Regional Studies Association

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2026 Regional Futures Conference

Thursday 12th – Friday 13th November 2026, London, UK

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Thursday 12th November 2026	
08:30	Registration
09:00	Introduction and welcome
09:15 – 10:30	**Opening Plenary – *Regional Science, Regional Studies* Lecture**
	Speaker: Michael Storper; LSE & UCLA **Discussant:** Max Nathan, UCL, UK **Chair:** Louise Kempton, Newcastle University, UK
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 13:00	**Parallel Sessions**
13:00 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 14:45	**Plenary 2 - Strategic Foresight** **Speaker:** Peter Berkowitz, European Commission **Chair:** Marijana Sumpor, Euro ekspertiza j.d.o.o., Croatia
14.45 – 16.45	**Parallel Sessions**
16:45 – 17.00	Coffee break
17.00 - 18.30	**Parallel Sessions**
18.30 - 19.45	Reception

Friday 13th November 2026	
08:30	Registration
09:00 – 10:30	**Parallel Sessions**
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.00	**Joint RSA-UAA Special Session - Bridging the Gap: Promoting Knowledge Exchange Between Researchers and Policymakers** **Speakers:** Bernadette Hanlon, Editor - Journal of Urban Affairs, The Ohio State University, USA Jennifer Clark, EiC, Regional Studies, The Ohio State University, USA Andrew Greenlee, Journal of Race, Ethnicity and the City, University of Illinois Kath Scanlan, London School of Economics, UK **Chair:** Louise Kempton, Newcastle University, UK
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch
13.00 - 15.00	**Parallel Sessions**
15.00 - 15.15	Coffee
15.15 – 16.30	**Closing Plenary – *Territory, Politics, Governance* Lecture** **Speaker:** Kasia Paprocki, London School of Economics, UK **Chair:** Zack Taylor, University of Western Ontario, Canada & Editor-in-Chief *Territory, Politics, Governance*
16.30 - 16.45	Conference Close