

RSA Annual Conference 2026

Regions as Arenas in a Changing World

Monday 15th June–Thursday 18th June, University of Gothenburg

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Draft Conference Programme

Monday 15th June 2026

- 10.00-16.00 Board Meeting (invitation only)
- 10.00-15.00 Technical Tours (Separate registration needed)
- 14.00-16.00 Conference registration desk open
- 14.00-16.00 Women's Network Event
- 18.00-20.00 **Welcome Reception** – [Börsen](#) (free to attend, separate registration required)

Tuesday 16th June 2026

- 08.00-17.00 Conference registration desk open
- 08.30-08.45 Welcome to the conference
- 08.45-10.15 **Opening Plenary – Regions as Arenas in a Changing World: Rethinking Spatial Theories**
Speaker: Simona Iammarino, GSSI, Italy & LSE, UK
Speaker: Dominique Foray, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), France
Early Career Speaker: tbc
Chair: Sarah Franz, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- 10.15-10.45 Coffee Break
- 10.45-12.45 Parallel Workshop Sessions 1
- 12.45-13.45 Lunch Break
- 13.45-15.45 Parallel Workshop Sessions 2
- 15.45-16.15 Coffee Break
- 16.15-17.45 Parallel Workshop Sessions 3
- 19.30-22.30 **Conference Dinner** – [Kooperativet](#) (extra cost to attend and separate registration required)

Wednesday 17th June 2026

- 08.00-17.00 Conference registration desk open
- 09.00-10.30 **Plenary 2 – The Long Shadows of History: Can Regions Escape their Past?**
Speaker: Mark Tewdwr-Jones, University College London, UK
Speaker: Tom Brökel, University of Stavanger, Norway
Speaker: Emma Ormerod, Newcastle University, UK
Speaker: Hans Westlund, Jönköping International Business School, Sweden
Chair: Martin Henning, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00-13.00 Parallel Workshop Sessions 4
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch Break
- 14.00-16.00 Parallel Workshop Sessions 5
- 16.00-16.30 Coffee Break
- 16.30-18.00 Parallel Workshop Sessions 6
- 18.00-19.00 PowerPoint Karaoke/Speed Networking



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Thursday 18th June 2026

- 08.30-13.15 Conference registration desk open
- 09.00-10.30 Parallel Workshop Sessions 8
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00-12.30 Parallel Workshop Sessions 9
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch
- 13.30-14.30 **Closing Plenary**
- 14.30-14.45 Conference Close
- 15.00-17:30 Touristic Tours (separate registration needed)