

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

## Regional Studies Association Winter Conference 2023

### Cities and Regions for Tomorrow: Towards Better Regional Futures

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023, London, UK

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#### Thursday 9th November 2023

08:30	Registration
09:00	Introduction and welcome
09:15 – 10:30	<b>Opening Plenary – Digitalisation, AI and the Shaping of Future Cities and Regions</b> Speakers: Ayona Datta, University College London, UK Federico Cugurullo, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland Chair: Jennifer Clark, The Ohio State University, USA
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 13:00	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>
16:00 – 16.15	Coffee break
16.15 – 17.15	<b>Special Plenary Session - A Celebration and Tribute to Sally Hardy, Retiring CEO of the RSA</b>
17.15 – 18.30	Drinks Reception

#### Friday 10th November 2023

08:30	Registration
09:00 – 11:00	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Plenary 2 – Foreign Direct Investment and Global Value Chains in a changing Geo-political Environment</b> Speakers: Richard Bolwijn, UNCTAD Division on Investment and Enterprise Beata Javorcik, EBRD Chief Economist Chair: Riccardo Crescenzi, London School of Economics, UK
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:30	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 17:00	<b>Closing Plenary – The Geopolitics of Internet Data Routes</b> Speaker: Frédéric Douzet, Professor of Geopolitics at the University of Paris 8, director of the French Institute of Geopolitics research team (IFG Lab) and director of the Center Geopolitics of the Datasphere (GEODE), France Chair: Klaus Dodds, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK
17:00	Conference close