



Regional Studies Association Annual International Conference 2011
Regional development and policy – challenges, choices and recipients
University of Newcastle upon Tyne, UK
Sunday 17th – Wednesday 20th April 2011

(Excursion, walking tour and evening drinks reception Sunday 17th April)

CALL FOR PAPERS

This conference will take place at the University of Newcastle and the Newcastle Civic Centre over four days in April 2011 and will include daily plenary sessions, workshops and special roundtable sessions.

We welcome papers from all – academics, students and those working in policy and practice. The event is inclusive and offers networking opportunities for all in our field.

The organisers welcome proposals for special sessions, themed workshops and innovative forms of networking and collaboration. If you would like to organise or offer a session to the conference please contact Lisa Bibby-Larsen at events@rsa-ls.ac.uk and we will assist you.

The challenges for regional development are intensifying. Long-term factors shaping the prospects for cities and regions include the effects of climate change and new demands on energy, water and food systems. Cities also face significant demographic shifts. Rapid technological changes – captured in the notion of an emerging Knowledge Economy – will also affect cities and regions. Moreover, we are witnessing significant changes in international political economy - encapsulated by the term globalisation - but increasingly understood as incorporating the rise of new economic powers, such as the BRICs (Brazil, Russia, India and, above all, China). The immediate context for thinking about these questions in many parts of the world is the aftermath of a severe economic crisis and a new politics of austerity.

Local, regional, national and international actors continue to search for new policy solutions at a time when traditional forms of governance are being tested and new forms of regional politics are emerging. In many parts of the world regional disparities are growing as more economic activity becomes concentrated in global city regions, posing questions about the future of cities and regions beyond the metropolis. In these austere times, some voices question the need for regional policy itself and public policy debates increasingly focus on these dilemmas.

Gateway themes:

- A Climate change, resource pressures, environment and sustainable regions**
Gerd Lintz (g.lintz@ioer.de), Peter Wirth (p.wirth@ioer.de) and Andrew Beer (andrew.beer@flinders.edu.au)
- B Labour markets, migration and regional development**
Alessandra Faggian (A.Faggian@soton.ac.uk), Mark Partridge (partridge.27@osu.edu) and Anne Green (a.e.green@warwick.ac.uk)
- C Inequality, diversity and regional development**
Irene Hardill (Irene.hardill@northumbria.ac.uk), Solange Villette (solange.villette@orange.fr) and Lionel Guillemot (l.guillemot@univ-angers.fr)
- D1 Rurality/peripherality and regional development**
Peter de Souza (peter.souza@hihm.no) and Anne Lorentzen (al@plan.aau.dk)

- D2 The social and economic role of rural businesses** (themed workshop strand)
Session to be co-ordinated by Gary Bosworth, (gbosworth@lincoln.ac.uk), Bob Newbery, (Robert.Newbery@newcastle.ac.uk) and Jane Atterton, (jane.atterton@ncl.ac.uk)
- D3 Patterns of rural change and rural cohesion policy (ESPON)** (themed workshop strand)
Session to be co-ordinated by Andrew Copus (andrew.copus@nordregio.se)
- E Spatial econometrics**
Vasillis Monastiriotis (v.monastiriotis@lse.ac.uk) and Bernard Fingleton (bf100@cam.ac.uk)
- F Borders and border regions**
Gianluca Spinaci (Gianluca.Spinaci@cor.europa.eu) and Nicola Bellini (nbellini@sssup.it)
- G1 Competitiveness, competition and cooperation**
Gillian Bristow (BristowG1@cardiff.ac.uk)
- G2 The impact of global economic crisis on capital cities** (themed workshop strand)
Session to be co-ordinated by Olga Mrinska (omrinska@gmail.com)
- H New approaches to regional development policy**
Arnoud Lagendijk (a.lagendijk@ru.nl) and Pedro Marques (p.m.marques@newcastle.ac.uk)
- I Social justice and regional development**
Gordon Dabinett (g.e.dabinett@sheffield.ac.uk) and Thilo Lang (t_lang@ifl-leipzig.de)
- J1 The politics and governance of regional and territorial development**
Tassilo Herrschel (t.a.herrschel@westminster.ac.uk)
- J2 Shrinking cities: The governance of shrinkage within a European context** (invitation only)
Session to be co-ordinated by Vlad Mykhnenko (Vlad.Mykhnenko@nottingham.ac.uk)
- K Regional identity and regionalism**
Pavel Chromy (chromy@natur.cuni.cz)
- L Financing the regions – current and future challenges**
Martin Sokol (m.sokol@qmul.ac.uk), Zoltan Gal (galz@rkk.hu) and Ewald Engelen (E.R.Engelen@uva.nl)
- M1 Regional development and development management in a global context**
Ulrich Graute (graute@un.org) and Mikhail Dimitriev (M.Dimitriev@csr.ru)
- M2 RDAs: The next generation? Networking, knowledge and regional policies** (invitation only)
Session to be co-ordinated by Henrik Halkier (Halkier@cgs.aau.dk)
- N Phoenix industries and innovation**
Abdel-Ilah Hamdouch (Abdel.Hamdouch@univ-lille1.fr), Stuart Dawley (s.j.dawley@ncl.ac.uk)
- O1 Enterprise, entrepreneurship and learning in resilient regions**
Mark Hart (mark.hart@aston.ac.uk), Roel Rutten (R.P.J.H.Rutten@uvt.nl), Helena Lenihan (helena.lenihan@ul.ie)
- O2 Social Dynamics of Innovation Networks (SDIN)** (invitation only)
Session to be co-ordinated by Roel Rutten (R.P.J.H.Rutten@uvt.nl) and Paul Benneworth (P.Benneworth@mb.utwente.nl)
- P1 Creative Industries and regional development**
Caroline Chapain (c.a.chapain@bham.ac.uk), Roberta Comunian (r.comunian@kent.ac.uk), Nick Clifton (nclifton@uwic.ac.uk)
- P2 Innovation and regional development** (invitation only session)
Session to be co-ordinated by Enea Gkikas (e.gkikas@wales.ac.uk)
- Q1 Cultural and experiential economies**
Lisa de Propriis (l.de_propriis@bham.ac.uk), Anne Lorentzen (al@plan.aau.dk), Olivier Crevoisier (Olivier.crevoisier@unine.ch)
- Q2 Regional development and tourism** (themed workshop strand)
Flora Diaz-Perez (fdiazp@ull.es)
- R Communities, civil society and the role of education and the quadruple helix of regional development**
Oto Potluka (potluka@vse.cz) and Peter McGregor (p.mcgregor@strath.ac.uk)
- S1 EU Policy and practice**
John Bachtler (john.bachtler@strath.ac.uk) and Philip McCann (P.McCann@rug.nl)
- S2 Assessing EU cohesion policy's impacts and effectiveness in Central and Eastern European countries** (invitation only)
Session to be co-ordinated by Marcin Dabrowski (Marcin.Dabrowski@oeaw.ac.at)
- T Territorial cooperation**
Kai Boehme (kai.boehme@spatialforesight.eu) and Thiemo Eser (Thiemo.Eser@mat.etat.lu)
- U Spatial planning**
Alasdair Rae (a.j.rae@sheffield.ac.uk)

- V Place leadership**
Markku Sotarauta (Markku.sotarauta@uta.fi) and John Gibney (J.Gibney@bham.ac.uk)
- W2 Eurodite/Knowledge dynamics** (themed workshop strand)
Session to be co-ordinated by Hugues Jeannerat (Hugues.jeannerat@unine.ch)
- W3 The great debate: Post regionalism – the challenge facing the North East** (themed workshop strand)
Session to be organised by Irene Hardill (Irene.hardill@northumbria.ac.uk)
- W4 The changing dynamics of leadership and partnership across European regions** (invitation only)
Session to be co-ordinated by Joyce Liddle (joyce.liddle@ntu.ac.uk)