

# RSA Annual Conference 2023

## Transforming Regions: Policies and Planning for People and Places

14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023, School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana,  
[Kardeljeva ploščad 17, 1000 Ljubljana](#), Slovenia

#RSA23

Draft Conference Programme

### Side event

**Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th June 2023**

Young Scholars Academy on Regional Studies (free event, separate registration required)

### Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023

- 07.15-16.30 Excursion to Idrija: A Mining Town Transforming into an Industrial Giant (separate registration necessary)
- 10.00-16.00 Board Meeting (invitation only)
- 10.00-12.00 City Walking Tour (separate registration necessary)
- 13.00-17.00 **4<sup>th</sup> Networking Workshop for Early and Mid-Career Women in Regional Studies and Regional Science** (free event, separate registration necessary)
- 14.00-16.00 **Technical Tour 1:** Architectural Walking Tour of Ljubljana (separate registration necessary)
- 14.00-16.00 **Technical Tour 2:** Exploring Urban Culture in Ljubljana - A Discussion on the Move (separate registration necessary)
- 14.00-16.00 **Technical Tour 3:** The Sustainable Mobility Good Practices Visit (separate registration necessary)
- 15.00-17.00 Conference Registration open at SEB
- 18:00-20:30 **Welcome Reception** – Ljubljana Castle (separate registration necessary)  
Dr. Aleksander Jevšek, Minister of Cohesion and Regional Development, Slovenia  
Lilijana Madjar, MSc, Director of Regional Development Agency of Ljubljana Urban Region and President of the Western Slovenia Cohesion Region  
Prof. dr. Gregor Majdič, Rector of the University of Ljubljana.

### Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023

- 08.00-17.30 Conference registration
- 08.45-09.05 Welcome to the conference

Neil Lee, Chair of RSA  
Andreja Katič, State Secretary, Ministry of Cohesion and Regional Development.  
Prof Metka Tekavčič, Dean of School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Sonja Šlander Wostner and Vasja Rant, School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

**09.05-10.35 Opening Plenary – Green Global Value Chains for Sustainable Regional Development**

**Speakers:** Oliver Harman, IGC Oxford, UK  
Riccardo Crescenzi, London School of Economics, UK  
Marco Kamiya, Economist at UNIDO, United Nations  
Anna Hammarberg, Business Sweden, Sweden

**Chair:** Sandrine Kergrach, Head of Unit, OECD

09.00-12.00 Finance and Space Editors Meeting (invitation only)  
10.35-11.15 Coffee Break  
11.15-12.45 Parallel Workshop Sessions A  
12.45-14.00 Lunch Break  
12.45-14.00 Territorial Representatives Annual Meeting and Lunch (invitation only)  
14.00-15.30 Parallel Workshop Sessions B  
14.00-15.30 **Meet the RSA Editors I**  
15.30-16.00 Coffee Break  
16.00-17.30 Parallel Workshop Sessions C  
17.30-18.30 **New Member's Meet Up**  
17.30-19.00 **Professional Development Session**

**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

08.30-17.00 Conference registration  
**08.45-10.15 Plenary 2 - Finance and Space: Sustainable Financing and Unsustainable Debt**  
**Speakers:** Katherine Brickell, King's College London, UK  
Vincent Guermond, Royal Holloway London, UK  
Daniela Gabor, UWE Bristol, UK  
**Chair:** Sabine Dörny, Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research, Luxembourg  
09.00-12.00 Regional Studies Editors Meeting (invitation only)  
10.15-10.45 Coffee Break  
10.45-12.15 Parallel Workshop Sessions D  
**Meet the RSA Editors II**  
12.15-13.15 Lunch Break  
13.15-14.45 **The Regional Studies Plenary 3 – Global Production Networks meets Evolutionary Economic Geography: What Common Ground can the Two Theories find and what are the Implications for Regional Studies**  
**Speakers:** Henry Yeung, National University of Singapore, Singapore  
Ron Boschma, Utrecht University, The Netherlands  
**Discussant:** Jessie Poon, University at Buffalo, USA  
**Discussant:** Lisa De Propris, University of Birmingham, UK  
**Chair:** Neil Lee, London School of Economics, UK  
14.50-16.20 Parallel Workshop Sessions E  
16.20-16.50 Coffee Break  
16.50-18.20 Parallel Workshop Sessions F  
16.30-18.00 Technical Tour 4: The Library of Things Visit (separate registration necessary)  
19.30-22.30 **Conference Dinner (separate registration necessary)**

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

- 08.30-12.30 Conference registration
- 08.45-10.15 Parallel Workshop Sessions G
- 10.15-10.45 Coffee Break
- 10.45-12.15 Closing Plenary – Territory Politics Governance Annual Lecture: What does a more Sustainable Future Require? Strengthening Cooperation, Improving Governance and Understanding the Politics of Systemic Change**
- EC Speaker: Alexander L. Q. Chen, Roskilde University, Denmark**
- Speakers: Janez Potočnik, Co-Chair of UN International Research Panel**
- Discussant: Virginie Mamadouh, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands**
- Chair: Klaus Dodds, Royal Holloway, UK**
- 12.15-12.30 Conference Close
- Klaus Dodds, RSA Board Member
- Sonja Šlander Wostner and Vasja Rant, School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Chair: Sally Hardy, RSA Chief Executive
- 13.30-20:30 Post-Conference Tour: Slovenia: A Land of Bees and Honey (separate registration necessary)
- 13.30-20.30 Post-Conference Tour to Lake Bled (separate registration necessary)
- 15.00-17.00 Paddle Boarding Tour Ljubljana (separate registration necessary)
- 15.00-17.00 Exploring Ljubljana by Bicycle (separate registration necessary)

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

- 08.30-15.00 Post-Conference Tour to Postojna Cave and Predjama Castle (separate registration necessary)