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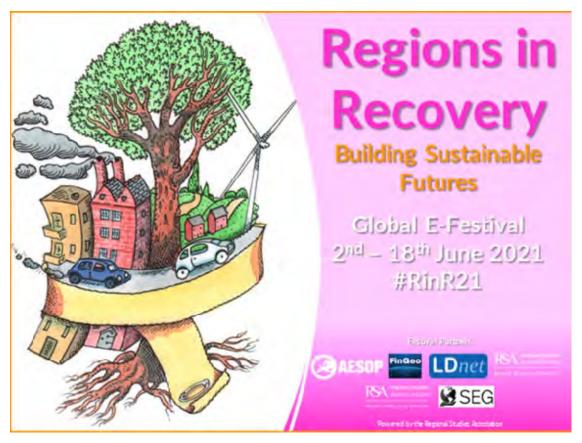
January eBulletin

Welcome to the first 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 <u>unsubscribe</u> 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 <u>online contact form</u> found at the bottom of our web pages.

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Regions in Recovery

2020 was the most extraordinary of years when conferences have been cancelled or postponed and normal flows of researcher engagement and networking have been heavily disrupted. So, what is the plan for 2021, a year in which we all hope that vaccines will roll out globally and we will slowly see a welcome return to more social interaction? A small number of societies and research-led organisations have come together and agreed that rather than run competing events we will contribute to cohosting a festival of regional and related research.

Designed as a collaborative programme with a collegiate spirit in mind, the Festival seeks to maximise the value of a virtual event to all participants. Partner sessions will be integrated and hosted in a joint programme by the RSA and will be collectively promoted to a global audience for exchange, learning and engagement. This multipartner event will run globally, online from 2nd June - 18th June 2021.

For more information on our Partner Sessions, please visit this page <u>2021 Regions in</u> Recovery Partner Sessions

Click here to submit an abstract. Abstract submission deadline - 17th March 2021.







Free Book Offer

Sign up for an RSA membership* before midnight on the 12th February 2021 and you can participate in our Free Book Offer, where you can get a free book worth up to £90. See below for a full list of the books available.

Please be aware that there are a limited number of free books and there is no guarantee that your choices will be available. Allocation is on a first come, first served basis. Once you have received your membership confirmation email, please email alex.holmes@regionalstudies.org with three books of your choice. The RSA will cover all the costs of postage and packing.

*Only expired or new members are eligible for this offer.

Full list of books as pdf



New Fellows of the Regional Studies Association

The Regional Studies Association is delighted to announce the appointment of the new RSA Fellows (FeRSA) for 2021. RSA Fellows are individual members who have been continuous members for a minimum of 5 years and who have also been recognised as "active members". This means that they have contributed to the life of the Association through serving on the Board or committees, have spoken at conferences, have applied for grants and other forms of funding etc.

RSA Fellows are eligible to apply for the <u>RSA Fellowship Research Grant Scheme</u>. The FeRSA Grant is provided to support a discrete piece of regional studies and/or regional science research. The value of the award is up to £7,500 (or its equivalent in dollars or euros).



Welcome to our new RSA Student Representative Board Member

We would like to welcome Tanya Chandra as our new RSA Student Representative Board Member.

Tanya is a PhD candidate at the Department of Architecture, ETH Zurich. She is part of the Urban-Rural Systems team at Future Cities Laboratory, focused on capturing the different territorial transformation taking place across Monsoon Asia. Her doctoral work focuses on translating the territorial transformation unfolding in India's Bengal region into policy evaluation tools by capturing the local changing material culture of housing and mobility in impact assessments of national road development projects. You can read more about Chandra here.

We are looking forward to working closely with Tanya on exciting new initiatives for our student members.



New Chair of RSA China Division

An RSA China Division Board Meeting was held in December 2020. Canfei He was appointed as Chair of RSA China Division. Zhouying Song was appointed as Secretary General, Fenghua Pan and Shengjun Zhu were appointed as Assistant Secretary Generals of RSA China Division. You can read more about the RSA China Division here and access the RSA China Division website here.



Call for RSA Blog Editor

The Regional Studies Association (RSA) seeks to appoint an Editor for its popular Blog which has been running since 2010. The <u>Blog</u> provides a platform for the RSA and its community to share short, engaging articles on research and the latest developments in the field.

Our outgoing Blog editor, Joshua Barratt, describes how he has enjoyed the role:

"Being the RSA Blog Editor provided an excellent opportunity to learn and publish new and upcoming research for an online audience and provided instrumental networking opportunities with leading scholars in regional studies on a global stage."

For more details on how to apply, please see here.

Closing Date for applications: 17.00 (GMT) Monday 15th February 2021

To find out more about publishing in the RSA blog, please join the RSA's forthcoming Professional Development Webinar on 'Publishing: A conversation about publishing a non-standard academic piece' with the outgoing RSA Blog Editor Joshua Barrett, University of Guelph, Canada and the Regions eZine Editor Eduardo Oliveira, University of Kiel, Germany.

This webinar will be held on 10th February 2021, 14:00 GMT. The webinar is free and open to all and provides opportunities to ask questions. For more details and to register, please click here.



New Policy Expo launched

The Regional Studies Association has commissioned a Policy Expo to examine local and regional responses to connected and autonomous vehicles. The research will be led by:

- Ed Ferrari, Sheffield Hallam University (UK)
- Stephen Parkes, Sheffield Hallam University (UK)
- Rebecca Powell, Arup (UK)
- Marc Schlossberg, University of Oregon (US)
- Keith McKoy, Sheffield Hallam University (UK)

This Policy Expo invites contributions from academics, policymakers and other individuals and groups with an interest in these issues. The Expo will engage with a diverse set of stakeholders and provide valuable data on policy opportunities across a range of geographies – from the neighbourhood and the city-region to the national and international scale. In particular, case-studies of innovative solutions are sought to help frame the discussion of potential policy and infrastructure options.

The team will be launching a global Call for Evidence in January 2021. They also plan to run a special session at the RSA <u>Regions in Recovery</u> e-festival held in June 2021. Further stakeholder engagement will follow throughout the year.



Our January Member of the Month

We are delighted that Eduardo Oliveira is our January Member of the Month. Eduardo is a Post-Doctoral Research Associate (with the aim of *Habilitation*) at the Economic Geography Working Group of the Department of Geography at Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, Germany. He teaches evolutionary economic geography and the interlinkage between sustainability principles and economic geography paradigms. His prime scientific interests are within the fields of spatial planning instruments such as strategic spatial planning and place branding. Eduardo is also lead Editor of the RSA Regions eZine, and will be speaking at our forthcoming Professional Development webinar 'Publishing: A conversation about publishing a non-standard academic piece', alongside Joshua Barrett, our outgoing Blog editor on 10th February 2021 (see here for more details)

To find out more about Eduardo, please see here.

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Download our App today

RSA Hub is packed with really useful features to enhance your membership or attendance at RSA events both online and face to face. We are running a prize draw with winners picked at random to give away an e-reader to one of the first 100, 200 and 300 users.

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 <u>Apple App Store</u>; or <u>Android Google Play Store</u>)



Top Tips for Grant Applications

Do you have any tips and advice when applying for grants? We would like to hear from you! Please send us a short video (no longer than 2 minutes) recorded on your phone with your top tips for a successful grant application. This video will then be made available to the community on the RSA website. We have several videos made by our grant holders on our <u>Early Career</u> and <u>MeRSA</u> Grant Scheme webpages.

Please do email <u>Alex</u> for more information if you have some top tips to share.

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RSA Awards 2020

These awards demonstrate the aim of our association to an authoritative voice of, and network for, academics, students, practitioners, policy makers via our diverse and international membership. In 2020, the Awards were given virtually, and the full list of 2020 RSA Award Winners and the video recordings of the awards ceremonies are available here: https://www.regionalstudies.org/funding/awards-2020/ Congratulations to all our winners!

Student and Early Career Awards 2021

Deadline: 30 April 2021







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

Value: up to £15,000 (c. \$19,000; c. €16,800) Application Deadline: 20th April 2021

In 2021, applications are invited on the following themes:

- 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



RSA Policy Expo Grant Scheme - now open for applications!

With the Policy Expo Grant Scheme, the Association seeks a leading and impactful role for its community, to inform and influence policy and practice in creative and ambitious ways. This policy research initiative is worth up to £15,000 (c. \$19,000; c. €16,800).

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The two key deliverables from the Expo are:

- an article for Regional Studies, Regional Science
- a policy-facing book in the new <u>RSA Impact and Policy Series</u>. 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 submission deadline for the detailed application is **20th April 2021**. Please send your queries and your application to policyexpo@regionalstudies.org

The full Terms and Conditions governing the grant & application form are available on our website - https://www.regionalstudies.org/funding/policy-expo-grant-scheme/

Please note that there is still time to register for a relevant webinar on the 03rd February 2021, 12:00 GMT - Grants and Funding: An Introduction to the Policy Expo Grant by the RSA











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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 and currently have our Free Book offer available for new members. 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.

Forthcoming Webinars

RSA Professional Development Webinar Series

RSA Regions Cities Industry Webinar Series

Regions in Recovery Global E-Festival

FinGeo Virtual Seminar Series

Territorial Events

RSA Europe Events



RSA Professional Development Webinar Series - open to all and free to attend

In 2021, we continue with webinars on timely career development topics for researchers at different career stages. All sessions are free to attend and recordings will be made available on the <u>RSA Lounge</u>.

Please see below for a list of forthcoming sessions. Click on each to book your free space now.

3rd February 2021, 12:00 GMT

Grants and Funding: An Introduction to the Policy Expo Grant by the RSA

Phil Tomlinson (University of Bath, UK) and Neil Lee (London School of Economics, UK)

10th February 2021, 14:00 GMT

<u>Publishing: A conversation about publishing a non-standard academic piece – hear</u> <u>from the eZine Regions and the RSA Blog Editor</u>

Eduardo Oliveira, (University of Kiel, Germany) and Joshua Barrett, (University of Guelph, Canada)

3rd March 2021, 14:00 GMT

Grants and Funding: Managing a grant project

Dieter Kogler, (University College Dublin, Ireland)

More information about these Professional Development Webinars can be found here.

All webinar recordings can be accessed by RSA members via the <u>RSA Lounge</u> and we recommend you browse previous topics on Publishing, Grants and Funding, Career Development and many more.



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):

24th February 2021, 14.30-15.30 GMT, 15.30-16.30 CET

Place-based Responses to Global Crisis and Changing Regional Disparities

Speakers: Paolo Veneri, OECD, France

Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, London School of Economics, UK

24th March 2021, 09.00 EDT, 13.00 GMT

Policy Expo China's Belt and Road Initiative: Better Policies for Alleviating Risks and Enhancing Opportunities

Speaker: Xiangming Chen, Trinity College, USA

26th 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. <u>Click here</u> 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 <u>RSA Lounge</u>.



Regions in Recovery: Building Sustainable Futures - Global E-Festival

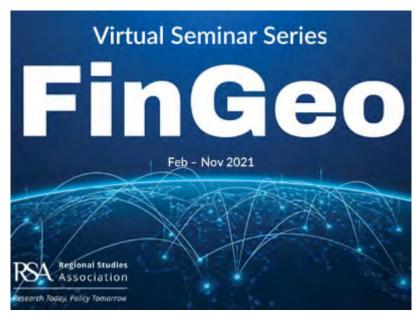
The Festival will address themes related to the re-emergence of regions and cities from the pandemic. It includes longer standing challenges to society of climate change, geopolitical manoeuvrings, the rise of populism, the financial implications of these shifts, migration crises, new challenges to the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

More details on the Festival and how to participate as partner, presenter or nonpresenting participants can be found here.

Important deadlines

- Special Session proposals extended until 9th February 2021
- Bursary applications 1st March 2021
- Abstract submission 17th March 2021
- Abstract acceptance confirmation 7th April 2021

For more information, please keep updated via our webpage.



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 next year in 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.

2nd February, 17.00-18.00 GMT

Debt in the time of Covid

Speaker: Shaina Potts, UCLA, USA

Chair: Dariusz Wójcik, University of Oxford, UK

16th February, 13.00-14.00 GMT

<u>Financial centres in investment banking networks: insights from five years of early career research</u>

Speaker: Vladimír Pažitka, University of Oxford, UK

23rd February, 13.00-14.00 GMT

From geographies of money and finance to financial geography: the evolution of a sub-discipline in critical perspective

Speaker: Andrew Leyshon, University of Nottingham, UK

2nd March, 11.00-12.00 GMT

Regulation and financial organizational capacity: evidence from US and Singapore

Speaker: Jessie Poon, University at Buffalo, USA

16th 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

30th March, 13.00-14.00 GMT

Post 2008 financialized housing geographies: from above, from below

Speaker: Raquel Rolnik, University of São Paulo, Brazil

Territorial Events



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).

There are forthcoming webinars scheduled for:

25th February 2021

25th March 2021

Please keep an eye on the event page for details.



RSA Europe Events

We are looking forward to 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

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 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**, **Cohesion**, **Citizens**, **Digital**.

Submission Deadline: 5pm CET, 11th March 2021

More information can be found on the RSA Europe website.

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 <u>journal pages</u> 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 <u>RSA Lounge</u> 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

What drives total factor productivity growth? An examination of spillover effects Siller et al. **Published online**: 25 Jan 2021

Complementary interregional linkages and Smart

Specialisation: an empirical study on European regions

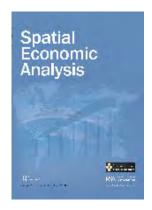
Balland

Boschma Published online: 18 Jan 2021

How does asymmetric decentralization affect local fiscal performance? Tan & Avshalom-Uster **Published online**: 8 Jan 2021

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





Latest articles in Spatial Economic Analysis

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

online: 18 Jan 2021

The geography of political ideologies in Switzerland over time Mantegazzi **Published online**: 23 Dec 2020

Structural propagation of pandemic shocks: an input-output analysis of the economic costs of COVID-19 Haddad et

al. Published online: 14 Dec 2020

Latest articles in Territory, Politics, Governance

The role of cities in good governance for food security: lessons from Madrid's urban food strategy Zerbian & de Luis Romero

Published online: 26 Jan 2021

<u>Evaluating regional spatial imaginaries: the Oxford–Cambridge</u>

<u>Arc Valler et al. **Published online**: 18 Jan 2021 (Free Access)</u>

Temporal dynamics of contested local government among the Bedouin in Israel Meir et al. **Published online**: 18 Jan 2021





Latest articles in Area Development and Policy

Indexed in Clarivate Analytics' Emerging Sources Citation Index and Scopus

Associativity in the Bogotá metropolitan region: coordination challenges in a fragmented region Aguilar & Thoene **Published** online: 18 Jan 2021

Rural-urban inequalities amplified by COVID-19: evidence from South Africa Visagie & Turok **Published online**: 18 Jan 2021

<u>Centrally administered state-owned enterprises' engagement in</u>
<u>China's public-private partnerships: a social network analysis</u>

Xiong et al. Published online: 04 Jan 2021

Latest articles in <u>Regional Studies</u>, <u>Regional Science</u> (open access)

New geography in old territories: a multivariate approach based on Portuguese regions Rego et al. **Published online**: 18 Jan 2021



Rural climate resilience through built-environment interventions: modified deliberation with analysis as a tool to address barriers to adaptive capacity Arnold et al. **Published online**: 23 Dec 2020



Call for papers <u>Early Career Papers Section</u> (Deadline 31 March 2021)



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

<u>Issue 8</u> is themed around Housing Issues in Urban Regions. Due to these trying times, articles for submission to Issue 8 can be submitted until end of January 2021.

If you would like to contribute to Issue 8 or 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

The EU Commission's proposal for a European Cross-border

Mechanism (ECBM) – What happened? by Franziska Sielker.

Published 11 Jan 2021

<u>Deal or No Deal?</u> by David Bailey. Published 21 Dec 2020

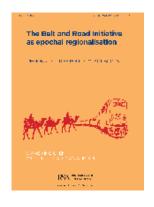
Recovering and Rebuilding from the Covid Crisis: Implications for Regional Studies by Ron Martin. Published 21 Dec 2020

<u>Homeworking and the Return to the Office – Part One</u> by Anne Green. Published 07 Dec 2020

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.



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.

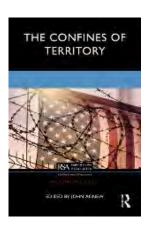
Volume 2, Issue 2 <u>The Belt and Road Initiative as epochal</u> regionalisation Chen et al. **Published online:** 25 Nov 2020

Volume 2, Issue 1 Every place matters: towards effective placebased policy Beer et al. **Published online:** 11 Aug 2020

Regions and Cities Book Series

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 for more details.





Non-RSA Events

We promote a variety of non-RSA events on the <u>Opportunities</u> 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

<u>Advancing Indicators of Regional Structural Change</u>: Hybrid Workshop, Friedrich-Schiller University Jena, Germany Florence & Virtual Conference, 17 March 2021

<u>Territorios y Desarrollo en Latinoamérica/Territórios e Desenvolvimento na América Latina,</u> Online, 4-5 February 2021

Regional Innovation Policies Conferences 2021, Aalborg University, Denmark, 25-26 March 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.

<u>Vacancies</u>

Research Fellow in Rural Enterprise and Innovation, National Innovation Centre for Rural Enterprise (NICRE), Royal Agricultural University, UK. Deadline 17 February 2021

Research Associate, HafenCity University Hamburg, Germany. Deadline 19 February 2021

<u>Post-Doctoral Researcher</u>, Heilbroner Center for Capitalism Studies, New York City, USA. Deadline 28 February 2021

MSc Courses & PhD Studentships

<u>PhD position in Urban Planning and Urban Policy</u>, ETH Zürich, Switzerland. Deadline 03 February 2021

MSc programme in Political Economy and Public Policy, Manchester Metropolitan

15 fully funded PhD positions for Early Stage Researchers, Project CORAL, Various Locations. Deadline 14 March 2021

