

**Regions in Recovery Second Edition 2022:
Re-imagining Regions
21st March – 1st April 2022, Online
#RinR22**



Call for Early Career Plenary Speakers (4 in total)

Submission deadline: 17th January 2022, 23:59 (GMT)

The [Regional Studies Association](http://www.regionalstudies.org) has a deep-seated commitment to furthering and supporting the career development of early career researchers (within 5 years after finishing their PhD). Part of this commitment is to offer the opportunity to present a plenary at one of the RSA's conferences. Other initiatives include the Early Career Grant Scheme; the inclusion of early career editors on all RSA journals; the early career mentored paper route to publication in the journal *Regional Studies*, *Regional Science*; the professional development webinar series; writing group; student & early career conferences/summer or winter colleges and having an active student and early career network run by the members in those categories supported by lively social media activity. More details on support the RSA offers to ECR can be found at www.regionalstudies.org/news/rsa-rsa-europe-opportunities2021.

We now seek applications from early career researchers (within 5 years after finishing their PhD) to present an Early Career Plenary Presentation at the forthcoming global e-Festival Regions in Recovery 2022. We particularly encourage Early Career researchers from emerging economies to submit their application. **There are a total of four positions available.**

The proposed paper should be in line with the themes of the e-Festival and related to:

- Social, spatial and economic impacts of the pandemic
- Re-imagining the form and function of cities and regions
- Alternatives to the winner-takes-all mantra of economic development and their (dur)ability to disrupt current growth models
- Energy transitions, environmental sustainability, and designing future cities and regions
- Fiscal frameworks and spending priorities for ensuring a balanced recovery
- Addressing racial, ethnic, gender and other divides in cities and regions
- Theories, concepts, approaches and methods for researching cities and regions in (post-) Covid times
- Re-imagining planning, governance, and devolution for a rapidly changing world
- Industry 4.0 and the future shape of innovation, industrial development and strategy
- The changing geographies and spatial impacts of global investment flows and value chains
- Regional implications arising from recent geopolitical manoeuvrings by the United States, Russia, China, and EU on trade, climate and foreign affairs

The application should include the following:

- Name and contact details
- Place of employment
- Short version CV (4-page maximum)
- Up to 500-word abstract of the paper to be presented
- Short video (maximum 4 minutes) featuring you and an outline of the paper to be presented
- Evidence of eligibility to apply/PhD certificate – early career researchers are defined as being within 5 years after receiving their PhD certificate.

Videos filmed on a smartphone with reasonable clarity of vision and sound are perfectly acceptable for the purpose of the competition. Applicants should clearly present their name and institution in the video. They should outline their research, its relevance to the E-Festival topics and explain why they should be selected for the plenary presentation.

The successful candidates will be informed as soon as possible following the closing date. The award includes a complimentary place at the e-Festival.

Applicants are expected to be either an RSA member on application or to take out RSA membership on acceptance.

Please email your application to Katharina Bürger at katharina.buerger@regionalstudies.org by **17th January 2022** the latest.

What is the Regions in Recovery Second Edition 2022?

After the success of our [Global E-Festival Regions in Recovery in 2021](#), we are again working with partners to bring you this event. We will provide you with a research-led celebration of regions and how these can be re-imagined in times of challenge including Covid-19, climate change and geo-political turmoil. We will bring together researchers and communities from across the world enabling you to network and share your research in regional studies and science.