

# BRAVO!



## **Well, we didn't see that coming!**

The world was a very different place the last time I sent you Bravo! Now, we are all getting used to profound changes to our work and everyday lives.

These changes bring challenges but also benefits if we look for them: appreciation of the little things, time with family, a chance to catch up on that very long to-do list, and the opportunity to re-prioritise our lives.

The RSA is taking great steps to support its members which you can read about in this issue of Bravo! and share with your networks.

**We hope all our Territorial Representatives and their families are safe and well, and remain so.**



# RSA RESPONSE TO PANDEMIC



## COMMUNICATION AND KNOWLEDGE-SHARING

The RSA has set up a new [web page](#) sharing contributions about past and current research and data resources on the impact of COVID-19 on cities, regions and industry. Please send us links to any resources that might be useful to researchers and policymakers around the world.

We have also set up a [LinkedIn group](#) where group members can engage in an open discussion to share resources and ideas for research.

If you have any ideas on how we can support you during this time, please email us at [office@regionalstudies.org](mailto:office@regionalstudies.org), or send us a message via social media ([Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#)).



## RSA GRANTS

Here at the RSA we are trying to support our members in ways that are most useful and effective for them. We have decided to repurpose some of the grants that are now not possible to allocate, for example the travel grants.

Could you please have a think about, and ask your contacts about, what would be most helpful for them during this time - it might be books, access to publications or platforms, training or IT help.

We will shortly be sending around survey to ask members to reply individually on this, but in the meantime if you could give us your thoughts and those of your contacts we would very much appreciate this.

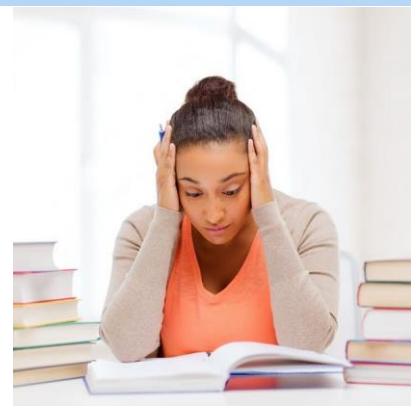
## MEMBER SUPPORT

### JOURNALS

All our journal articles can be accessed by members via our online portal. For member access, please login to [Member's Lounge](#), then click on Publications in the menu bar. You will be redirected to the Taylor and Francis portal where the publications and articles can be accessed for download or direct reading. Our open access publications, [Regional Studies Regional Science](#), [Regions eZine](#) and the [RSA Blog](#) are not pay-walled and can be accessed via the links.

### AWARDS

It is a particularly difficult time for students and early career researchers. You could brighten someone's day by nominating them for the following RSA awards: **Nathaniel Lichfield Award** – recent Masters graduate. **RSA PhD Student Award** – for registered PhD students. **RSA Routledge Early Career Award** – for early career researchers (within five years of PhD). Nominees are expected to have made an original and outstanding contribution to the field of regional studies and its related fields. The application deadline is **30th April 2020** and full details are [here](#).







## EVENTS

The Master Class on EU Cohesion Policy is still planned to take place during the #EURegionsWeek on 11-15 October in Brussels. This event is co-organised by the RSA, and aims to connect aspiring researchers debates with policymakers, EU officials and senior academics from throughout Europe. Applications are being sought from PhD students and early career researchers by **4<sup>th</sup> May 2020, 11.00 am CET**. The organisers will cover and arrange travel and accommodation of all selected participants. More details on the application process are [here](#).

## TERRI REPS NEWS

### ANNUAL TERRITORIAL REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

As you know, the RSA Annual Conference in Slovenia in June has been cancelled which means that there will be no Annual Territorial Representatives meeting there. But never fear, we will still facilitate an annual meet up. We plan to hold the following virtual meetings - please choose the one you wish to join remotely. You may join more than one!

- UK
- Nordic countries
- The Americas and Canada
- Africa, Middle East, Asia and Oceania
- Eastern Europe
- Western Europe

For the Divisions, these meetings will constitute your AGM so that you are compliant with your Constitutions.



### CALLING ALL SOCIAL MEDIA FOSSILS

Now is definitely the time to sharpen up your IT and social media skills and reach out to your networks virtually. Our wonderful Mexican Ambassador Alejandra Trejo Nieto has created a Twitter account - you can connect with her @MexicoStudies. If you haven't already set up SM accounts and need help, please contact our [Alex Holmes](#) who would be delighted to help you from the comfort of her own home where she is now working.

## AND FINALLY ...

### BEST WISHES FROM RSA STAFF

Keep calm and carry on working from home!



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