

The Newsletter for RSA Chairs and Ambassadors  
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# BRAVO!



**Look at all the wonderful things we have for you!**

Dear RSA Territorial Representatives,

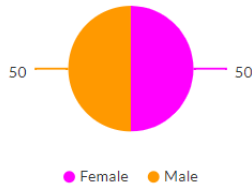
In this edition of Bravo! we have so much information and opportunities for you to examine, you may be rubbing your eyes in disbelief: conference highlights and recordings, editorial vacancies and webinar opportunities, events to attend and new people to meet. So read on friends and enjoy this issue of your RSA territorial representatives' newsletter.



**REGIONS IN RECOVERY IN REVIEW**

# Regions in Recovery 2021

## Gender Balance



**14**  
partners from  
5 countries



**124 sessions**

average attendance: 25 delegates

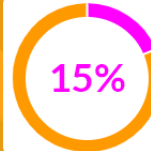


**1250**

participants from  
71 countries  
(as of 18.06.21)



34% Students and  
Early Career Researchers



**15%**

participants from  
emerging economies



**458** papers



Recordings  
available until

**31st  
August**



**10 well-being  
sessions**

including free yoga sessions, an online  
painting class and networking sessions

**More information: [www.regionalstudies.org](http://www.regionalstudies.org)**

This month the RSA hosted the exciting and innovative 2021 [Regions in Recovery eFestival](#) (#RinR21). The Festival ran over 2.5 weeks, featured 458 papers, 124 sessions including plenary sessions, professional development sessions and well-being sessions. The Festival was delivered in [partnership](#) with a number of societies and research-led networks and brought together the global regional studies and regional science community.

We would like to thank the over 1250 participants representing 71 countries who joined the Festival and celebrated regional research, policy and development with us.

Please share this with your networks so that they can [view](#) impressions and highlights of the Festival, browse the [full program](#) and [view recordings](#) where available (not all sessions were recorded due to our opt-in policy).

## NEW FACES



### MEET SANJA KMEZIC - RSA AMBASSADOR TO SERBIA

Sanja is a lawyer and policy analyst, with a doctorate degree in public finance law from the University of Graz, where she now lectures at the Centre for Southeastern European Studies in addition to her consultancy work on Serbia and the West Balkans regions for the World Bank. She has recently published a book on fiscal decentralization in Southeastern Europe. Please feel free to [contact her](#).

## SAY HELLO TO MICHAEL GLASS - AMBASSADOR TO USA

Michael is an urbanist who works at the intersection of geography and planning. His primary research is on city-region governance and planning, housing, and urban infrastructure. Winner of the 2015 Bellet Award for Teaching Excellence, Dr. Glass is the Director of the Urban Studies Program at the University of Pittsburgh and can be contacted [here](#) if you would like to say hello.



## INTRODUCING BRADY REID - RSA BLOG EDITOR

Brady is a PhD student at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. Brady works primarily with environmental policy related projects centered around Indigenous knowledge systems, engagement with environmental industries, and community-researcher relations. Brady is the recently-appointed Blog Editor at the RSA. Please contact him with your blog proposals at [rsablog@regionalstudies.org](mailto:rsablog@regionalstudies.org).

## RSA NEWS



**NEW RSA WEBINAR FEATURING ... YOU!**

We are in the process of organising a new webinar series featuring some of our favourite people - our territorial representatives. That's you!

Called the RSA [International Hour](#), each webinar will be organised by one of the RSA's international networks of Ambassadors, Branches, Sections and Divisions. The aim is to present the latest regional or urban research, developments and policies from these territories to a global audience.

This webinar series will run monthly, launching in September 2021. If you would like to host one of these webinars, or just know some more about it, please contact our [Daniela Carl](#).

## OPPORTUNITIES

- please let your networks know about these

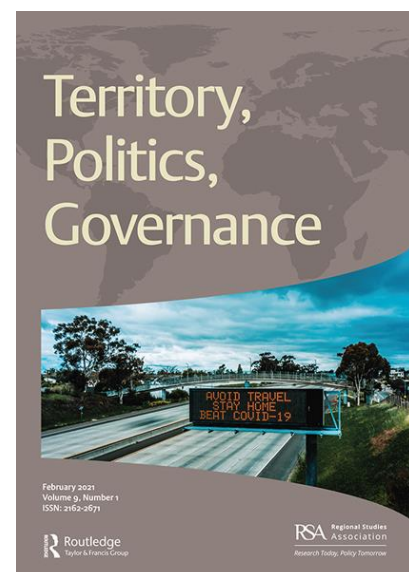


### **BOOK REVIEW/REGULAR EDITOR & EARLY CAREER EDITOR FOR *REGIONAL STUDIES***

The RSA seeks to appoint a combined [Book Review/Regular Editor and an Early Career Editor](#) to its flagship journal, *Regional Studies*. As a Book Review Editor, the successful candidate will manage the commissioning, review and acceptance process for book reviews submitted to the journal. They will also be called on to support the existing team of Editors in managing the peer review of general submissions in their area of expertise. The Early Career Editor is a mentored role open to candidates within five years of the date on their PhD. The application deadline is 31 August 2021.

### **EARLY CAREER EDITOR FOR *TERRITORY, POLITICS, GOVERNANCE***

The RSA seeks to appoint an [Early Career Editor](#) for TPG. The role is open to candidates within five years of the date on their PhD certificate on 31st August 2021. The Early Career Editor will join the existing team of Co-Editors in managing the peer review of general 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. The deadline is 31 August 2021.





## Spatial Economic Analysis



### EARLY CAREER EDITOR FOR *SPATIAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS*

The selection of an [Early Career Editor](#) for *Spatial Economic Analysis* will be made by the Regional Studies Association and Regional Science Association – British and Irish Section in the light of recommendations from the RSA's Publications Committee on which RSAI BIS representatives sit for decisions on *Spatial Economic Analysis*. The successful candidate may wish to join one or both Association's as a member. For clarity non-members may apply. The deadline is 31 August 2021.

### DIGITAL EDITOR FOR ADP

The RSA seeks a Digital Editor for its journal, *Area Development and Policy*. This is a new role to develop the journal's digital and social media presence. It is expected that the Digital Editor will manage the journal's social media accounts and strategy to best disseminate journal content and engage with readers and followers about the journal, trends in the field and publishing tips and queries. The application deadline is 13 September 2021. Please let your networks know.



## EVENTS

# 2021 RSA Russia Division XX Annual Conference of the Cycle "Leontief Readings"

Regional Economic Development and  
Regional Policies

10. – 11.09.2021, St. Petersburg, Russia and hybrid



**RSA** Regional Studies  
Association

Russia Division

### **RSA Russia Division Annual Conference**

In 2021 the Leontief Centre is celebrating its 30th anniversary. To mark this anniversary, you are invited to attend the [XX Annual Conference of the cycle "Leontief Readings"](#). The topic of the conference is Regional Economic Development and Regional Policies, scheduled to take place between September 10-11, 2021 in St. Petersburg, Russia. Conference events are planned to be held in a hybrid format. [Click here](#) for more information including the preliminary program. Please share this with your networks.



**NoRSA-ESPON Conference**  
October 13-14, 2021  
Pärnu, Estonia



### **8th RSA Nordic Division (NoRSA) Conference**

Every second year the Nordic Section of the RSA (NoRSA) organises a conference mainly targeted on the Baltic Sea Region issues, bringing together regional researchers and practitioners from all over the world. This time, they are collaborating closely with ESPON and URBACT networks on a conference entitled "Post-COVID-19 Sustainable Development and Regional Restructuring in the Baltic Sea Region". Running from 13-14 October this may become a hybrid event. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

AND FINALLY ...

#### **MEET OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER**

This is Tuppence, the latest addition to our Event Manager Lesa's family and therefore an honorary RSA staff member.

Apparently she is very bouncy and energetic (just like the rest of us ...)

