

The Newsletter for RSA Chairs and Ambassadors  
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# BRAVO!

**This issue of Bravo! is all about staying connected - working together, supporting each other and sharing best practice.**



CELEBRATING

# Regions in Recovery

— Global e-Festival —

## JOIN US

A number of societies and research-led organisations have come together to co-host a research-led celebration of thinking about our regions and cities in a time of great crisis and change. This multi-partner festival of regional and related research will run globally, online from 2nd June - 18th June 2021.

To access the Regions in Recovery festival sessions, networking opportunities etc. you will need to download the RSA Mobile App – RSA Hub, you can find this on your usual app store or access the desktop version by [clicking here](#).

More information about the Regions in Recovery e-Festival can be found [here](#). Attendance to listen to speakers is free, but registration is necessary. So please support your colleagues by attending and encourage your networks to register and dip in and out of the many interesting sessions available.

COLLABORATING

# The International Hour

## #RSAInternational



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*Research Today, Policy Tomorrow*

### WORK WITH US

Here at the RSA we are committed to providing our territorial representatives with international exposure and to provide opportunities to showcase your research and policy developments. So we are looking for RSA Territorial Representatives who would like to work with us to develop a new webinar series.

The RSA's International Hour will be organised by the RSA's international networks of Ambassadors, Divisions and Sections and will present the latest regional or urban research, developments and policies to a global audience. The International Hour will start from September 2021 and will have one to three speakers and provide time for questions and discussion.

All technical support, registration and marketing support would be provided by the RSA. If you are interested in getting involved, please send a short outline of the session by 3<sup>rd</sup> May to our [Daniela Carl](#).

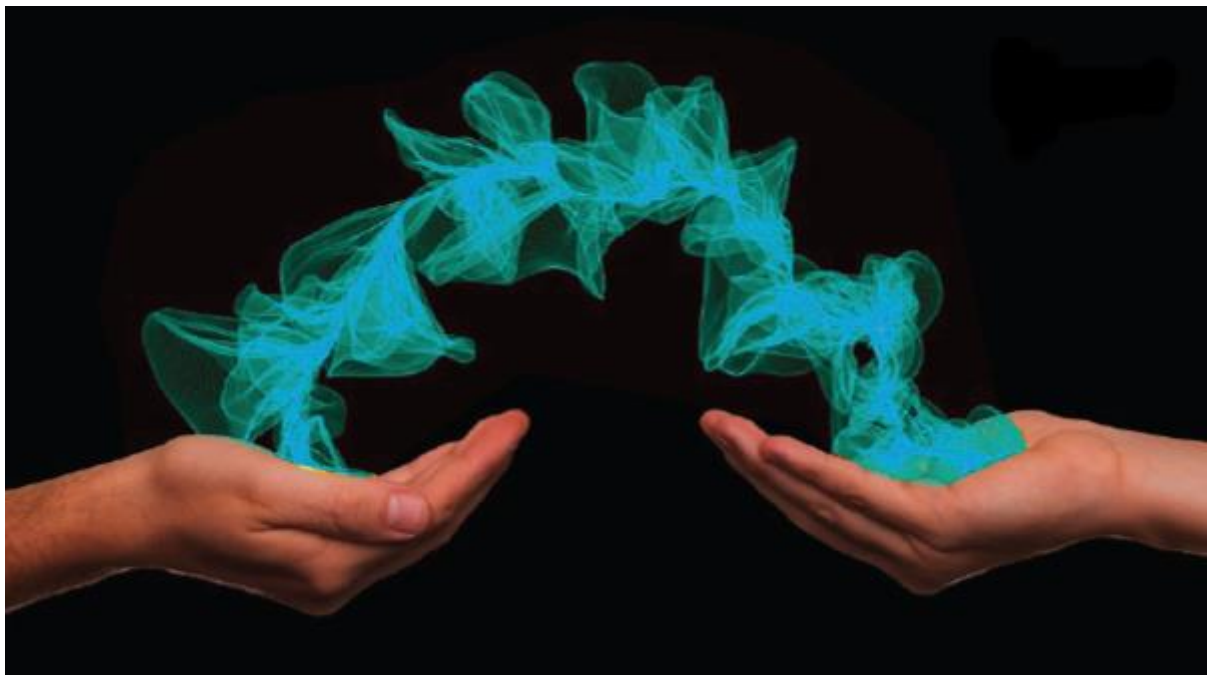
## WELCOMING



### CANFEI HE

The [RSA China Division](#) has a new Chair. Canfei He is Professor in the Department of Urban and Economic Geography at Peking University and the deputy director of Peking University-Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Land Policy. Canfei replaces Weidong Liu as the Division Chair. Weidong remains the RSA Ambassador to China. Please do reach out to Canfei to welcome him to our family of RSA Chairs and Ambassadors.

## SHARING



### TALK TO EACH OTHER

You might remember I asked you, as a means of sharing best practice, to provide ideas of what you have been doing during the pandemic. Unsurprisingly, responses varied from being "fed up with web-lecturing, web-meeting, web-talking and in general with webbing ..." to being thrilled to find so many open virtual doors.



I am sharing with you below one very insightful and inspiring response which perfectly encapsulates the problem and suggests a response. Hopefully you will find Paul Dalziel's words helpful:

"These are challenging times. It is not only the impacts of social distancing and other implications of the pandemic, but also the heavy demands for urgent insights on policies for regional, national and global economic recovery. Thus, there is more work to do, but it is harder to do that work through travel and traditional face-to-face meetings. Consequently, I have greatly appreciated the RSA initiatives to organise and host global teleconference events. My priority as RSA Ambassador in New Zealand has been to contribute to the organisation of those events, particularly the RSA Global Webinar Series (November 2020) and the forthcoming Regions in Recovery global e-festival (June 2021). I have been fortunate to have been able to reach out to RSA Ambassadors in Australia. That collaboration has been very fruitful, and very supportive. In these times of social isolation, I have found strong encouragement by working with my neighbours on these RSA global projects."

## CONNECTING

### MAKE US H-APP-Y

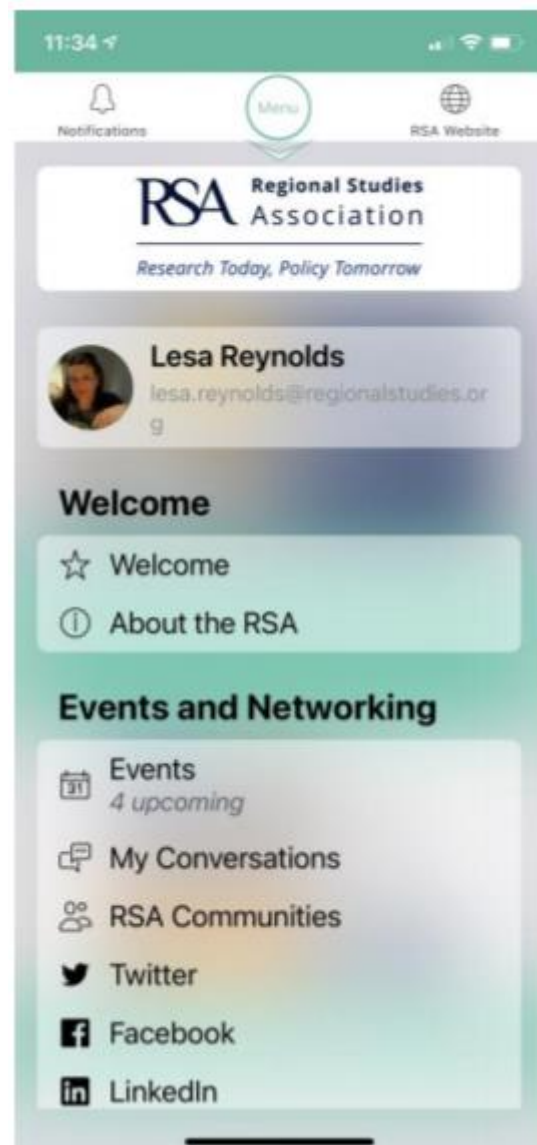
The astute ones will realise that this item has been copied from last issue of Bravo! But it's worth mentioning again.

The new RSA mobile app is here! It allows you to access webinars and journal, organise your schedule during events, and network with event presenters and participants.

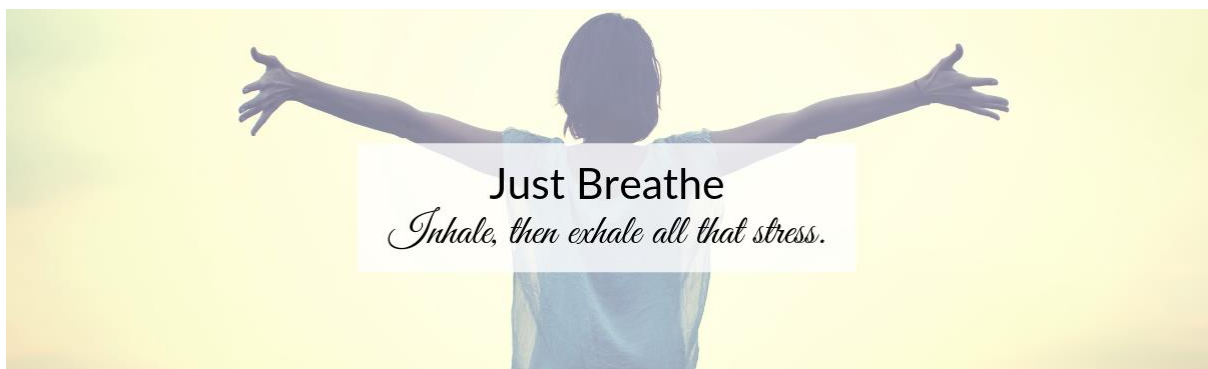
Could you please download the app, and provide any feedback. Here are the instructions:

1. Search for RSA Hub (or Regional Studies Association) in your app store to download.
2. Create an app account. If you are an RSA member, use the same email address that you use for your RSA membership, this will link your membership to your app account.
3. Create your profile – you can add a photo, links to your social media accounts etc.

We hope you find it app-ealing! (no, its not funny the second time either ...)



## SUPPORTING



### **TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND EACH OTHER**

Here at RSA HQ we have a strong wellbeing program to support each other to find ways to manage the difficulties. We plan to incorporate a strand of emotional and mental health development into our Professional Development webinar series shortly. In the meantime, we encourage you to nurture your own mental health and to support your colleagues if you can. You may find something useful in this [April wellbeing calendar](#). Or try this five times: breathe, relax, smile, repeat.

Do you have any wellbeing suggestions to share? We'd love to hear from you.

## AND FINALLY ...



## TALK TO US

I am trying to have a virtual coffee with everyone to see how we can better support you right now. But of course this is taking time, so in the meantime, if there is anything we can help you with, or if you simply want to talk or bounce ideas around, you can always [email me](#) and I will arrange a zoom time for us.

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