



北京大学-林肯研究院 城市发展与土地政策研究中心
PEKING UNIVERSITY - LINCOLN INSTITUTE
Center for Urban Development and Land Policy

Sustaining Regional Futures

24-26 June 2012

(Field trip on 27 June 2012)

Beijing Conference Center, Beijing, China

The Regional Studies Association Global Conference 2012

Call for papers



Tweeting about this event? Please use hashtag #CN_RSA

For the first time, the annual conference is being held in China and is being organised with our partner, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, around the theme of *Sustaining Regional Futures* in Beijing, China.

As well as the plenary sessions at the Beijing conference, where keynote speakers will address some of the **biggest issues facing regions and sub-national areas around the world**, gateways are being organised on the **causes and implications of different patterns of regional development**. The gateways are dedicated to assessing the **forms and successes of regional policies in managing regional disparities**; establishing basic public services; **supporting endogenous growth and the comparative advantages of regions**; promoting regional competitiveness and sustaining harmony between the economy, society and the environment. Papers on each of these themes are encouraged - on different countries' and regions' experiences, and on comparative studies.

Papers on aspects of **social justice, territorial politics, governance, and peripheral and marginal regions** are also welcome to address what has been happening in these times of rapid national growth and global upheaval. Additional topics in which we particularly encourage contributions are city-regions, spatial planning and analysis which may look at the position in China but which may focus elsewhere

Debate and discussion, contrast and comparisons are essential to the success of Regional Studies Association conferences and to academic endeavour.

Critical analyses and sharing of experiences in all these topic areas will ensure the Beijing conference achieves the aims that the Regional Studies Association and its partners have set out for it.

Gateway Themes

- A. Environmental sustainability
- B. Migration and labour markets
- C. Social justice and civil society
- D. Rural challenges
- E. Territorial politics and policy
- F. City-regions and urban transformations
- G. Spatial econometrics
- H. Infrastructure and development
- I. Borders, border regions and peripherality
- J. Industries, entrepreneurship, and regional competitiveness
- K. Innovation and knowledge economies
- L. Creativity, identities and branding
- M. Tourism and regional development
- N. Spatial planning and practice
- O. Banking, finance and financialisation
- P. Housing and Regions

Special Sessions:

- International Airports. More than just an infrastructure facility?*
- Clusters Life Cycles and Territorial Resilience in Knowledge-Based Economies*
- Subjective wellbeing and the region*
- Multi-level governance and strategic planning for effective regional development policy: insights from Europe.*
- Geographies of Finance and Financialisation: Emerging Trends, Issues in China and Future Research Agendas*
- Sustaining Whose Futures? Megaprojects, territorial politics and social injustices*

Academic Organising Committee:

Co-chairs, Liu Yi: liuy@igsnr.ac.cn, Andrew Beer:

Andrew.Beer@adelaide.edu.au , Secretary, Weidong
Liu: liuwd@igsnr.ac.cn, Members, Henry Yeung:
henryyeung@nus.edu.sg, He Can Fei:
hecanfei@urban.pku.edu.cn, Anthony Yeh:
hdxugoy@hkucc.hku.hk Mike Danson:
michael.danson@uws.ac.uk, Pedro Marques:
marques@geographie.uni-kiel.de