- What to negotiate when receiving a formal academic job offer,
- How to give a good presentation,
- What opportunities there are for gender research,
- How to manage finances and develop a long-term plan in times of uncertainty and when moving between countries and pensions systems.

We are very glad to see that past workshops have led to active exchange between individual participants, e.g. in getting advice on salary negotiations. Based on the successes of this growing community that has developed over such a short period of time, the RSA Board has decided to continue to fund the network's workshops, encouraging the further growth of the strong network and allowing a series of related events in the future.

The Workshop is organised as a side event to the [2020 Annual Conference](#), which will be held from 17th – 20th June 2020 at the University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia. However, attendance of the Annual Conference is not a requirement to join this workshop.

Due to the RSA's financial support the workshop is free to attend, but a current RSA membership is a requirement. If you would like to take part but are currently not a member, please join the RSA at www.regionalstudies.org/membership or contact the RSA's Communication and Membership Manager Alex at alex.holmes@regionalstudies.org

Attendees will need to organise their own travel and accommodation. Suggestions for accommodation are provided at <https://rsa-2020.go-green.si/accomodation/> and we encourage you to book this early as Ljubljana is rather popular in June.

Registration process

The [Network](#) is intended to provide an open platform and applications are welcome from everyone who is interested in this network.

The registration deadline is **28th April 2020**. Places are limited to a maximum of 25 and are given on a first come first serve basis.

To register, please use the RSA's online registration system and provide the following details in the Abstract section in the field 'Body':

- First Name and Surname:
- Career stage: Early Career (within 5 years after finishing the PhD) or Mid-Career
- Current job title:
- Institution:
- Telephone number (preferably a mobile):
- Email Address:
- Keyword research interests (up to five areas):
- Your motivation to join this network (max 500 words):

You are welcome to contact Franziska Sielker (fs421@cam.ac.uk) or Sally Hardy (sally.hardy@regionalstudies.org) with any questions regarding this workshop.

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