

## Regional Studies Association

### October eBulletin

Welcome to the October 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 pages.

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# RSA Hub

*Why should you download it?*

- ✓ Instant access to RSA journals and to RSA events both current and to the recordings in the archive;
- ✓ With its networking functions, the RSA Hub allows **direct messaging and networking with other event participants** and via the forthcoming members' directory.

**RSA** Regional Studies Association  
*Research Today, Policy Tomorrow*

[New RSA Mobile App launched!](#)

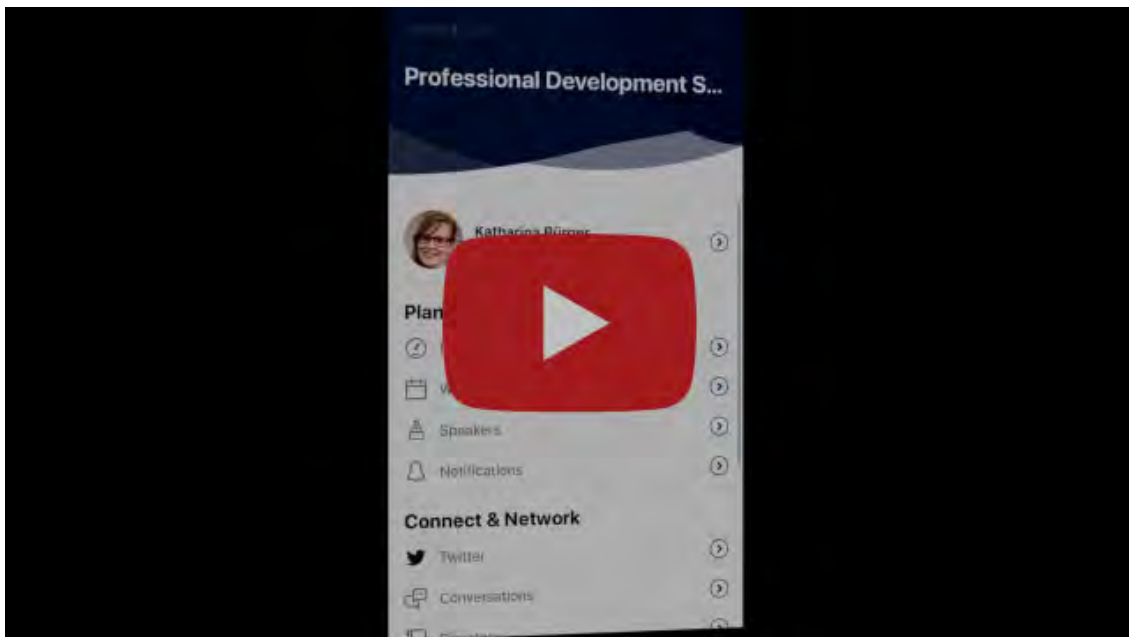
We are excited to announce the RSA now has a new Mobile App – RSA Hub. RSA Hub is packed with really useful features to enhance your membership or attendance at RSA events both online and face to face. We will be running a prize draw (winners picked at random), and will give away an e-reader to one of the first 100, 200 and 300 users.

You can:

- Engage in year-round content
- Connect with other app users both RSA members and non-members
- Link your RSA membership with your app account to access member only content
- Access RSA journals directly from the app without the need to login through the Members lounge
- Access member only discounts with selected publishers
- Access online journals from other associations which are included in your membership

- Push notifications to keep up to date with RSA news and announcements
- Event participant directory
- Virtual events
- Messaging/conversations 1:1 chat
- Personal itinerary builder for events

Watch the short 'How to' video below for help on setting up your new app.



How to: A Guide for the new RSA App



[Small Grant Scheme on Pandemics, Cities, Regions & Industry - Winners 2020](#)

We are pleased to announce the first tranche of winners of our [Small Grant Scheme on Pandemics, Cities, Regions & Industry](#) and we are looking forward to working with them.

[The growth of remote working during the Covid-19 pandemic and the renewed role of coworking spaces in peripheral areas](#): Research Team - Prof. Ilaria Mariotti (Dept. of Architecture and Urban Studies – Politecnico di Milano) and Dr. Dante Di Matteo (Dept. of Architecture and Urban Studies – Politecnico di Milano).[The](#)

[Role of Industrial Density in the Health and Economic consequences of the COVID-19 Crisis](#): Research Team - Dr. Enrico Vanino (Dept. of Economics – University of Sheffield) and Dr. Carlo Corradini (Dept. of Management – University of Birmingham).

[International Higher Education in Crisis: Covid-19 Impacts and Strategies](#) – Jana Kleibert, Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Germany

All projects supported by the RSA are available on the website:  
[https://www.regionalstudies.org/category\\_people/grant-holder/](https://www.regionalstudies.org/category_people/grant-holder/)



### [REGIONAL STUDIES EDITORS Call for Expressions of Interest](#)

The **Regional Studies Association (RSA)** seeks to appoint Editors in two different categories for the international journal **Regional Studies (RS)** published by Routledge:

#### **Editors (three positions available)**

The Editors support the Editor-in-Chief, David Bailey (University of Birmingham, UK), in managing the peer review of submissions in their area of expertise, enhancing the journal's reputation as a world-leading publication in the field of regional studies, and ensuring that it is in a position to attract the best authors and papers for its readership.

#### **Policy Debates Editor (one position available)**

The Policy Debates Editor will primarily be responsible for the Policy Debates section of the journal, which is a periodic section that provides a forum for analysis and debate about important policy issues of international relevance in urban and regional development. The Policy Debates Editor will be expected to commission appropriate topical, high-quality articles from authors in academia and beyond for submission to the journal, manage the rigorous peer review of these submissions and support the dissemination of published articles.

Closing Date: **5pm (GMT) Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

[Please click here for more information.](#)



[Career development opportunity: 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 Blog provides a platform for the RSA and its community to share short, engaging articles on research and the latest developments in the field.

The key responsibilities of the Blog Editor are:

- To manage the Blog in conjunction with the RSA office team and in line with the RSA Communication Strategy
- To solicit, review, edit, approve and publish content online
- To monitor responses and comments
- To grow the number of unsolicited submissions
- To assist in marketing the Blog via social media
- To join and to report to the RSA Board
- To contribute at RSA Board meetings to the development of the Association

**Closing Date for applications: 5pm (GMT) Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

[Please click here for more information.](#)



### [Opportunities and Support for Students and Early Career Researchers](#)

We are committed to supporting students and early career researchers and offer many initiatives to develop careers, influence and research. During these troubling times, we remain committed to supporting our members and the wider regional research community through knowledge exchange, webinars, publications and micro grant funding.

[Read more](#) about our free events and training, funding and awards, publishing and networking opportunities for students and early career researchers.

# Taylor & Francis Online - eReader



## [New Taylor & Francis Online eReader format for Regional Studies](#)

We are delighted to introduce the T&F Online eReader for Regional Studies, providing a more accessible, engaging and natural digital reading experience for all users on all devices. The eReader is available for all articles published within RS that have a 2019 publication date or newer.

Key features include:

- Reflowable text that automatically adjusts according to your device
- Adjustable font size and page layout options allows you to personalise your reading experience to suit your own preferences
- Offline reading and EPUB download options allow articles to be saved and opened with any EPUB compatible device or App such as Apple Books or Google Play Books.
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[November Member of the Month](#)

We are delighted to have Ashima Sood as our November member of the

month. Ashima is Associate Professor at Anant National University, where she teaches urban policy, research methods and academic writing. You can read more about Ashima, her work and her sage words of wisdom [here](#).

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### [RSA Online Writing Group](#)

The inaugural session of the writing group took place on 22.10.2020 and we were pleased to welcome a variety of RSA members. After a short introduction, we had an intense writing period, followed by a coffee break and time for networking. Afterwards, we again worked on unfinished papers, presentations or other work and in the end had again time for a chat to let the others know how it all went.

Everybody enjoyed this virtual writing space and we have two more dates scheduled:

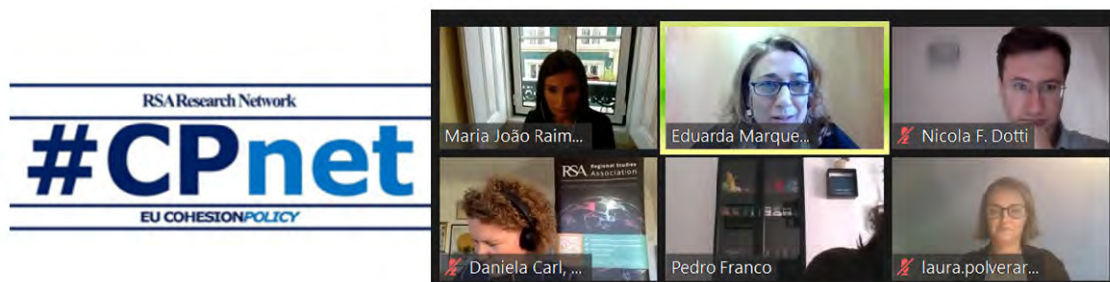
[19.11.2020, 09:00-11:00 GMT](#)

17.12.2020, 15:00-17:00 GMT (booking will open in due course)

Please find more information about upcoming sessions and free registration here:

<https://www.regionalstudies.org/events/rsa-online-writing-group/>

Places are limited to facilitate this kind of session, so please do book early to avoid disappointment, There will be a waiting list in operation and we will contact you once a place becomes available. See above for our first group who look as if they really enjoyed working on their unfinished pieces of writing!



### [Webinars organised by our Research Networks](#)

The Social Dimensions of Cohesion Policy – webinar organised by #CPnet

On 26 and 27 October, we participated in the webinar organised by RSA's Research Network on EU Cohesion Policy #CPnet, co-organised with the Network's partners and hosted by Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon.

The [workshops](#) focussed on, and providing fresh thinking about the policy dynamics of the social inclusion objective in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the economic implications of the social dimension, and future progress toward Europe 2020 targets. Read more about the work of the Research Network [here](#).



Handy tips for our website - How To...RSA Guides

We have a new page on our website - [How To...RSA Guides](#). Here we aim to post handy guides on how navigate various functions online. Our current video guide will show you how to install and use the new RSA Hub Mobile App. We also have a helpful guide for event registrations.

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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 our grant holders on our [Early Career](#) and [MeRSA](#) Grant Schemes webpages, including the one below from Andrea Morrison.

Please do email [Alex](#) for more information if you have some top tips to share.



Andrea Morrison, MeRSA Grant Holder, shares his tips for grant applications.



**Membership rates for 2021 will remain unchanged from 2020.** 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](mailto:membership@regionalstudies.org) to arrange a chat.

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### Forthcoming Webinars



### RSA Global

This online event aims to bring together the Regional Studies communities from around the globe. Starting in Australasia, we will have stops (webinars) on our journey around the globe in China, India, Russia, Europe, Africa, Latin and North America. Each stop will last three hours and feature high-profile plenary speakers, presentations from within the particular geography and capacity building sessions. Browse all confirmed sessions [here](#) and join us travelling the world from the safety of your office or home.

Please book your free space below:

- [Australasia](#) – Monday 02 November 2020
- [China](#) – Tuesday 03 November 2020
- [India](#) – Delayed until 2021
- [Russia](#) – Friday 06 November 2020
- [Europe](#) – Monday 09 November 2020
- [Africa](#) – Wednesday 11 November 2020
- [Latin America](#) – Friday 13 November 2020
- [North America](#) – Monday 16 November 2020

All sessions in one territory will run consecutively and you are welcome to stay as long or short as you wish. You will only need to register for free once and can drop in and out of the sessions.



Daniela Carl, Deputy CEO of the Regional Studies Association explains the RSA Global Webinar Series.



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

With autumn fast approaching and the new academic year in full swing, there are still more Professional Development webinars you can join live free of charge. Please find below a list of forthcoming sessions:

#### **December**

- [Grants and Funding: Grant funding and open access requirements](#) – Victoria Gardner (Taylor & Francis, UK), 02 December 2020, 13:00 GMT
- [Career Development: Write a winning academic CV](#) – Henrik Halkier (Aalborg University, Denmark), 09 December 2020, 14:00 GMT

Further information on all sessions can be found [here](#). The programme for 2021 will be published soon, so make sure you check back for regular updates.

All webinar recordings can be accessed via the [Members' Lounge](#) and we recommend you browse previous topics on Publishing, Grants and Funding, Career Development and many more.

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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 register):

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

25 November 2020, 13.00 GMT, 14.00 CET

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

#### [Whatever Happened to Uneven Development? in Conversation with Professor Jamie Peck and Dr Marion Werner](#)

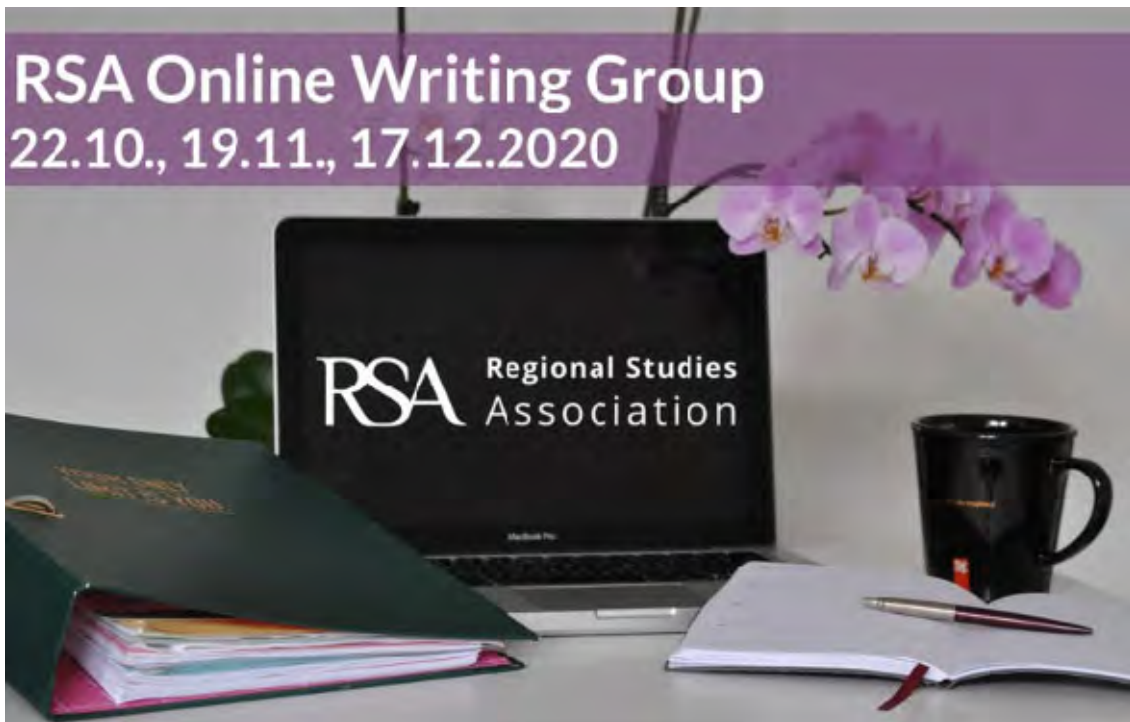
16th December 2020, 09.00am PST, 16.00pm GMT, 17.00pm CET

Speakers: Jamie Peck, University of British Columbia, Canada

Marion Werner, University at Buffalo, SUNY, USA

Chair: Martin Jones, Staffordshire University, UK

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



### [RSA Online Writing Group](#)

The writing group is led by the RSA Student Representative [Vanessa Guerra](#) and RSA Early Career Representative [Frances Brill](#). During these two-hour long sessions, we have time for a brief informal chat and to get to know one another, followed by an intense writing period. The type of writing is open – you might want to work on tricky paper revisions that keep eluding you, that proposal to transform your thesis into a manuscript, or a first draft of your methods. It will be a chance to reflect on approaches to writing in academia, informally, with other scholars.

Bookings will open soon for

19 November 2020 (09:00 – 11:00 GMT)

17 December 2020 (15:00 – 17:00 GMT)

## [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 from October to January 2021. Organised by Will Eadson (Sheffield Hallam University) and Laura Norris (Cardiff University).

[Innovation Geographies of Sustainability Transitions](#) – 19 November 2020, 12.30-13.30 GMT

Speakers: Lars Coenen, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Norway  
Laura Norris, Cardiff University, UK

[Financial Geographies of Sustainable Transitions](#) – 17 December 2020, 13.30-13.30 GMT. Speakers to be confirmed.

[Regional Path Creation for Sustainability Transitions](#) – 21 January 2021, 12.30-13.30 GMT. Speakers to be confirmed.



[Special Workshop on Training and Productivity](#)

5 November 2020, 10:00-12:00pm GMT

A special four paper workshop on [Training and Productivity](#) presented by Dr Bochra Idris, Dr Susan Schwarz, Dr Maria Wishart and Dr David Morris. The Workshop will be chaired by the Chair of the West Midlands Branch, Professor Jun Du.



[RSA Europe Events](#)

October was a busy month for RSA Europe, with many online events scheduled as

part of the European Week of Regions and Cities, and November looks to be just as exciting with the ongoing SMARTER Webinar series. Visit the links below to find out more about how to watch the EWRC session recordings and to find out more details about the forthcoming SMARTER Webinars.

[RSA Europe at the 2020 #EURegionsWeek](#)  
[SMARTER 2020 Conference Webinar series](#)



[RSA Europe at the 2020 #EURegionsWeek](#)

As in previous years, the RSA's European Foundation ([RSA Europe](#)) was a key partner during the [#EURegionsWeek](#), a major annual events programme dedicated to regional policy during which cities and regions showcase their capacity to create growth and jobs, to implement European Union cohesion policy, and to present case studies of local and regional governance. In addition, the events also offered ample opportunities for knowledge exchange between academics and policymakers. In response to the Covid-19 crisis and restrictions put in place around the world, this year the European Week of Regions and Cities was held as a virtual-only event. RSA Europe was involved in several sessions, including:

- Q&A session.
- Three College sessions
- Ten University sessions

Recordings of these sessions are now available on the REPLAY section of the event website. Please click on the links below to be redirected to the videos.

#### Q&A Session

- [Are policy makers alone in charting recovery from crisis? How researchers can help](#)

#### College Session

- [Financing the Green Transition: the Role of EU Cohesion Policy](#)

#### University Sessions:

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

Both #EURegionsWeekCollege and #EURegionsWeekUniversity Webinar Series were 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 \(AESOP\)](#).

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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 has been replaced with a series of six webinars being held between 17 September and 3 December 2020.

[Smart Specialisation for Sustainable Development Goals](#), 10 November 2020, 10.30-12.30 CET

[Quality of life in European cities: are cities in Europe inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable?](#), 19th November, 10:00 -12:00 CET

[Smart Specialisation: evidence, lessons, challenges and opportunities](#), 24th November 2020, 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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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](#)
- [Regions and Cities Book Series](#)



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

See our [Call for Editors and Policy Debates Editor for REGIONAL STUDIES](#)

[The new normative: synergistic scenario planning for carbon-neutral cities and regions](#) Ravetz et al. **Published online:** 14 Oct 2020



[Integrated, adaptive and participatory spatial planning: trends across Europe](#) Nadin et al. **Published online:** 06 Oct 2020 (Open Access)

[Migration and employment after an economic shock: regional characteristics and migration patterns](#) Hanson et al. **Published online:** 05 Oct 2020

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

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

[What matters in the choice of a national capital location in Chinese history: an empirical analysis based on quantitative economic history](#) Zhao. **Published online:** 20 Oct 2020

[Big Data and its potential role in regional growth: evidence from Great Britain](#) Morrissey. **Published online:** 20 Oct 2020

[Inference for the neighbourhood inequality index](#) Andreoli & Peluso. **Published online:** 19 Oct 2020

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

[Red territory: forging infrastructural power](#) Munn. **Published online:** 20 Oct 2020

[New perspectives on old inequalities: Italy's north–south divide](#)  
Asso. **Published online:** 20 Oct 2020



Calls for Papers - [Territory, Politics, Governance](#)

[The COVID-19 pandemic: territorial, political and governance dimensions of the crisis](#) (Deadline 08 January 2021)



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

Indexed in Clarivate Analytics' Emerging Sources Citation Index and Scopus

[Banking 'development': the geopolitical–economy of infrastructure financing.](#) Anguelov. **Published online:** 22 Sep 2020

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

[Barriers to the development of creative clusters in Poland](#)  
Namyślak. **Published online:** 22 Sep 2020

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





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

Articles in this themed [Issue 7](#) address various examples of financialisation in operation, including the growing involvement of [financial mechanisms](#) in the housing sector, [transportation](#) and overall urban and regional development, exploring pros and cons of it.

[Regional Insights](#) features seven articles, from the role of the state in housing developments in European [countries](#), EU [cities](#), and [Chinese urban regions](#), to the controversial urban development 'hiccup' in [Toronto](#). In [Research Frontline](#), Naomi Hazarika discusses the dynamics of urban redevelopment involving the opening up of state lands for private investment in the city of Delhi, India. [Spotlight](#) section features two valuable contributions, one explores the implications of financialization in densification schemes in the UK exposing common issues of affordability and some flaws in the existing planning strategies, the other is an overview of [COVID-19 impacts and responses in Africa and Europe](#).

*Editorial team*

[Eduardo Oliveira](#), [Stefania Fiorentino](#) and [Robert Bowen](#)

If you would like to contribute to Issue 8 or would like more information, please contact us at [office@regionalstudies.org](mailto:office@regionalstudies.org).

## Recent RSA Blogs

### [\[Virtual\] Conference Season Is Here: Are you prepared?](#)

by Jasmine Wallace. Published 20 Oct 2020

[Why geobanking/ finance?](#) by Sellar, Grandi & Jafri . Published 09 Oct 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

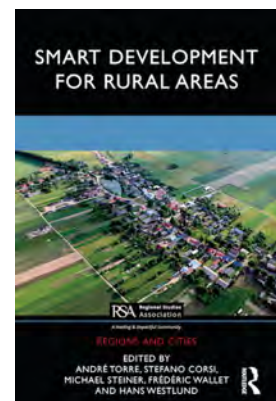
The Regional Studies Association Policy Impact Books address issues of contemporary concern, with a specific focus on the impact of policy research.

Volume 2, Issue 1 [Every place matters: towards effective place-based policy](#) Beer et al. Published online 11 Aug 2020

## Regions and Cities Book Series - New Book Alert!

[Smart Development for Rural Areas](#) - Edited By André Torre, Stefano Corsi, Michael Steiner, Frédéric Wallet, Hans Westlund

This thought-provoking book questions the framework of the Horizon 2020 strategy and the policies of smart development. It aims to answer the following question: Is there any possibility



for a policy of smart development and smart specialization in rural and peri-urban areas?

Based on detailed analytical studies, empirical and econometric methods, as well as various European case studies, several conclusions are drawn. These are important in that they question the validity of the H2020 policy, smart development and smart specialization policies, and their applicability to the whole European area, and not only for the most urban and rich areas. It will be valuable reading for students, researchers and policy-makers in regional development, rural studies, spatial planning and economic geography.

The Regions and Cities book series also welcomes Open Access projects. Please contact Kristina Abbotts – [kristina.abbotts@tandf.co.uk](mailto: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, 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

CfP: [British Sociological Association's Annual 70th Anniversary Virtual Conference 2021: Remaking the Future](#), 13-15 April 2021, Online event

CfP: [IGU Commission Geography of Governance 2021 Annual Conference](#), Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland, 23-25 June 2021

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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

[Graduate Teaching Assistant: MSc Environment and Sustainable Development](#), The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, UCL, UK, Deadline November 4, 2020

[Associate professor in Human Geography specializing in Geographical Information Systems \(GIS\)](#), Umeå University, Sweden, Deadline November 11, 2020

[Post-Doc Position: Global Social Policy and Governance](#), Bielefeld University, Germany, Newcastle University, Deadline November 18, 2020

[Assistant Professor: Environmental Justice and Conservation](#), Institute for Integrative Conservation, William & Mary, USA. Closing Date November 30, 2020

### Masters and PhD Positions

[PhD position: Sustainability and household consumption](#), University of Oslo, Norway, Deadline November 2, 2020

[MSc/ DPhil: Sustainable Urban Development](#), University of Oxford, UK. Deadline November 13, 2020

[Two PhD-student positions: Beyond 'Left Behind Places'](#), Leibniz-Institute for Regional Geography, Germany. Deadline November 15, 2020

[Two Fully Funded PhD scholarships: Innovation and regional development](#), HEC Montréal, Canada. Deadline December 1 2020



*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](mailto:alex.holmes@regionalstudies.org)).  
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