

2025 Student & Early Career Conference

9th-10th September 2025

Draft Conference Programme

Tuesday, 9th September 2025

08.30-09.00 Conference registration

09.00-09.15 Welcome and introductions (CIMR/Westminster/RSA)

The morning sessions will be dedicated to presentations and feedback by participants

09.15-10.45 ECR Presentations

Collaborative Governance and Rural Innovation – Chair: Peter Jelfs, Brunel University of London

Digital Transformation and Regional Path Development - Chair: Sabine D'Costa, University of Westminster

10.45-11.00 Refreshment break

11.00-12.30 ECR Presentations

Entrepreneurial Ecosystems and Regional Innovation - Odile Janne, Birkbeck College, University of London

Infrastructure, Freight and Regional Competitiveness - Michael Filippidis, University of Westminster

12.30-13.00 Lunch

13.00-14.30 ECR Presentations

Austerity, Welfare and Local Government – Helen Lawton Smith, Birkbeck College, University of London

Urban Participation, Culture, and Governance - Thanos Fragkandreas, University of Westminster

14.30-17.00 Professional practice

The afternoon sessions are structured around networking and skills development in three areas: publishing, grant success and impact generation.

Getting published: Navigating the Path to Publishing your Article – Alex Holmes and Marcus Atkinson RSA

Applying for grants: Turning Ideas into Funded Projects – Muthu De Silva, Birkbeck, University of London

Making Research Matter: Understanding and Generating Impact – Robin Jarvis, Professor of Accounting and Finance, Brunel University

Academic careers: Pathways, Challenges, and Opportunities – Brunel University, Kiran Kandade and SinMun Chang

CV Writing for Researchers: Showcasing your Skills and Experience - Kiran Kandade and SinMun Chang, Brunel University, University of Westminster

17.00-17.15 Closing remarks

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Technical field trip