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## Regional Studies Association

### August eBulletin

Welcome to the August RSA eBulletin sent via the Regional Studies Community JISC Mailing list. This continues to be an unprecedented time that we live in, but as we all continue to navigate through these evolving challenges, we want to assure you that the RSA team are committed to continue supporting our community as best we can.

We would like to remind you that you have the option to [unsubscribe](#) from our eBulletin using the link found at the bottom of this email. If you would like to find out more about any of our activities, please contact us through our [online contact form](#) found at the bottom of our web page.

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### [RSA Publishing Support](#)

During these unprecedented times, we wanted to let you know about the support we have in place to help our members and the wider community in publishing their work. Many of us currently work from home and those fewer interactions with the outside world are significantly limiting the opportunities for knowledge exchange and critical debate that are so important for scientists, researchers and practitioners, perhaps now more than ever.

To read more about how we support our members and the community in publishing, please click [here](#).



[Embracing Virtual Events & Webinars Blog](#)

The global pandemic caused by COVID-19 has led to a major shakeup of how academic and society meetings are hosted. The traditional platform of in-person events is not currently an option, yet the appetite for information sharing and knowledge exchange remains. Our very own Daniela Carl, Deputy Chief Executive recently published a [blog](#) on the Taylor & Francis Author and Editor resources on how the RSA embraced virtual events and webinars to ensure our community continued to have the opportunity to share knowledge and research.

You can also visit [Taylor & Francis Author Services](#) to find their step-by-step guide on publishing your research.

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[New Policy Expo Book:](#) **Putting Together the Puzzle of Place Based Policy**

Place based policy: what is it, who does it, where is it best applied, and how can we make it better – more effective, more impactful and more widely applied. The most recent book in the Policy Expo series explores exactly these questions. Using published research, workshops at RSA Conferences and the input of policy makers from the European Union and elsewhere, this publication by Andrew Beer, Markku Sotarauta, Fiona McKenzie, Jiří Blažek and Sarah Ayres sheds new light on these issues.

As a team of leading researchers they put forward provocative policy prescriptions, arguing that the wider application of place based policy is needed if economies and nations are to overcome the challenges of increasing marginalisation in some places, as well as the impacts of global pandemic. They argue radical change is needed in how governments think about place based policy – paying more attention to local leadership, acknowledging the bonds that tie people to the places that matter to them, paying more attention to questions of implementation and empowering communities to shape priorities.

You can read more about their suggestions and the ten key steps they put forward for success [here](#)

*Every Place Matters: Towards Effective Place-based Policy* is available online to RSA members [here](#). RSA members will also receive a hard copy in due course.



### [Smart Specialisation Policy Expo](#)

A new [RSRS article](#) has recently been published by the Policy Expo grant team: Mariachiara Barzotto, Carlo Corradini, Felicia Fai, Sandrine Labory & Phil Tomlinson. In the article below, Phil Tomlinson explains the significance of the research undertaken using the Policy Expo grant:

Over the last decade, Smart Specialisation has been the main fulcrum of the European Union's Innovation programme, better known as [Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation \(RIS3\)](#). RIS3 emphasises public-private partnerships, with public funds being used to support private sector led 'activities' regarded as having the best opportunities for new innovation and commercial gain. The funding is targeted at the regional level so as to build upon a region's existing advantages, specialisms and capabilities. However, the ability of RIS3 to enhance the prospects of so-called lagging regions has been seriously questioned. In part, this is because RIS3 can induce a so-called 'Matthew effect' by unduly favouring more dynamic and leading regions, which are blessed stronger technological capabilities and business networks, and are more likely to generate new and exciting innovation projects.

In a recent open access paper in [Regional Studies, Regional Science](#), Mariachiara Barzotto (University of Bath), Carlo Corradini (Birmingham), Felicia Fai (Bath), Sandrine Labory (Ferrara), and Phil Tomlinson (Bath) explore these issues, and summarise some ways in which RIS3 policy might be better tailored to promote

growth in lagging regions. In doing so, they emphasise the importance of building upon place-specific assets, enhancing the regional innovation ecosystem, technological upgrading, strengthening extra-regional collaboration and embracing social innovation.

The paper draws upon their RSA Policy Expo (edited) book entitled '[Revitalising Lagging Regions: Smart Specialisation and Industry 4.0](#)' which was published last year, and successfully launched at the EU Joint Research Centre in Seville. Both the book and paper are required outputs from the RSA Policy Expo Grant Scheme (and are free to access for RSA members). A short article for e-Regions magazine also [appeared here](#) .

A new [RSA Policy Expo Scheme](#) Call will be announced shortly.

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### [RSRS Early Career Mentored Section](#)

The next deadline for Early Career papers is 30th September 2020. This is a section specifically devoted to Early Career Papers which focuses on publishing short articles from students and early career researchers to make their research accessible to a wider audience. Contributions are welcomed from any discipline in the field of regional studies or regional science and with any geographical focus. The

'regional' dimension may vary from trans-national spaces with fuzzy boundaries to clearly defined spaces at the sub-national level. See [here](#) for more details.

Dr Kate Broadhurst, Lecturer in Innovation and Strategy at Loughborough University has these words of encouragement for anyone considering submitting their article:

*"I truly valued the opportunity submit a paper to the Early Career Papers section of the open access journal RSRS when I was a PhD researcher. Being partnered with an editor who provided constructive feedback not only on the article but also on the process of getting published in academic journals was a huge benefit as I started out publishing the findings of my research. I would highly recommend the opportunity to any PhD student or Early Career Researcher in the field of regional studies or regional science. "*

And don't forget, authors of papers in all the RSA journals benefit from 20% off their RSA membership fees!



#### [RSA Office Staff Update](#)

The RSA office staff continue to meet online on a regular basis, but we recently had a wonderful, socially distant picnic (in the wind and threatening rain). It was good to

meet in person and catch up with each other's news. We are all looking forward to welcoming our friends and colleagues back for the new academic term, and excited about the range of webinars and online events scheduled for the remainder of the year.

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#### Handy tips for our website - Online Communities

We have a new area on our website dedicated to our [online communities](#), found below the [Communities](#) tab on our website. Find out more about the [RSA Students and Early Career Facebook group](#) and the [RSA Women's Network](#), and details on how to get involved. We are always delighted to have new members join our networking groups. Please do take a look and [get in touch](#) if you want to find out more about these or any of our global communities.

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If you would be interested in exploring how your RSA membership gets you further or you are interested in becoming a member, please get in touch with Alex at [membership@regionalstudies.org](mailto:membership@regionalstudies.org) to arrange a chat.

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## Forthcoming Webinars



## RSA Global

We are delighted to announce that details for sessions in Latin America and China can now be viewed on the RSA Global [webpage](#), an initiative aimed at bringing together our communities around the globe, providing a platform for virtual exchange in times where face-to-face meetings are not yet possible again.

Please see <https://www.regionalstudies.org/events/rsa-global-webinar-series/> for more details and make sure to check back regularly for updates. Any updates will

also be communicated via our marketing and social media channels and we will let you know as soon as registration opens, which is free for everyone. On-demand recordings will be available on the RSA [Members' Lounge](#).



[RSA Professional Development Webinar Series](#) - open to all and free to attend

We are excited to be welcoming you back next week when our Professional Development Webinar Series resumes after its summer break. There is a fantastic line-up of topics and speakers you can choose from, all aiming at supporting our members and wider community at different career stages. All webinars are free to watch online and recordings will be made available via our [Members' Lounge](#). We have grouped webinars into different topics, such as writing skills, grants and funding, career development, virtual events and networking.

See a list of all forthcoming webinars below or browse all topics and speakers' bios here: <https://bit.ly/profdevtrsa>

**September:**

[Writing Skills: Writing your first academic article](#) – Marcin Dąbrowski (Delft University of Technology) 2nd September 2020, 12pm BST.

[Grants and Funding: Grant award success – tips for your next application](#) – Ron

Boschma (University of Utrecht, The Netherlands), 9 September 2020, 12pm BST.

[Career Development: Career paths outside academia](#) – Silva Grandi (University of Bologna, Italy), 16 September 2020, 14:00pm BST.

[Career Development: How to win in job interviews](#) – Martin Jones (Staffordshire University, UK), 23 September 2020, 12:30pm BST.

### **Future Dates**

[Virtual Events: Conquering the worldwide webinar: How to plan and deliver a webinar](#) – Alex Holmes (Regional Studies Association, UK) 21 October 2020, 15:00pm GMT

[Networking: Using social media to develop your research networks](#) – Raul Pacheco-Vega (Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico), 4 November 2020, 14:00pm GMT.

[Grants and Funding: Grant funding and open access requirements](#) – Victoria Gardner (Taylor & Francis, UK), 2 December 2020, 13:00pm GMT.

[Career Development: Write a winning academic CV](#) – speaker to be confirmed, 9 December 2020, 14:00pm GMT

To view all forthcoming webinars in both the Regions, Cities and Industry Webinar Series as well as the Professional Development Webinar Series, please see <https://www.regionalstudies.org/events-and-webinars/>.

The live webinars are free to attend. Past webinars from both RSA Webinar series are available on demand for RSA members via the [RSA Members' Lounge](#).

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### RSA Regions Cities Industry Webinar Series

Open to all and free to attend live, this webinar series brings experts in the field of regional studies, science and policy to you. The webinar can be watched live for free and RSA members can access a recording on demand via the [RSA Members' Lounge](#). The RSA Regions Cities Industry Webinar Series presents acclaimed researchers and policymakers addressing a variety of issues and timely questions. These webinars will again run once a month and we have added the following topics for you (please click on each session to find out more and to register):

#### [The New Reality of Teleworking: People, Firms, Places](#)

03 September 14.30pm (BST)

Speakers: Matteo Sostero, European Commission, Joint Research Centre, Spain

Darja Reuschke, University of Southampton, UK

Patricia Mokhtarin, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA

Mattia Corbetta, Policy Analyst, OECD Trento Centre for Local Development, Italy

Chair: John Harrison, Loughborough University, UK

#### [Global Value Chains and Regional Development](#)

28 September 13.00pm (BST)

Professor Riccardo Crescenzi, London School of Economics, UK

Dr. Austin Kilroy, World Bank, Croatia

Dr. Sara Amoroso, European Commission, Joint Research Centre, Spain

Chair: Dr. Peter Wostner, Institute of Macroeconomic Analysis and Development, Republic of Slovenia

[Pathways to a Green, Equitable, Covid-19 Recovery](#)

28 October 2020

Speaker: Professor Joan Fitzgerald, Northeastern University, USA

[Entrepreneurship and Regional Growth in the Long Run](#)

Speaker: Michael Fritsch, Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany

Discussant: David B. Audretsch, Indiana University, USA

Chair: Maryann Feldman, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Please keep a look out for updates on our [Events web pages](#).



[RSA Europe Events](#)

[SMARTER 2020 Conference Webinar series](#)

[#EURegionsWeek 2020 Updates](#)

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### [SMARTER 2020 Conference Webinar series](#)

"Connecting grand societal challenges with local goals in place-based innovation policy"

The Territorial Development Unit of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre and RSA Europe are delighted to present a webinar series based on selected themes of the SMARTER 2020 Conference. In line with the measures to contain the diffusion of COVID-19, the physical event will be replaced by a series of six webinars held between 17 September and 3 December 2020.

[Placed-based responses to the COVID-19 economic crisis](#) 17 September 2020, 10:00 am - 12:00pm CET

[Smart Specialisation Strategies for Sustainability](#) – opportunities for economic recovery and competitiveness", 6 October 2020, 9:30- 11:30 CEST

[Smart Specialisation for Sustainable Development Goals](#), 10 November 2020, 11.00-12.30 CET

Smart Specialisation: evidence, lessons, challenges and opportunities, 24th November 2020 time to be confirmed

Quality of life in European cities: are cities in Europe inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable?, November, date and time to be confirmed.

Urban strategies and Smart Specialisation, 3 December 2020, time to be confirmed

More information can be found on the [RSA Europe website](#).

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[#EURegionsWeek 2020 Updates](#)

### **#EURegionsWeekUniversity & #EURegionsWeekCollege**

Despite the difficulties generated by the COVID 19 pandemic, the #EURegionsWeek 2020 will offer participants more than 500 digital working sessions to discover over three consecutive weeks between 5 - 22 October. These will cover various topics along the thematic priorities: Empowering Citizens; Cohesion and Cooperation; and Green Europe. Due to the security measures and sanitary situation caused by the

pandemic, this year will be the first ever fully digital #EURegionsWeek.

We are pleased to let you know that all sessions are open for registration. Please help us promote the session by sending the registration link and details to your network. The [registration is open](#) from 27 August to 27 September 2020. See our announcements here for [University Sessions](#) and the [MasterClass](#).

### **#EURegionsWeekUniversity**

- [Is circular economy the future of our regions?](#) Tue 13, October 2020, 09:30 - 11:00 CEST
- [Boosting Startups and Scale-ups](#) Tue 13, October 2020, 11:30 - 13:00 CEST
- [A Territorial Agenda 2030 for Cohesion?](#) Tue 13, October 2020, 14:30 - 16:00 CEST
- [Refugees' crisis: economic and social impacts](#) Tue 13, October 2020, 16:30 - 18:00 CEST
- [Pandemics, Cities, Regions and Industry](#) Wed 14, October 2020, 09:30 - 11:00 CEST
- [Applying a gender lens to Cohesion Policy: What framework for equal opportunities?](#) Wed 14, October 2020, 11:30 - 13:00 CEST
- [Regional Policies for the Green Deal](#) Wed 14, October 2020, 14:30 - 16:00 CEST
- [Localised Trends and Strategies for SDGs](#) Wed 14, October 2020, 16:30 - 18:00 CEST
- [A New European Industrial Strategy oriented towards citizens and the territory](#) Thu 15, October 2020, 09:30 - 11:00 CEST
- [Commons in European cities](#) Thu 15, October 2020, 11:30 - 13:00 CEST

### **#EURegionsWeekCollege**

- [Financing the Green Transition: the Role of EU Cohesion Policy](#), Tue 6, October 2020, 11:30 – 13:00 CEST
- [Discussing European Cohesion Policy for Students and Early Career Researchers](#), Wed 7, October 2020, 11:30 – 13:00 CEST



- [Research for Policy Impact: The European Parliament](#), Thu 8, October 2020, 11:30 – 13:00 CEST

The #EURegionsWeekUniversity and #EURegionsWeekCollege Webinars are free to attend but as places are limited, we recommend signing up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. To register, go to [https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/programme/sessions\\_en](https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/programme/sessions_en) and filter by keyword “#EURegionsWeekUniversity” or “#EURegionsWeekCollege” then click on the session title and read the detailed description. To register to the sessions you need first to sign in with your [EU Login](#) or [create an account](#) (note that [two-factor authentication](#) is required) and complete your personal profile.

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Did you know...? RSA members can get 30-35 % off Routledge books, subject-related Edward Elgar books, subject-related Wiley books and all books from Policy Press at the University of Bristol.

You can see the full range of benefits and discounts on our [Membership pages](#). If you are already an RSA Member, please login to the [Members' Lounge](#) and head to Community, Member Discounts.



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### Publication News

For those of you who are keen to publish, please visit the relevant journal pages on our website for more details about topics, themes and submissions. You can find details of the most recent articles for each journal below, but **please note that you will need to be**

logged into the [Members' Lounge](#) for access to individual articles that are not open access.

- [Regional Studies](#)
- [Spatial Economic Analysis](#)
- [Territory Politics Governance](#)
- [Area Development Policy](#)
- [Regional Studies Regional Science](#)
- [Regions eZine](#)
- [Blog](#)
- [Policy Impact Books](#)

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#### Latest Articles in [Regional Studies](#)

[Editorial: Regions in a time of pandemic](#) Bailey et al. **Published online:** 10 Aug 2020

[Institutional fragmentation and urbanization in European Union cities](#) Cappelli et al. **Published online:** 24 Aug 2020

[Privatization, power and place: the distributive politics of asylum dispersal in England](#) Alonso & Andrews. **Published online:** 18 Aug 2020

[Public policy for addressing the low-skills low-wage trap: insights from business case studies in the Birmingham city-region, UK](#) Greren et al. **Published online:** 18 Aug 2020

[Theory-based evaluation criteria for regional smart specializations and their application in the Podkarpackie voivodeship in Poland](#) Wojnicka-Sycz. **Published online:** 17 Aug 2020

[Does subnational tax autonomy promote regional](#)



[convergence? Evidence from OECD countries, 1995–2011](#) Van Rompuy. **Published online:** 14 Aug 2020

For more articles published this month, please go to the [Regional Studies web page](#).

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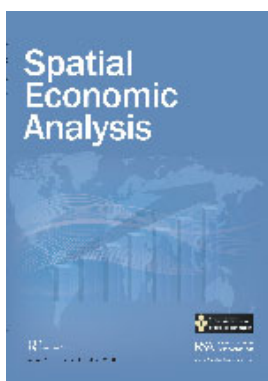
### **Calls for Papers - [Regional Studies Special Issues](#)**

[Brokerage Within and Between Regions](#) (Deadline 1 September 2020).

[Regional Growth Against all Odds: Agency and Structure in Path Development](#) (Deadline 30 September 2020).

[Place-based Industrial and Trade Strategy – Levelling the playing field](#) (Deadline 31 October 2020)

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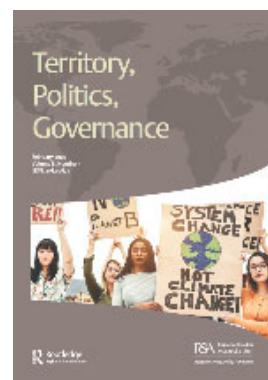
### **Latest articles in [Spatial Economic Analysis](#)**

[Valuing biodiversity and resilience: an application to pollinator diversity in the Stockholm region](#) Engström et al. **Published online:** 17 Jul 2020

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### **Latest articles in [Territory, Politics, Governance](#)**

[Mobility planning in cross-border metropolitan regions: the European and North American experiences](#) Peña & Durand **Published online:** 14 Jul 2020





**Latest articles in [Area Development and Policy](#)**

Indexed in Clarivate Analytics' Emerging Sources Citation Index and Scopus

[Mobility, job accessibility and welfare from jobs in Bengaluru, India](#) [Khalimova](#), Sridhar **Published online:** 25 Aug 2020

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**Latest articles in [Regional Studies, Regional Science](#) (open access)**

[Smart specialisation, Industry 4.0 and lagging regions: some directions for policy](#) Barzotto et al. **Published online:** 25 Aug 2020



[Building regional 'goodwill': on the financialization of subnational economic governance](#) Salder **Published online:** 25 Aug 2020



[Place-based environmental education to promote eco-initiatives: the case of Yokohama, Japan](#) Ito & Igano **Published online:** 25 Aug 2020

**Call for papers [Early Career Papers Section](#)** (Deadline 30 September)



[Regions e-Zine](#) Call for Articles: [Financialization of the Urban and Regional Domains](#) (Issue 7)

Articles in this themed issue will address various examples of financialization in operation, including the growing involvement of the finance industry in housing, public-space management, transportation and overall urban and regional development.

Deadline for submissions is 15th September 2020

If you would like to contribute or would like more information, please contact us at [office@regionalstudies.org](mailto:office@regionalstudies.org).

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#### Recent RSA Blogs

[Long-distance research during the Covid-19 crisis: trust and corruption in Romania](#) by Adriana Mihaela Soaita. Published 24 Aug 2020

[Facing a New Economic Goliath: When benefiting from the Belt-and-Road-Initiative slings Duisburg toward dependence](#) by Kaufmann et al. Published 24 Aug 2020



If you are currently involved with regional research, policy, and development, and want to elaborate your ideas in a different medium, please contact our blog editor, [Joshua Barrett](#). Guidelines for the Blog can be found [here](#).



## Policy Impact Books

The Regional Studies Association Policy Impact Books address issues of contemporary concern, with a specific focus on the impact of policy research.

Volume 2

Issue 1 [Every place matters: towards effective place-based policy](#) Beer et al. Published online 11 Aug 2020

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## Non-RSA Events

We promote a variety of non-RSA events on the [Opportunities](#) page of our website, although sadly many of these have now been cancelled or postponed. If you have a future event that you would like us to promote, please get in touch with [Alex](#).

Forthcoming non-RSA events

[Cyfres Ar-lein 2020 WISERD am yr Economi Sylfaenol](#), WISERD Foundational Economy Online Series 2020, 8 - 10 September 2020

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## Vacancies and Opportunities

We have a variety of Masters Courses, PhD scholarships, post-docs and career vacancies listed on our website. Below is a small selection of the current career openings - many more can be found on the [Opportunities](#) pages of our website. Please contact [Alex](#) if you have vacancies that you would like added to our website.

### [Vacancies](#)

[Calls for Book Chapters: Transforming Urban Nightlife and the Development of Smart Public Spaces](#), Editors: Abusaada, Elshater & Rodwell. Deadline September 19, 2020

[Lecturer in Planning](#), University of Liverpool, UK. Closing Date September 7, 2020

[Associate/Full Professorship in Political Economy](#), University of Cologne, Germany.  
Closing Date September 14, 2020

[Two Post-Doctoral Fellowships: Coastal Management and Socio-Environmental Conflicts](#),  
Federal University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Closing date Sept 25, 2020

[Lecturer for Industry Immersions](#), University of California, Davis, USA. Closing Date Sept  
30 2020

#### [Masters and PhD Positions](#)

[Two PhD posts: Young people's transition to Gymnasium and the role of private and public  
supplementary learning programs](#), University of Zurich, Switzerland. Deadline September  
14 2020

[PhD Scholarship: Spatial sustainability science - Glowing cities: Heat and drought in urban  
contexts](#), Dresden Leibniz Graduate School, Germany. Deadline September 15 2020



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