Welcome to the second RSA eBulletin of 2021 sent via the Regional Studies Community JISC Mailing list. We remain committed to supporting our community as best we can and wish you the very best for 2021.

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 pages.

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Most Read RSA Journal Articles of 2020

RSA member benefits include access to our five journals. Below is a taster of content from each journal – the most read articles of 2020. RSA members can access these articles through the RSA Lounge.

Regional Studies
Perceptions of regional inequality and the geography of discontent: insights from the UK
Regions in a time of pandemic

Spatial Economic Analysis
Modelling knowledge and innovation spillovers in China
Valuing biodiversity and resilience: an application to pollinator diversity in the Stockholm region

Territory, Politics, Governance
The COVID-19 pandemic: territorial, political and governance dimensions of the crisis
What is policy assemblage?

Regional Studies, Regional Science
Understanding migration motives and its impact on household welfare: evidence from rural–urban migration in Indonesia
Regionalizing the infrastructure turn: a research agenda

Area Development and Policy
A critical look at Chinese ‘debt-trap diplomacy’: the rise of a meme
Deindustrialization in cities of the Global South

For a full list, please see here.
Development and Application of the Pandemic Risk and Recovery Economic Tool (PRRET) - a risk/recovery regional index

In 2020, the Regional Studies Association commissioned a grant to develop a risk/recovery regional index. The team from George Mason University, the University of South Australia and the University of Newcastle completed collation and analysis of data from several OECD countries on the potential resilience of their regions to recover from impacts of economic shutdowns due to COVID-19.

The aspiration is for the PRRET tool to enable researchers in other countries to add corresponding data to assess which regions of their own countries might need more economic support for COVID-19 recovery. Additionally, the PRRET tool has the capacity to evolve to reflect lessons learned during the economic recovery process. These lessons could include insights into pandemic-related effects of interest rates, government economic stimulus and telecommuting on regional economies.

Read more about this research [here](#).
We are pleased to welcome new members to the RSA China Division Board who have been appointed in the recent China Division Board meeting.

Chair
Canfei He, College of Urban and Environmental Sciences, Peking University

Vice Chairs
Shenjing He, Department of Urban Planning and Design, University of Hong Kong
Jie Chen, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Li Tian, School of Architecture, Tsinghua University
Jiaoe Wang, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, CAS

Secretary General
Zhouying Song, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, CAS

More details on the China Division can be found at
Accommodating Connected and Autonomous Vehicles – Call for Evidence

We are pleased to launch our global Call for Evidence (CfE) as part of our Regional Studies Association Policy Expo - Accommodating Connected and Autonomous Vehicles.

An important first step in the project is to gather insights from a range of stakeholders. We are interested in hearing from all individuals, policymakers, private sector, government organisations, NGOs, or pressure groups who may have evidence relating to the questions this Policy Expo is concerned with. We invite both short form submissions (submitted via this online form) where stakeholders can respond directly to specific questions if they wish, or longer responses to the Call submitted directly to the team.

The full Call for Evidence can be accessed here: https://bit.ly/3amL0Xd. This outlines the questions we are hoping to address, detailed information on how you can submit your evidence, and further information on the Policy Expo.

Please circulate this to anyone you feel would be interested in engaging with this research.

The Call will close on 30th April 2021.
Reaching wider audiences with your research

In a recent RSA Professional Development Webinar, eZine Regions Editor Eduardo Oliveira (Department of Geography, University of Kiel, Germany) and the out-going editor of the RSA Blog Joshua Barrett (Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and University of Guelph, Canada) highlighted benefits and top tips when using non-standard academic platforms to reach wider audiences. This webinar is now available to watch here.
Congratulations to Laura James, Aalborg University, Denmark our first winner of an e-reader in our RSA Hub app prize draw. Laura was chosen at random from the first 100 downloads of RSA Hub.

RSA Hub is packed with really useful features to enhance your membership or attendance at RSA events both online and face to face. Our e-reader Prize draw continues and we will be soon picking at random one of the first 200 and then 300 users to award an e-reader to.

[Click here](#) to view a short video guide for the new RSA Hub app.

Search for RSA Hub in your app store to download. (Or click here for a direct link on the [Apple App Store](#); or [Android Google Play Store](#))

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**MEMBERSHIP RESEARCH GRANT SCHEME (MERSA)**
- **Value:** up to £5,000
- **Deadline:** 1 September 2021

**FELLOWSHIP RESEARCH GRANT SCHEME (FERSA)**
- **Value:** up to £7,500
- **Deadline:** 1 September 2021

**EARLY CAREER GRANT SCHEME**
- **Value:** up to £10,000
- **Deadline:** 15 September 2021

[Grants Update – the 2021 deadlines announced](#)

These grants aim to reward excellence and support outstanding individual researchers on a topic related to regional studies and regional science. These awards have a maximum time span of 18 months and reporting conditions apply.
For a summary, please see our Funding and Awards Flyer and if you have any questions or need further clarification, please just get in touch with Klara Sobekova.

The application deadlines for the Research Network Grant Scheme and Travel Grant have been postponed until 2022.

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Small Grant Scheme on Pandemics, Cities, Regions & Industry

This scheme aims to support a discrete piece of regional studies and/or regional science research on the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) on regions cities and industry. This award is open to single applicants or a team of researchers.

Examples of research projects could cover economic, environmental, social, political, cultural, behavioural and technological change, and address conceptual, methodological, empirical or policy impacts. Topics could address specific countries, regions or cities, providing that wider implications for global audiences are addressed.

The award has a maximum research time span of up to 9 months and reporting conditions apply (the reporting conditions have to be fulfilled within 11 months from
the date of the award letter).

Forthcoming deadline: 30th June 2021
For more details and to apply, please click here.

Student and Early Career Awards 2021 – Call Now Open

Nominations (both self-nominations and third-party nominations) of current members are being sought for the following awards in regional studies and related fields:

- Nathaniel Lichfield Award – this award is for recent Masters graduates who have graduated within the previous year;
- Paul Benneworth PhD Student Award – this award is for registered PhD students who have not yet received their PhD certificate;
- RSA Routledge Early Career Award – this award is for early career researchers (defined as being within five years of the date on their PhD certificate or equivalent).

More details and the nomination forms are available here: https://www.regionalstudies.org/funding/awards-2021/
RSA Policy Expo Grant Scheme - now open for applications!

In 2021, applications are invited on the following themes (read the full call by clicking on the title):

- Pandemics: Regional Resilience and Regional Policy Responses
- Social Innovation, Foundational Sectors and the Regional Economy
- The Future of Work, the Gig Economy, and Inclusive Growth

The two key deliverables from the Expo are:

- An article for Regional Studies, Regional Science
- A policy-facing book in the new RSA Impact and Policy Series. This would be a minimum 25,000 and maximum 30,000 word policy-facing document. It can be in the form of a report, or edited papers with an introduction and conclusion. It should include an executive summary highlighting the policy implications from the work, and it needs to be accessible to policymakers and practitioners. The RSA will provide advice on book templates to maximise policy impact. This book would normally be expected to be launched by the Association at an appropriate time and venue and will be given in print form to all RSA members and in electronic form to all subscribers to the RSA.
journals pack. This gives each book a very substantial potential readership footprint. Additional copies will be purchased by the Association for distribution to the policy community directly.

Before submission of your application, make sure that:

- Your proposal is a policy challenge, timely and relevant.
- Your research objectives are clearly presented, ambitious, and pertinent to tackle the policy challenge.
- Your proposal introduces innovative approaches to the policy challenge.
- Your work plan is coherent, realistic and appropriate to ensure the achievement of the research objectives.
- Your proposal clearly identifies relevant, and realistic, short- and long-term policy impacts.
- Your proposal outlines a strategy for engaging with relevant stakeholders during the life of the Award (e.g. RSA members, policymakers/practitioners).
- Your plan outlines policy dissemination and/or exploitation of the research results.
- Your proposal provides the justification for the requested resources (i.e. budget plan, appropriate costs).

A relevant webinar recording, *Grants and Funding: An Introduction to the Policy Expo Grant by the RSA*, given by Neil Lee and Phil Tomlinson is available freely here: https://www.regionalstudies.org/funding/policy-expo-grant-scheme/
During these unprecedented times and as a continued commitment to supporting our community, membership fees will remain unchanged for 2021. We are always delighted to welcome new and renewing members into our community. 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 to arrange a chat.

Five good reasons to join the Regional Studies Association

#1. Latest research
#2. Networking
#3. Build and extend your skills and knowledge
#4. Save money and access research funding
#5. Support the global regional studies community

Forthcoming Webinars

Regions in Recovery Global E-Festival
RSA Professional Development Webinar Series
RSA Regions Cities Industry Webinar Series
Research Network Events
Territorial Events
RSA Europe Events
Regions in Recovery: Building Sustainable Futures - Global E-Festival

The Festival will address themes related to the re-emergence of regions and cities from the pandemic. It includes longer standing challenges to society of climate change, geopolitical manoeuvrings, the rise of populism, the financial implications of these shifts, migration crises, new challenges to the survival of pandemic struck firms and city centres and much more.

More details on the Festival and how to participate as partner, presenter or non-presenting participants can be found [here](#).

Did you know we have [bursaries](#) available to cover the Regions in Recovery presenter fee? The deadline for applications has now been extended until Monday 15th March.

**Important deadlines**

- Bursary applications – 15th March 2021
- Abstract submission – 17th March 2021
- Abstract acceptance confirmation – 7th April 2021

For more information, please keep updated via our [webpage](#).
RSA Professional Development Webinar Series - open to all and free to attend

The Professional Development Webinar series continues to offer researchers of different career stages advice on a number of topics, including academic writing and publishing, grants and funding, presentation skills and career development among others. Recordings of the sessions are made available on the RSA Lounge. All webinars are free to join live, but pre-registration via the links below is necessary.

Please see below for a full list of forthcoming webinars, with the next session taking place this Wednesday.

March

- Grants and Funding: Managing a grant project (Dieter Kogler, University College Dublin, Ireland), 03 March 2021, 14:00 GMT

April

- Grants and Funding: An Introduction to the Small Grant Scheme by the RSA (Ron Boschma, Utrecht University, The Netherlands and Jana Kleibert, Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Germany), 21 April 2021, 13:00 BST

May

- Grants and Funding: An introduction to the Early Career Grant Scheme by the RSA (Stuart Dawley, University of Newcastle, UK), 05 May 2021, 14:00 BST
Webinars will restart in September and the autumn programme is currently being developed and speakers are being confirmed. Please do check the event website for exciting updates and an engaging programme of sessions in due course.

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 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 register):

24 March 2021, 10:00 EDT, 14:00 GMT
Policy Expo China’s Belt and Road Initiative: Better Policies for Alleviating Risks and Enhancing Opportunities
Speaker: Xiangming Chen, Trinity College, USA

26 May 2021, 09:00 PDT, 17:00 BST
Failing Federalism? US Dualist Federalism and the 2020 Pandemic Debacle
Speaker: John Agnew, UCLA, USA

We look forward to welcoming you to one of the forthcoming webinars and thank you for forwarding this invitation to interested colleagues and students. Click here for an overview of all webinars. All webinars are free and open to attend for all. A recording of each session will be made available on the RSA Lounge.

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Research Network Events

FinGeo Virtual Seminar Series

The Global Network on Financial Geography (FinGeo) is delighted to announce the launch of our Virtual Seminar Series in 2021. This will be a 3-part series taking place this year between February-March, May-July, and September-November. The seminars will take place online, and we look forward to stimulating discussions with presenters and attendees from different parts of the world.

02 March, 11:00-12:00 GMT

Geographies of financial regulation: The rise of regulatory capitalism

Speaker: Jessie Poon, University at Buffalo, USA
16 March, 13:00-14:00 GMT
Remittances and financial inclusion: contested geographies of Marketisation in Senegal and Ghana
Speaker: Vincent Guermond, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK

30 March, 13:00-14:00 GMT
Post 2008 financialized housing geographies: from above, from below
Speaker: Raquel Rolnik, University of São Paulo, Brazil

Theoretical reflections on EU Cohesion Policy
The Regional Studies Association’s Research Network on EU Cohesion Policy
#CPnet
Online Webinar, 22 March 2021

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: 05 March 2021

Keynote Speaker: Phillip McCann, University of Sheffield, UK
For more information, click here.
The urban dimensions of EU Cohesion Policy
The Regional Studies Association’s Research Network on EU Cohesion Policy
#CPnet
Online Webinar, 19 May 2021

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PRESENTATIONS: 20 April 2021**

Keynote speakers:
Rob Atkinson, University of the West of England, UK
Dorthe Nielsen, Eurocities

For more information, please click [here](#).
RSA City and Regional Sustainability Transitions (CReST) Webinar Series

This seminar series will invite leading scholars from across these fields to present cutting edge theoretical and empirical work. Through stimulating discussion and debate about ways forward for understanding economic geographies of sustainability transitions, policy and academic communities can be brought together. The webinar series is run by the RSA’s Yorkshire and Humberside Branch and supported by the RSA. It is free and open to all and runs monthly until March 2021. Organised by Will Eadson (Sheffield Hallam University) and Laura Norris (Cardiff University). The final webinar is scheduled for 25th March 2021. Please keep an eye on the event page for details.
RSA Europe Events

We are looking forward to the European Week of Regions and Cities (#EURegionsWeek) 2021. Please see below for details on the current call for University sessions.

Call for University Session Proposals

We are pleased to let you know that RSA Europe is again partnering in the #EURegionsWeek, 11 to 14 October 2021. The European Week of Regions and Cities (#EURegionsWeek) is the biggest annual Brussels-based event dedicated to regional policy. This event serves as a platform for discussing and showcasing the development of EU cohesion policy and making decision-makers more aware of the importance of regions and cities in EU policymaking. More info: https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/home_en

The University Sessions are organised by the European Commission, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) and the European Committee of the Regions (CoR), advised by the Regional Studies Association European Foundation (RSA Europe) and with the cooperation of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA) and the Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP).
The academic societies (led by RSA Europe) will host around 10 sessions in-person or virtual (format to be confirmed), showcasing the best of new research to the largely policy-based audience at the week. We are now inviting proposals for these sessions.

We invite the submission of proposals that may relate to the following overarching themes which constitute the focus of the 19th Edition:

- Green Transition: for a sustainable and green recovery
- Cohesion: from emergency to resilience
- Digital Transition: for people
- Citizens’ engagement: for an inclusive, participative and fair recovery

Proposals need to be submitted online at https://rsaeurope.org/event/euregionsweek-2021/

Submission Deadline: 5pm CET, 11th March 2021

In 2020, the #EURegionsWeek was held online. The recordings of the University Sessions are now available on the REPLAY section of the event website: https://rsaeurope.org/news/the rsa europe at the 2020 euregionsweek/.

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 RSA Lounge and head to Community, Member Discounts.
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 RSA 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
- Regions and Cities Book Series

Latest Articles in Regional Studies

Economic geography and human capital accumulation in Turkey: evidence from micro-data Karahasan & Bilgel. Published online: 24 Feb 2021

Entrepreneurship education and firm creation Breznitz & Zhang. Published online: 23 Feb 2021

Quality of government and regional trade: evidence from European Union regions Barbero et al. Published online: 18 Feb 2021

Asset modification for regional industrial restructuring:
digitalization of the culture and experience industry and the healthcare sector Kyllingstad et al. Published online: 18 Feb 2021

For more articles published this month, please go to the Regional Studies web page.

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**Latest articles in Spatial Economic Analysis**

Productivity spillovers in two overlapping networks Cheng & Weber. Published online: 24 Feb 2021

Geographical and cultural patterns in cross-border mergers and acquisitions: the role of experience Del Gatto & Mastinu. Published online: 15 Feb 2021

Business cycle synchronization among the US states: spatial effects and regional determinants Cainelli et al. Published online: 18 Jan 2021

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**Latest articles in Territory, Politics, Governance**

Maritime politics as discourse in the Indo/Asia-Pacific Summers. Published online: 24 Feb 2021

Policing the federation: the Supreme Court and judicial federalism in India Swenden & Saxena. Published online: 24 Feb 2021

Political climate and regional well-being in Turkey Can Karahasan et al. Published online: 17 Feb 2021

Sharing heritage? Politics and territoriality in UNESCO’s
heritage lists Debarbieux et al. Published online: 15 Feb 2021

Megaprojects, mirages and miracles: territorializing the Delhi–Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) and state restructuring in contemporary India Williams et al. Published online: 15 Feb 2021

Latest articles in Area Development and Policy
Indexed in Clarivate Analytics’ Emerging Sources Citation Index and Scopus

Capitalism, contradictions, crises: pushing back the limits to capital or breaching the capacity of the planetary ecosystem? Hudson. Published online: 15 Feb 2021

Guangdong–Hong Kong city cluster: a commentary on ‘On capitalism’s cusp’ Meyer. Published online: 15 Feb 2021

On capitalism’s cusp Peck. Published online: 15 Feb 2021

Latest articles in Regional Studies, Regional Science (open access)

Housing charges to fund bulk infrastructure: innovative or traditional? Squires et al. Published online: 22 Feb 2021

Regional state innovation in peripheral regions: enabling Lapland’s green policies Morales & Sariego-Kluge. Published online: 18 Feb 2021

Visualizing the impact of COVID-19 on PM$_{2.5}$ concentrations in China Tang et al. Published online: 02 Feb 2021
Call for papers Early Career Papers Section (Deadline 31 March 2021)

Regions e-Zine  Issue 8: Housing Issues in Contemporary Urban Regions

Articles include The surge in homeworking and new key issues for regional studies by Reuschke; Territorial Impact Assessment for evaluation of Territorial Cohesion Policies: the STeMA-TIA 3.0 and social housing in Italy by Prezioso et al.; and What is Latin America? Between urban enigmas and postcolonial transformations by Vegliò.

If you would like to contribute to the forthcoming Issue 9 (April 2021) Regions in Transition: Sustainability challenges and opportunities in cities and regions or would like more information about how to publish in Regions, please contact us at office@regionalstudies.org.

Editorial team
Eduardo Oliveira, Stefania Fiorentino and Robert Bowen

Recent RSA Blogs
RSA Women’s Network supports Collaborative International Research during Pandemic by Sandy MacDonald, Aliya Tankibayeva & Silvia Grandi. Published 22 Feb 2021

Associativity in the Bogotá metropolitan region by Carlos M. Jimenez Aguilar and Ulf Thoene. Published 17 Feb 2021
Addressing regional inequalities in innovation opportunities for BAME and disabled groups by Helen Lawton Smith. Published 08 Feb 2021

Can oil development work for Indigenous Peoples? Views from Borneo and Alaska by Mia Bennett. Published 1 Feb 2021

If you are currently involved with regional research, policy, and development, and want to elaborate your ideas in a different medium, please email RSABlog@regionalstudies.org

Guidelines for the Blog can be found here.

Watch our freely available webinar here with eZine Regions Editor Eduardo Oliveira and the out-going editor of the RSA Blog Joshua Barrett highlighting benefits of using non-standard academic platforms to reach wider audiences.

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 2 The Belt and Road Initiative as epochal regionalisation Chen et al. Published online: 25 Nov 2020

Volume 2, Issue 1 Every place matters: towards effective place-based policy Beer et al. Published online: 11 Aug 2020
New Publication: **The Randstad: A Polycentric Metropolis**, Edited By Wil Zonneveld, Vincent Nadin. Published 30 Dec 2020

The Randstad metropolitan region encompassing Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam and Utrecht in the western Netherlands is regarded worldwide as a model of a ‘successful’ polycentric metropolis. It is widely cited as an example of how a region of interconnected small cities can effectively compete globally by providing complementary functions which together match the power of large monocentric cities. The methods of strategic spatial planning, regional design and strategic projects that are said to underpin this polycentric metropolis are used as models for practitioners and students around the world. This book provides a critical analysis of the Randstad and lessons for strategic planning in other metropolitan regions.

The Regions and Cities book series welcomes Open Access projects. Please contact Kristina Abbotts – kristina.abbotts@tandf.co.uk – Routledge Commissioning Editor or visit [https://www.routledge.com/info/open_access](https://www.routledge.com/info/open_access) for more details.

Find out more about the Regions and Cities Book Series [here](#).

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**Non-RSA Events**

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

Forthcoming non-RSA events

**Advancing Indicators of Regional Structural Change:** Hybrid Workshop, Friedrich-Schiller
Regional Innovation Policies Conferences 2021, Aalborg University, Denmark, 25-26 March 2021

LDnet Webinar Series: Recovery through community-led approaches – April 2021

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

Postdoctoral fellowship: Comparative Public Policy, University of Southern Denmark, Denmark. Deadline 15 March 2021

Postdoctoral position in Political Science, (Housing and Urban politics). Uppsala University, Sweden. Deadline 15 March 2021

Lecturer in Urban Innovation, Edinburgh Napier Business School, Scotland. Deadline 16 March 2021

Research Director, Cooperative Research Centre for Transformations in Mining Economies (CRC TiME), University of Queensland, Australia. Deadline 21 March 2021

2-year Postdoctoral Fellowship, Economic Geography, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Deadline 9 April 2021

MSc Courses & PhD Studentships

15 fully funded PhD positions for Early Stage Researchers, Project CORAL, Various Locations. Deadline 14 March 2021
PhD fellowship in Business and Development, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark. Deadline 31 March 2021

If there is any news you would like us to share with the RSA Community please get in touch with Alex (alex.holmes@regionalstudies.org).

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