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# **Regional Studies Association**

# September eBulletin

Welcome to the September 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 <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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## New Content Alerts for RSA Journals

It has become clear recently that COVID impacts are uneven in many ways. In the UK following a strict lockdown which started in March and lasted for several months, we were released to enjoy our summer but now, in late September, we are once again being urged to "work from home if you can".

In this context where so many of us globally are working from home, or have no access to institutional libraries and offices, we again remind members that adding an online subscription to your membership for the five RSA journals is free.

If you are a member of the RSA you have free access to the e-journals, and you can access these by logging into Members Lounge and clicking on Publications.

You may wish to consider if you wish to continue to taking print versions of the journals – we certainly send out a lot of journal issues in a year, and as I know very well, it can absorb a lot of shelf space to accommodate them all.

To support you in the shift to online journals (even if you still take print), you might also consider signing up to journal alerts. Use the links below to receive an alert as new articles or issues are published. I've found these push notifications useful in making sure that I continue to scan the contents of the journals and decide which articles I will read.

Regional Studies
Territory, Politics, Governance
Spatial Economic Analysis
Regional Studies, Regional Science
Area Development and Policy

However you choose to read your RSA journals, the team in the office, our five editorial teams and all in our Routledge publishing team, hope that you find the content both useful and interesting.



Nordic Division (NoRSA) AGM

September saw NoRSA's annual general meeting with territorial representatives from Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Lithuania and Suede joining in from Australia. It was a very productive and enjoyable meeting and we are pleased to announce that Markku Sotarauta was voted as the new Chairman of the NoRSA Board. Markku is professor of regional development studies in Faculty of Management and Business at Tampere University, Finland. Markku specialises in leadership, institutional entrepreneurship, and innovation systems in city and regional development. He has published widely on these issues in international journals and edited books.

More on the NoRSA Division can be found at www.regionalstudies.org/network/norsa/



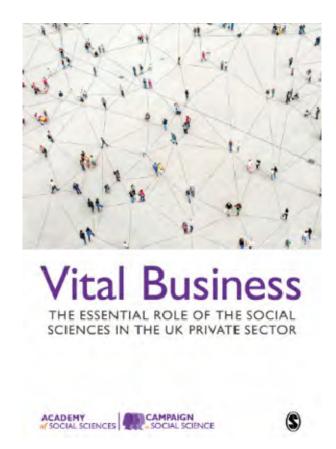
Nordic Division



## Webinars organised by our Research Networks

During September, we enjoyed participating in two webinars organised by our Research Networks:

- How do we talk about 'other' geographies in/of Europe? Decolonial
   perspectives on Central and South-East Europe organised by RSA Research
   Network on Postdependence Geographies in Central and Eastern Europe
   (PostCEE). You can watch recording of the PostCEE event <a href="here">here</a>. Follow the
   Research Network on Twitter @PostCee.
- Water Infrastructure and Regional Governance organised by Research
  Network on Infrastructural Regionalism (NOIR). Information on NOIR can be
  found at <a href="https://www.noir-regionalstudies.org/network/infrastructural-regionalisms-noir/">www.noir-regionalstudies.org/network/infrastructural-regionalisms-noir/</a>. Follow the Research Network on Twitter @NOIR\_RSA.



New AcSS report: Vital Business: the Essential Role of the Social Sciences in the UK Private Sector

The Academy of Social Sciences has launched a new report - *Vital Business: the Essential Role of the Social Sciences in the UK Private Sector.* The report is based on eight detailed case studies of leading businesses across sectors including engineering, fintech, energy sectors and the food industry, and challenges some of the myths about the role of the social sciences in the private sector. It shows the social sciences to be widely used and valued by business: in leadership and core operations management; used to understand consumers; to evaluate and manage risk; in strategic planning; and to work on projects and policies requiring understanding of markets, regulation, supply chains, and behaviour.

The full report can be found here on the AcSS website.



#### September Member of the Month

Sylvia Ying He is our September of the Month and is an associate professor at the Department of Geography and Resource Management, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). You can read more about Sylvia <a href="here">here</a>, including her words of wisdom about getting involved with professional organisations and networks: "For early and mid-career researchers, my advice is to join a few professional organizations and networks in your field, and actively get involved in these communities. It will help you to be recognized by both academics and practitioners."



Handy tips for our website - Events Filter Buttons

Our <u>Events</u> page looks quite busy nowadays as we have listed our Regions Cities Industry Webinar Series, our Professional Development Webinar Series and our Global Webinar Series, along with Research Network and Territorial Events. If you are looking for something specific, please click on the green 'filter' buttons. These will filter the page by event type or geography. You can also view our <u>Calendar</u> from this page to get an overview of each month.

These filter buttons can be found on all our pages and can be useful if you want to narrow down a search to a specific geography or page type.



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 <u>Early Career</u> and <u>MeRSA</u> Grant Schemes webpages.

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











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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 <a href="membership@regionalstudies.org">membership@regionalstudies.org</a> to arrange a chat.

#### Forthcoming Webinars



#### **RSA Global**

The new academic year has just started, which means that our globetrotting event initiative RSA Global is only a month away, taking place online from 2nd to 13th November 2020 across the globe.

The aim of this online event is 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 <a href="here">here</a> and join us travelling the world from the safety of your office or home.

Please book your free space below:

- Australasia Monday 02.11.2020
- China Tuesday 03.11.2020
- <u>India</u> Wednesday 04.11.2020 (link to event page as details are yet to be fully confirmed)
- Russia Friday 06.11.2020
- Europe Monday 09.11.2020
- Africa Wednesday 11.11.2020
- Latin America Friday 13.11.2020
- North America date to be confirmed

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.



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:

#### **October**

<u>Virtual Events: Conquering the worldwide webinar: How to plan and deliver a</u>
 <u>webinar</u> – Alex Holmes (Regional Studies Association, UK), 21.10.2020,
 15:00 BST

#### **November**

 <u>Networking: Using social media to develop your scholarly networks</u> – Raul Pacheco-Vega (Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) Sede México), 04.11.2020, 14:00 GMT

#### December

- Grants and Funding: Grant funding and open access requirements Victoria
   Gardner (Taylor & Francis, UK), 02.12.2020, 13:00 GMT
- <u>Career Development: Write a winning academic CV</u> Henrik Halkier (Aalborg University, Denmark), 09.12.2020, 14:00 GMT

Further information on all sessions can be found <u>here.</u> 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.



#### 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 <a href="RSA Members">RSA Members</a>'
<a href="Lounge">Lounge</a>. 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):

#### Pathways to a Green, Equitable, Covid-19 Recovery

28 October 2020

Speakers: Professor Joan Fitzgerald, Northeastern University, USA

Dr. Rogério Studart, The New Climate Economy at the World Resources Institute,
USA

#### Entrepreneurship and Regional Growth in the Long Run

25 November 2020

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 Online Writing Group**

In our student and early career members' survey earlier this year, members expressed interest in an academic writing group. Acting swiftly on this request, we are pleased to invite you to join our new initiative, the <u>"RSA Online Writing Group".</u>

The writing group is led by the RSA Student Representative <u>Vanessa Guerra</u> and RSA Early Career Representative <u>Frances Brill</u>. During these two-hour long sessions, we will have time for a brief informal chat and 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.

Join the waiting list for our first session on 22.10.2020 (09:00 – 11:00 BST).

Further dates, for which booking will open soon, are 19.11.2020 (09:00 – 11:00 GMT) 17.12.2020 (15:00 – 17:00 GMT)

## **Territorial Events**



RSA City and Regional Sustainability Transitions (CReST) Webinar

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. In the first of the series' <u>State mediation and geographies of transition</u>', the speakers include Aidan

While, Will Eadson and Carla De Laurentis. Organised by Will Eadson (Sheffield Hallam University) and Laura Norris (Cardiff University)



#### Special Workshop on Training and Productivity

A special four paper workshop on <u>Training and Productivity</u> 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 will be a busy month for RSA Europe events, with many online events scheduled as part of the European Week of Regions and Cities, and the ongoing SMARTER Conference webinar series. All the sessions are free and open to all, but places are limited so do register as soon as you can.

SMARTER 2020 Conference Webinar series
#EURegionsWeek 2020 Updates



## 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.

<u>Smart Specialisation Strategies for Sustainability</u> – 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

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

<u>Smart Specialisation: evidence, lessons, challenges and opportunities,</u> 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.



#EURegionsWeekCollege & #EURegionsWeekUniversity: Registration deadline has been extended

As in previous years, the RSA's European Foundation (RSA Europe) is 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 2020, the events will be delivered online.

RSA Europe is involved in a number of #EURegionsWeek sessions listed below.

These are free and open to attend but require delegates to register. Please be aware that places are limited. These sessions aim to showcase current academic research

and to promote knowledge exchange between policymakers and researchers.

#### #EURegionsWeekCollege – Registration extended until 1 October

- <u>Financing the Green Transition: the Role of EU Cohesion Policy</u>, Tue 6,
   October 2020, 11:30–13:00 CET
- <u>Discussing European Cohesion Policy for Students and Early Career</u>
   <u>Researchers</u>, Wed 7, October 2020, 11:30–13:00 CET
- Research for Policy Impact: The European Parliament, Thu 8, October 2020, 11:30–13:00 CET

#### #EURegionsWeekUniversity - Registration extended until 7 October

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

Both Webinar Series' are organised by the <u>European Commission</u>, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) and the <u>European Committee of the Regions (CoR)</u>, advised by the <u>Regional Studies Association European</u>

<u>Foundation (RSA Europe)</u>, and with the cooperation of the <u>European Regional</u>
<u>Science Association (ERSA)</u> and the <u>Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP)</u>.

In addition, the RSA Europe has organised the Q&A session: <u>Are policy makers</u> <u>alone in charting recovery from crisis? How researchers can help</u>, on Wed 7, October 2020, 09:30 - 10:30 CET.

#### How to register

To register for the European Week of Regions and Cities, please follow these steps:

- Create your EU login (with this link: <a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas</a>)
- Update your EU login with your phone number OR with the EU Login App
- Register for sessions (use this link: <a href="https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/programme/sessions/">https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/programme/sessions/</a>)
- To find our sessions, please search with the keywords
   "#EURegionsWeekUniversity" or "#EURegionsWeekCollege"
- See an additional link explaining the two-factor authentication:
   <a href="https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/set-eu-login-two-factor-authentification">https://europa.eu/regions-and-cities/set-eu-login-two-factor-authentification</a>

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.





## **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

<u>Crisis, what crisis? Conceptualizing crisis, UK pluri-</u> <u>constitutionalism and Brexit politics</u> Wincott et al. **Published** 

online: 17 Sep 2020

So close yet so far: intergovernmental tensions in

Spain Harguindéguy et al. Published online: 17 Sep 2020

Relatedness, complexity and local growth Davies & Maré.

Published online: 10 Sep 2020

Ensuring product quality: luxury clusters in cognac and

<u>leather</u> Blancheton & Hlady-Rispal. **Published online**: 9 Sep

2020



Knowledge flows and technologies in renewable energies at the regional level in Europe Ocampo-Corrales et al. **Published** 

online: 9 Sep 2020

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

Calls for Papers - Regional Studies Special Issues

<u>Place-based Industrial and Trade Strategy – Levelling the playing field</u> (Deadline 31 October 2020)



Latest articles in Spatial Economic Analysis

I come to bury (population) growth, not to praise it Franklin. **Published online**: 06 Sep 2020

Latest articles in Territory, Politics, Governance

<u>Unpacking legitimacy in regional development: asymmetric justification and the functioning of regional development</u> agencies Willi et al. **Published online**: 14 Sep 2020

Progress and prospects for data-driven coordinated
management and emergency response: the case of
lreland Delaney & Kitchin. Published online: 14 Sep 2020



Spatialities of feminist urban politics: networking for 'fair shared cities' in Central and Eastern Europe Pajvančić-

Cizelj. Published online: 01 Sep 2020



#### 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

Power, institutions and rents in two South African cities Olver. **Published online:** 14 Sep 2020

Impact of proximity on knowledge network formation: the case of the Korean steel industry Park & Koo. **Published online:** 14 Sep 2020

Everyday politics and sustainable urban development in the Global South Paller. **Published online:** 14 Sep 2020

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

Barriers to the development of creative clusters in Poland Namyślak. **Published online**: 22 Sep 2020

<u>Determinants of fuel prices: dominant firms, local monopolies</u> <u>and 'captive' demand</u> Hierro-Recio et al. **Published online**: 22 Sep 2020





Mapping the spatial patterns of internal migration in

Europe Rowe & Patias. Published online: 22 Sep 2020

The geography of green technology licensing in

China Losacker. Published online: 02 Sep 2020

Call for papers Early Career Papers Section (Deadline 30

March)



Regions e-Zine Issue 7: Financialization of the Urban and Regional Domains

The period between the publication of <u>Issue 6</u> and the launch of this <u>Issue 7</u> has been challenging across all sectors of society. The challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have affected work-home relationships, have changed the way we travel, communicate and socialize. It has also called for a rethinking on how to respond jointly in terms of solidarity and cooperation. It is somehow a chance to utilise this moment to act and draft more inclusive and sustainable policy, national and regional development strategies. In this context, financialisation plays a fundamental role.

Articles in this themed <u>Issue 7</u> address various examples of financialisation in operation, including the growing involvement of <u>financial mechanisms</u> in the housing sector, <u>transportation</u> 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.

The articles composing this issue evidence our Regions eZine is reaching far beyond a European readership, with cases from <u>Ghana</u>, Canada, China and India. Within this issue, we also honour the memory of a dear friend, <u>Professor Paul Benneworth</u>, who passed on Tuesday 12th May 2020. With Issue 7, the <u>Editorship chapter of Stefania Fiorentino and Robert Bowen</u> begins.

#### 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.

#### Recent RSA Blogs

Once more unto the breach? Devolution and local government reorganisation in Oxfordshire by Dave Valler. Published 15 Sep 2020

The Sense of the Word "Reforms" in the Italian Labour Market by Salvatore Perri. Published 08 Sep 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, <u>Joshua Barrett</u>.

Guidelines for the Blog can be found <u>here</u>.





#### **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.

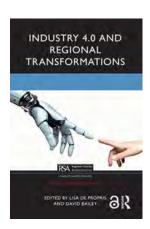
Volume 2, Issue 1 Every place matters: towards effective placebased policy Beer et al. Published online 11 Aug 2020

#### Regions and Cities Book Series and Open Access

The Regions and Cities book series welcomes Open Access projects. Please contact Kristina Abbotts – <a href="mailto:kristina.abbotts@tandf.co.uk">kristina.abbotts@tandf.co.uk</a> – Routledge Commissioning Editor or visit <a href="https://www.routledge.com/info/open\_access">https://www.routledge.com/info/open\_access</a> for more details.

The latest publication published as Open Access is <u>Industry 4.0</u> <u>and Regional Transformations</u> edited by Lisa De Propris, David Bailey. You can read full book <u>here</u>.

Find out more about the Regions and Cities Book Series <a href="here">here</a>.



#### 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 <u>Alex</u>.

Forthcoming non-RSA events

Coastal Transitions: Blue Economy, Online event, 4-8 Nov 2020

CfP Regional Innovation Policies Conference, Aalborg University, 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 <a href="Opportunities">Opportunities</a> pages of our website. Please contact <a href="Alex if you have vacancies">Alex if you have vacancies that you would like added to our website.

#### <u>Vacancies</u>

Lecturer in Urban Planning, Newcastle University, Deadline October 9, 2020

<u>Postdoctoral Researcher: Regional Energy Transition</u>, University of Oldenburg, Germany. Closing Date October 18, 2020

<u>Senior or Postdoctoral researcher position</u>: Public transport fares in mobility transitions, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Belgium. Closing Date October 31, 2020

<u>Industrial and Systems Engineering Faculty</u>, Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Closing Date October 31, 2020

#### Masters and PhD Positions

<u>Full PhD scholarship: Economic response to Covid-19</u>, University of Greenwich, UK. Deadline October 15 2020

<u>PhD: International Affairs</u>, IBS International Business School, Budapest, Hungary. Deadline October 15 2020

<u>Economics PhD program</u>, Deakin Business School, Victoria, Australia. Deadline October 15 2020

