



RSA Annual Conference 2025

Navigating Regional Transformation

Tuesday 6th – Friday 9th May 2025, University of Porto
#RSA25

Draft Conference Programme

Tuesday, 6th May 2025

- 10.00-16.00 Board Meeting (invitation only)
- 10:00-17:00 Academic Tours
- 15:00-17:00 Conference registration
- 18.00-20.00 **Welcome Reception** (separate registration needed)

Wednesday, 7th May 2025

- 08.00-17.30 Conference registration
- 08.45-09.00 Welcome to the conference (Porto representative and RSA representative)
- 09.00-10.30 **Opening Plenary – Navigating Regional Transformation**
Speakers: Elisa Ferreira, European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms (2019-2024), EU
Pedro Conceição, United Nations Development Plan
Michaela Tripl, University of Vienna, Austria
Early Career Speaker: Zhiwu Wei, University of Cambridge, UK
Chair: Mário Vale, University of Lisbon, Portugal
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00-13.00 Parallel Workshop Sessions 1
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch Break
- 13.00-14.00 Territorial Ambassadors Meeting (invitation only)
- 14.00-16.00 Parallel Workshop Sessions 2
- 16.00-16.30 Coffee Break
- 16.30-18.30 Parallel Workshop Sessions 3

Thursday, 8th May 2025

- 08.30-17.00 Conference registration
- 09.00-10.30 **Plenary 2 – The Future of Regional Policy**
Speakers: Duarte Rodrigues, Portuguese Agency for Development and Cohesion, Portugal
Renata Calak, Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy, Poland
Raphael L'Hoest, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Germany
Chair: John Bachtler, European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde, UK
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00-13.00 Parallel Workshop Sessions 4
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch Break
- 14.00-15.30 Spotlight Sessions
- 15.30-16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.00-18.00 Parallel Workshop Sessions 5
- 19.00-22.30 **Conference Dinner** (separate registration needed)



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Friday, 9th May 2025

- 08.00-13.00 Conference registration
- 08.30-10.00 Parallel Workshop Sessions 6
- 10.00-10.30 Coffee Break
- 10.30-12.00 Parallel Workshop Sessions 7
- 12.00-12.45 Lunch
- 12.45-14.15 **Closing Plenary – Knowledge for Regional Transformation**
- Speakers:** Louise Kempton, Newcastle University, UK
Maribel Guerrero, Arizona State University, USA
- Chair:** Joana Resende, University of Porto, Portugal
- 14.15-14.30 Conference Close
- 14:45-18:00 Academic Tours