

REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION STUDENT AND EARLY CAREER CONFERENCE

EMERGENT DIRECTIONS IN REGIONAL RESEARCH

CARDIFF UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL, CARDIFF, UK

3RD-4TH SEPTEMBER 2026

At a Glance Conference Programme

Thursday 3rd September

- 08.30-09.00 Registration
- 09.00-09.15 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 09.15-10.15 **Opening Keynote – What are the Big Questions in Regional Research?**
Professor Kevin Morgan, School of Geography and Planning, Cardiff University
- 10.15-10.30 Coffee Break
- 10.30-12.00 **Parallel session**
- 12.00-13.00 Lunch
- 13.00-14.15 **Professional Development Session – Publishing Emerging Research**
Professor Max Munday and Dr Dylan Henderson, Cardiff Business School, Cardiff University
- 14.15-14.30 Coffee Break
- 14.30-16.00 **Parallel Session**
- 16.00-17.00 **Interactive Roundtable – Where is Regional Studies Going?**
Panel: Dr Laura Reynolds, Cardiff Business School, Cardiff University;
Dr Susanne Frick, School of Geography and Planning, Cardiff University;
Dr Samuel Parry, Cardiff School of Management, Cardiff Metropolitan University;
Dr Gary Walpole, Cardiff School of Management, Cardiff Metropolitan University.
- 17.00-18.00 Networking Reception
- 18.00- Optional Drinks in Pen & Wig Pub (self-pay)

Friday 4th September

- 09.30-10.30 **Plenary – Building a Research Career in Regional Studies Today**
Professor Nick Clifton, Cardiff School of Management, Cardiff Metropolitan University
- 10.30-10.45 Coffee Break
- 10.45-12.15 **Parallel session**
- 12.15-13.15 Lunch (With Meet the Editors lunch session)
- 13.15-14.30 **Professional Development Workshop –Communicating Regional Research for Impact**
Dr Bryonny Goodwin-Hawkins, Department for Work and Pensions, UK Government
- 14.30-14.45 Coffee Break
- 14.45-15.15 **Professional Development Workshop – Funding & Grants**
Professor John Harrison, Geography and Environment, Loughborough University
- 15.15-15.30 Closing remarks