

Regional Studies Association

May eBulletin

Welcome to the fifth RSA eBulletin of 2021 sent via the Regional Studies Community JISC Mailing list. We remain committed to supporting our community as best we can and wish you the very best for the forthcoming months.

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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[Regions in Recovery – join us in June](#)

By Sally Hardy, CEO, Regional Studies Association

I am writing to personally alert you to the Association's forthcoming [Regions in Recovery Global E-Festival](#). This special event is being run between 14 [partner organisations](#) and brings together many of the regional studies and science communities for the first time ever at one event. We would like to thank all those who are working with us to bring this event together.

To read Sally's full message, please click [here](#).

[Regions in Recovery: Building Sustainable Futures](#) - Global E-Festival

We are excited about Regions in Recovery, which kicks off this Wednesday, 2nd June. The Global E-Festival is running for more than two weeks until 18th June and is the RSA's biggest event yet with over 900 registered participants so far.

If you have not yet signed up, we warmly invite you to [register now for free](#).

You can look forward to the following plenary highlights and stellar line-up of speakers - see below for details:



Elisa Roller



Isabelle Anguelovski



Ayona Datta



Riccardo Crescenzi



Chair: David Bailey

Opening plenary panel

"Regions in Recovery"

Wednesday 2nd June 2021, 11:00 – 12:30 BST



Ron Boschma



Discussant:
Cecilia Rikap



Discussant:
Canfei He



Chair: Mick Dunford

Area Development and Policy Annual Lecture

"Global Value Chains from an Evolutionary Economic Geography perspective: a research agenda"

Tuesday 8th June 2021, 09:30 – 11:00 BST

SS37 NOIR. Infrastructural Times: Keynote Panel



Olivier Coutard



Ayona Datta



Rob Kitchin



Chair: Jean-Paul Addie

SS37 NOIR. Infrastructural Times: Keynote Panel

Monday, June 14 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM BST

Closing Plenary
Failing Federalism? US Dualist Federalism and the 2020
Pandemic



John Agnew



Chair: Virginie Mamadouh

Closing Plenary with RSA President John Agnew
“Failing Federalism? US Dualist Federalism and the 2020 Pandemic”
Friday 18th June 2021, 16:00 – 17:15 BST

The full programme can be found [here](#)

Join us and register now for free



— Global e-Festival —
Well-being Tent

This is a space for you to wind down from a busy Festival day with free yoga sessions, socialising with other Festival goers or by joining our painting session*.

*small fee applies for the painting session and pre-booking is necessary.

[View all well-being sessions](#)



[RinR21 Reporters](#)

A very warm welcome to our #RinR21 reporters who will share their insights and experiences throughout #RinR21. Please feel free to link up to learn more about their work and the Festival.

Click [here](#) to read about and connect with our reporters.

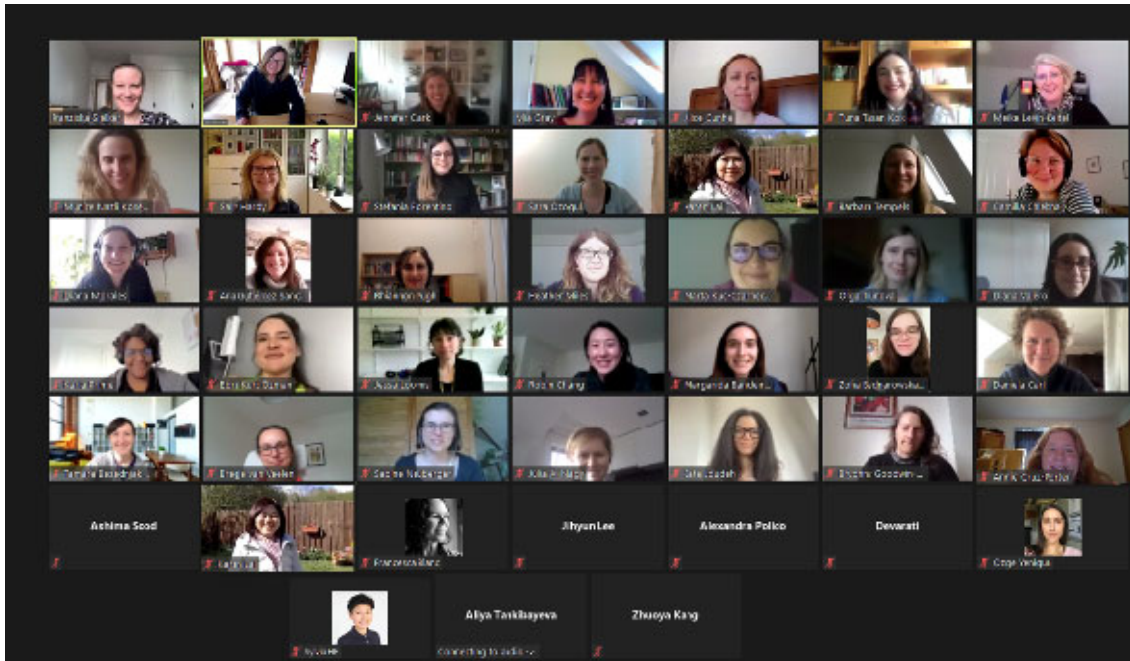


Festival Competitions

Are you joining us in June?

We are running the #RinR21 Photo Wall Competition and Twitter Scavenger Hunt in collaboration with Taylor & Francis (with prizes). For more details, please click [here](#).





Event News: The RSA Women's Network Event

By Franziska Sielker

“The art of career friendly decision-making” or in other words “When to say yes, and when to say no?” was the topic of the 5th Networking Workshop for Early and Midcareer Women in Regional Science and Regional Studies, organised by the RSA’s Women's Network. With around 50 participants attending this virtual workshop, we were delighted to welcome so many familiar, and so many new faces. Prof. Jennifer Clark (Ohio), Prof. Tuna Tasan-Kok (Amsterdam), and Dr. Mia Gray (Cambridge), three high-level academics from very different institutions, shared their own experiences about when to say yes, when to change course, or when to say no to proposed tasks and requests. While they agreed that each career is individual, and circumstances differ across countries and institutions, all three also agreed on some important aspects. A key example was how they all decided to take paths following high standards of integrity and honesty, even when sometimes this was the more difficult option.

The workshop was very dynamic and created a supportive environment, providing the RSA with an ever more growing network to further live up to the “No-Smurfette-principle”.

For more information about the Women's Network, and how to join the active WhatsApp group, please see [here](#).



[FeRSA Winner 2020: Will Eadson](#)

Our 2020 Fellowship Research Grant (FeRSA) was awarded to Will Eadson, Sheffield Hallam University, UK for the project: *Older industrial towns at the frontier of new energy economies*. You can read more about the project [here](#).

The FeRSA grant was introduced to support the research of established researchers and long-term RSA members. Our RSA Fellows are individual members who have been continuous members for a minimum of 5 years and who make an active contribution to the life of the Association.

The call for applications is open until 1st September 2021. More information and handbook including the submission guidelines can be found [here](#).

Please send any queries to fersa@regionalstudies.org.



MeRSA Winners 2020: Christophe Sohn, Maria Siranova and Simón Sánchez-Moral

We are pleased to announce the winners of our 2020 [Membership Research Grant Scheme \(MeRSA\)](#) and we are looking forward to working with them. Please read more about their projects [here](#).

- Christophe Sohn, Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER), Luxembourg - *Borders reloaded! The impact of rebordering dynamics on European cross-border regionalism*
- Maria Siranova, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia - *Bank Branch Closings and Local SME Economic Activity in Slovakia – Good Servant but a Bad Master?*
- Simón Sánchez-Moral, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain - *Disentangling COVID-19 as a driving force of path development processes in Spain*

The call for applications for our next MeRSA Grant is open until 1st September 2021. More information and handbook including the submission guidelines can be found [here](#).



Early Career Grant Winners 2020

We are pleased to announce that the following members of the Regional Studies Association have each been awarded an [RSA Early Career Grant](#) which has a value of £10,000. You can read about these projects [here](#).

- Emma Colven, University of Oklahoma, USA - *Speculating on Jakarta's Future: Real Estate and Water Crisis in Jakarta*
- Moritz Breul, University of Cologne, Germany - *Setting the course for lignite mining regions in transition – Unpacking the pre-formation phase of path creation*
- Ersilia Verlinghieri, University of Oxford, UK - *Exploring the potential of a postgrowth-inspired agenda for urban transport planning after COVID-19*

The call for applications for our next Early Career Grant is open until 15th September 2021. More information and handbook including the submission guidelines can be found [here](#).



Call for Editors

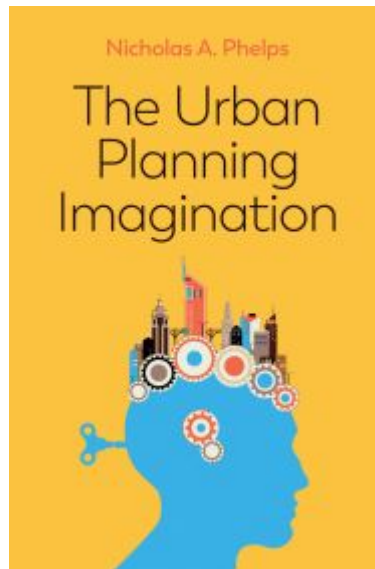
We seek to appoint the following editors:

- **REGIONAL STUDIES** - [Book Review/Regular Editor](#) (one position available) & [Early Career Editor](#) (one position available)
- **TERRITORY, POLITICS, GOVERNANCE** - [Early Career Editor](#) (one position available)
- **SPATIAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS** - [Early Career Editor](#) (one position available)

The appointment of the Early Career Editor is open to candidates within five years of the date on their PhD certificate on 31st August 2021. They will join the existing team of Co-Editors in managing the peer review of general submissions in their area of expertise, enhancing the relevant 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 Early Career appointments are mentored roles and will normally have a fixed term of three years after which they will be re-advertised. Re-application as the Early Career Editor is not permitted as this position is designed to offer capacity building and training within the academy.

Closing date for the applications: No later than 5pm (BST), **Tuesday 31st August 2021**.



[RSA Member News](#)

A new book has recently been published [*The Urban Planning Imagination: A Critical International Introduction*](#) by our RSA member, Nicholas Phelps. In it, Nicholas explores the key themes and driving questions in the circulation of planning ideas and methods over time and across spaces, identifying the contrasts and commonalities between urban planning systems and cultures. He argues that the tools for inclusive urban planning are today, more than ever, not solely restricted to the hands of planning bodies, but are distributed across citizens, a variety of organizations (what he calls 'clubs') and states. As a result, the book sets the ground for the new arrangements between these groups and actors which will be central to the future of urban planning.

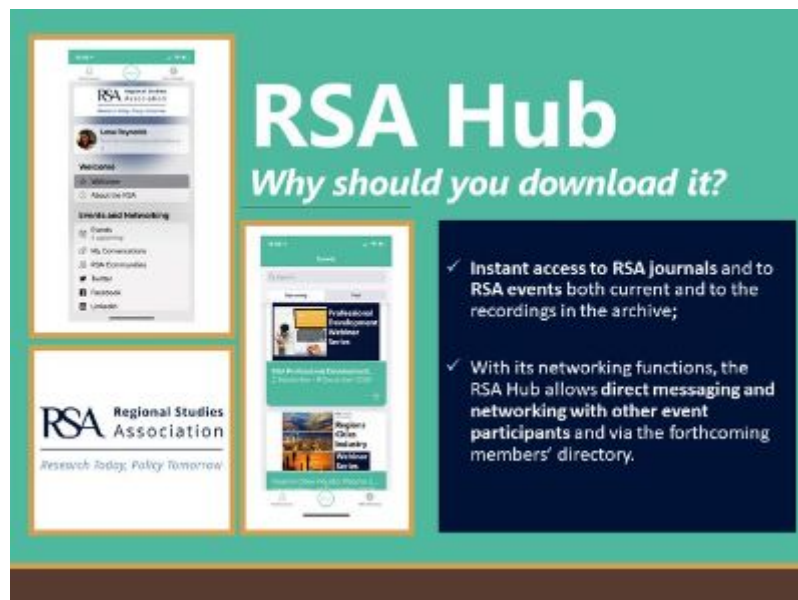
For more information, please click [here](#).



[Membership Opportunities and Support](#)

We are committed to supporting our members and offer many initiatives to develop careers, influence and research. We remain committed to supporting our members and the wider regional research community through knowledge exchange, webinars, publications and micro grant funding.

For more information about benefits available to our members, please click [here](#).



[Download our App today](#)

RSA Hub is packed with really useful features to enhance your membership or attendance at RSA events, both online and face to face. [Click here](#) to view a short video guide for the new RSA Hub app.

Our Regions in Recovery global E-Festival will be hosted on our [RSA Hub App](#), which you can download for free on the [Apple App Store](#) and [Android Google Play Store](#).

You can now have a look at the [desktop version](#) of the RSA Hub App, with our Regions in Recovery event already live. This means you can start networking with

other event participants and use our direct messaging tool, even before the E-Festival begins!

[Funding News](#)

[Top tips for Grant Applications](#)

[Grant Deadlines - Update](#)

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



GRANTS AND FUNDING

Tips for your
next application

RSA Regional Studies
Association
Research Today, Policy Tomorrow



[Top tips for Grant Applications](#)

Watch the recording of our [webinar](#) about the Small Grant Scheme on Pandemics, Cities, Regions & Industry with Ron Boschma (Utrecht University, The Netherlands) and Jana Kleibert (Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Germany).

Past webinars from the RSA Professional Development Webinar Series which focused on grants and funding are available on demand for RSA members via the

[RSA Lounge](#). These webinars include the [Top Tips for your Next Application](#) and [How to manage a Grant Project](#).

Or, why not [watch](#) some of our members, who have successfully applied for grants, share their top tips for applications.

PS: 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. Please send your video to Alex at Alex.Holmes@regionalstudies.org



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

[Small Grant Scheme - Pandemics, Cities, Regions & Industry](#) - up to £4,000.

DEADLINE - 30th June 2021

- This Grant supports a discrete piece of regional studies and/or regional science research on the impact of the COVID-19 on regions, cities and industry.

- Research can cover economic, environmental, social, political, cultural aspects, behavioural and/or technological change.
- It could address conceptual, methodological, empirical or policy impacts. Topics can be specific countries, regions or cities, providing there are wider implications for global audiences.
- This award is open to single applicants or teams of researchers. Where possible, a team of researchers should include an early career researcher.

RSA MEMBERSHIP RESEARCH GRANT SCHEME (MERSA)

Value: up to £5,000 (c. €5,700; \$6,000)

Deadline: 1st September 2021



[Forthcoming Grant Deadlines](#)

Are you looking for funding to develop your research further? The Regional Studies Association has allocated financial resources to support its members and offers a range of funding opportunities to suit different career stages.

These opportunities provide members with a chance to apply for financial help to support their research on a topic related to regional studies and regional science. Non-members may apply for membership at the same time as applying for a grant. Please find more details on the [website](#).

A two-stage application process is used for the RSA Research Grant Schemes. In the first round, applicants are asked to submit an expression of interest. The Expression of Interest should be submitted via the form available on the relevant section on our [Funding web page](#). Shortlisted applicants from this first round will then be asked to submit a full proposal.

For a summary, please see our [Funding and Awards Flyer](#) and if you have any questions or need further clarification, please just get in touch with [Klara Sobekova](#).



RSA Regional Studies
Association

A leading & impactful community

During these unprecedented times and as a continued commitment to supporting our community, membership fees have remained unchanged in 2021. 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 to arrange a chat.

[Five good reasons to join the Regional Studies Association](#)

#1. Latest research

#2. Networking

#3. Build and extend your skills and knowledge

#4. Save money and access research funding

#5. Support the global regional studies community

[The RSA Code of Conduct](#)

Anyone associated with the RSA should endeavour to maintain the highest standards of personal and professional conduct. We have put this Code of Conduct in place to ensure that our members and associates can engage with each other in a supportive and mutually respectful manner.

To read the whole document, please click [here](#).

The principles of the Code of Conduct:

1. Responsibility and accountability
2. Integrity and honesty
3. Respect and fairness
4. Privacy and confidentiality
5. Conflict of interest
6. Collegiality

[Forthcoming Webinars](#)

[Regions in Recovery Global E-Festival](#)

[RSA Professional Development Webinar Series](#)

[RSA Regions Cities Industry Webinar Series](#)

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

The series will resume in September and we already have interesting topics and speakers on publishing and other professional skills confirmed. [View our website](#) for more information and dates.



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 webinars can be watched live for free and RSA members can access a recording on demand via the [RSA Lounge](#).

The [RSA Regions Cities Industry Webinar Series](#) will resume in September:

29th September 2021, 11:00 BST, 12.00 CET – [Challenges of Smart Specialisation: In conversation with Alessandro Rainoldi](#)

Recordings of previous sessions are available to RSA members in the [RSA Lounge](#).



Write Here, Write Now – RSA Online Writing Sessions

“Write Here, Write Now” are online writing sessions led by the RSA’s Student Representative [Tanya Chandra](#) and the RSA’s Early Career Representative [Dr Frances Brill](#). The 2021 programme will run monthly between September – November.

To find out more, click [here](#).

Research Network Events



[FinGeo Seminar Series \(2\)](#)

Following the success of the first series of virtual seminars, the second series of seminars, which started in May, continues with a wide range of speakers. You can keep updated with sessions [here](#).

01 June 2021 13:00 BST, 14:00 CEST, 20:00 CST

[Investment Governance for Fiduciaries](#)

Speaker: Prof Michael Drew, Griffith University

15 June 2021, 13:00 BST, 14:00 CEST, 20:00 CST

[The economic geographies of Brexit and financial services](#)

Speaker: Prof Sarah Hall, Nottingham

29 June 2021, 13:00 BST, 14:00 CEST, 20:00 CST

[Loft-living under state-led financialisation: Adaptive reuse of industrial buildings for long-term rental apartments in Beijing, China](#)

Speaker: Prof Shenjing He, University of Hong Kong

13 July 2021, 13:00 BST, 14:00 CEST, 20:00 CST

[Care and financial fragility](#)

Speaker: Dr Amy Horton, University College London



RSA Europe Events

We are looking forward to bringing you updates in due course for the European Week of Regions and Cities (#EURegionsWeek) 2021.

Did you know...? **The RSA on Wechat**

Did you know that the RSA is also active on WeChat? WeChat is one of the largest social media platforms globally with over one billion active users.

Our WeChat account is run by colleagues at the RSA's China Division and called RSACHandADP. Please join us on WeChat to stay up to date on with work of the RSA's [China Division](#) and the journal [Area Development and Policy](#).





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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 [RSA Lounge](#) for access to individual articles that are not open access.**

- [Regional Studies](#)
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- [Territory Politics Governance](#)
- [Area Development Policy](#)
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[\(Digital\) neo-colonialism in the smart city](#) Mouton & Burns. **Published online:** 17 May 2021

[Will reducing border barriers via the EU's b-solutions lead towards greater European territorial integration?](#) Medeiros et al. **Published online:** 17 May 2021



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[Store sales evaluation and prediction using spatial panel data models of sales components](#) by Hunneman et al. **Published online:** 17 May 2021

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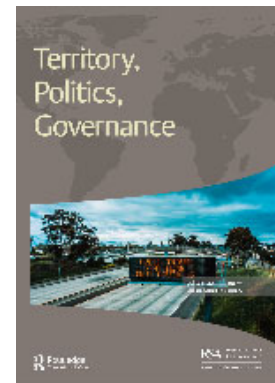
[Grasping the nettle: the central–local constraints on local government funding in England](#) Muldoon-Smith & Sandford. **Published online:** 26 May 2021

[Health policy and federalism in India](#) Jeffery. **Published online:** 17 May 2021

[The Anglo-British imaginary and the rebuilding of the UK's territorial constitution after Brexit: unitary state or union state?](#) Wincott et al. **Published online:** 17 May 2021

[Neoliberal commensuration and new enclosures of the commons: mining and market–environmentalism governmentalities](#) Duarte-Abadía et al. **Published online:** 17 May 2021

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

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[Residential choices in an evolving market economy: moving and staying in Beijing](#) Clark et al. **Published online:** 19 Mar 2021

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

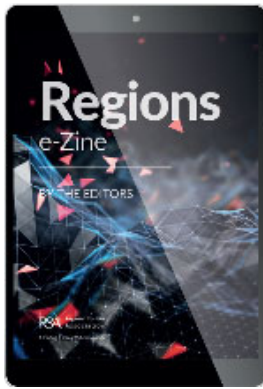
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[Proximity to coal mines and mortality rates in the Appalachian Region of the United States: a spatial econometric analysis](#) Ghosh & Cebula. **Published online:** 05 May 2021



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Call for papers [Early Career Papers Section](#) (Deadline 31 September 2021)



[Regions e-Zine](#)

New Issue: [Regions in Transition I: Sustainability challenges and opportunities in cities and regions](#)

[Issue 9 of Regions](#) explores a range of articles on the topic of sustainability challenges and opportunities in cities and regions. The issue also contains six [Regional Insights](#) articles, with case studies from Europe, India and Ghana.

Building on the theme of Regions in Transition, the forthcoming **Issue 10** will focus on **Redefining urban-rural balance in changing times**, and will be published late September 2021.

If you are interested in submitting an article, please contact us at office@regionalstudies.org or one of our Editors and we will work closely with you to help your article appear in a way most interesting to our readership. See [guidelines](#) for contributing new articles. A DOI is attributed to each published article.

Editorial team

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

Recent RSA Blogs

[Indigenous regional thinking contributing to international conservation](#) by Emma Lee. Published: 20 May 2021

[New UK-based centre fostering rural innovation for resilient regions](#) by Bryonny Goodwin-Hawkins. Published: 20 May 2021

[Regional 'CYBER nights' events increase cyber-security expertise across Europe](#) by Interreg Europe CYBER.
Published: 17 May 2021

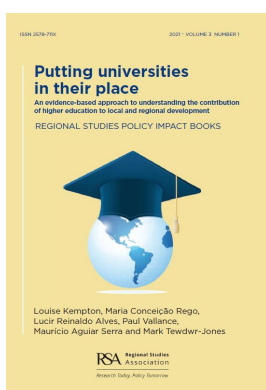


["Underground Politics" in Canadian Transnational Mining & Human Rights in the Philippines](#) by Angela Asuncion and John Edison Ubaldo. Published: 06 May 2021

[Discussion: Is the new "simplified" Cohesion Policy more complex?](#) by Julia Walczyk Published: 29 Apr 2021

If you are currently involved with regional research, policy, and development, and want to elaborate your ideas in a different medium, please email RSABlog@regionalstudies.org. The Blog Guidelines can be found [here](#).

Watch our freely available webinar [here](#) with [eZine Regions](#) Editor [Eduardo Oliveira](#) and the previous editor of the [RSA Blog](#) Joshua Barrett, highlighting benefits of using non-standard academic platforms to reach wider audiences.



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 3, Issue 1 (2021) [Putting Universities in their Place: An evidence-based approach to understanding the contribution of higher education to local and regional development](#) Kempton et al. **Published online: 08 Apr 2021**

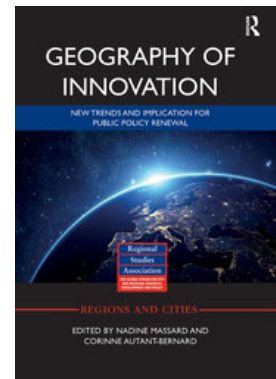
Click [here](#) to watch the recording of the recent webinar 'Policy Expo – Putting Universities in their Place' with speakers Lucir Reinaldo Alves, Louise Kempton and Maria Conceição Rego, with Chair Anne Rimmer.

Regions and Cities Book Series

Forthcoming title: [Geography of Innovation: Public Policy
Renewal and Empirical Progress](#)

Edited By Nadine Massard, Corinne Autant-Bernard

Expected 30 June 2021



The Regions and Cities book series welcomes Open Access projects. Please contact Kristina Abbotts –

kristina.abbotts@tandf.co.uk – Routledge Commissioning

Editor or visit https://www.routledge.com/info/open_access for more details.

Find out more about the Regions and Cities Book Series [here](#).

Non-RSA Events

We promote a variety of non-RSA events on the [Opportunities](#) page of our website, with many of these now taking place online or in a hybrid format. If you have a future event that you would like us to promote, please get in touch with [Alex](#).

Forthcoming non-RSA events

[XIX Triple Helix International Virtual Conference 2021](#), Online. 16-18 June

[EURINT 2021: Assessing the EU's actorness in the eastern neighbourhood](#),

Hybrid/Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania. 2-3 July 2021

[Museum Environments: Challenges and Opportunities](#) Hybrid/Cairo, Egypt. 14-15

December 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 [Opportunities](#) pages of our website. Please contact [Alex](#) if you have vacancies that you would like added to our website.

[Vacancies](#)

[Faculty Positions](#), Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan. Closing Date 10 June 2021

[University lecturer in cultural geography](#), Örebro University, Sweden. Closing Date 20 June 2021

[Lecturer/Senior Lecturer/Associate Professor](#): Urban Planning and Sustainability, Birmingham City University, UK. Closing Date 30 June 2021

MSc Courses & PhD Studentships

[Funded PhD Scholarship](#): Exploring the role of deliberative democracy for corporate sustainability, Trinity Business School, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. Deadline 4 June 2021

[PhD position](#): Feasible electricity transitions in Sweden/Northern Europe, Lund University, Sweden. Deadline 6 June 2021

[New scholarship PhD in Geoinformatics](#) for PhD students from West and Central Africa (esp. Ghana), Heidelberg University, Germany. Deadline 15 July 2021





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