

## 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

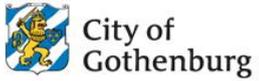
- 10.00-16.00 Board Meeting (invitation only)  
10:00-15:00 Technical Tours (Separate registration needed)  
14:00-16.00 Conference registration desk open  
14.00-16.00 Women's Network Event  
18.00-20.00 **Welcome Reception** – [Börsen](#) (free to attend, separate registration required)

##### 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  
**Speaker:** Cecilia Malmström, University of Gothenburg, Sweden  
**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  
14.00-15.30 **Spotlight Sessions**  
Policy Panel Session – More information available soon  
Various Sessions with the Editors of RSA Publications – More information available soon  
15.30-16.00 Coffee Break  
16.00-18.00 Parallel Workshop Sessions 5  
18.00-19.00 PowerPoint Karaoke/Speed Networking



### Thursday 18th June 2026

- 08.30-13.15 Conference registration desk open
- 09.00-10.30 Parallel Workshop Sessions 6
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00-12.30 Parallel Workshop Sessions 7
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch
- 13.30-15.00 **Closing Plenary**
- 15.00-15.15 Conference Close
- 15.15-various Touristic Tours (separate registration needed)