RSA Annual Conference 2027
Connecting Regions, Bridging Knowledge

Tuesday 8th June–Friday 11th June, Complutense University of Madrid

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Draft Conference Programme

Tuesday 8th June 2027

10.00-16.00 Board Meeting (invitation only)
10:00-15:00 Technical Tours (Separate registration needed)
15:00-17:00 Conference registration
18.00-20.00 **Welcome Reception** – (Separate registration needed)

Wednesday 9th June 2027

08.00-17.30 Conference registration
08.30-08.45 Welcome to the conference
08.45-10.15 **Opening Plenary: The AI Paradigm Shift: Transforming Regional Futures, Work, and Innovation**
Speakers:
Andrés Rodriguez-Pose, LSE, UK
Elvira Uyarra, University of Manchester, UK
Speaker 3: TBA
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
16.15-17.30 **Plenary 2- Finance and Space Annual Lecture: Financial Networks in a Fragmenting World: Technology, Geopolitics and Regional Futures**
Speaker: Carola Westermeier, Philipps University Marburg, Germany
19.30-22.30 **Conference Dinner** – (Separate registration needed)

Thursday 10th June 2027

08.30-17.00 Conference registration
09.00-10.30 **Spotlight Sessions**
10.30-11.00 Coffee Break
11.00-13.00 Parallel Workshop Sessions 5
13.00-14.00 Lunch Break
14.00-15.30 **Plenary 3: The Metropolitan Horizon: Navigating Economic Growth, Inclusivity and Sustainable Transition.**
Speakers:
Tom Kemeny, University of Toronto, Canada
Isabelle Anguelovski, Universitat Autonoma de Barcelone, Spain
Early Career Plenary Speaker: TBA
Speaker 4: TBA
15.30-16.00 Coffee Break
16.00-18.00 Parallel Workshop Sessions 6

Friday 11th June 2027

08.30-13.30	Conference registration
09.00-10.30	Parallel Workshop Sessions 7
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-12.30	Parallel Workshop Sessions 8
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	**Closing Plenary: Regional Studies 60th Anniversary Speakers: TBA**
15.00-15.15	Conference Close
15:15-	Touristic Tours (separate registration needed)