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## Regional Studies Association

### November eBulletin

Welcome to the November RSA eBulletin sent via the Regional Studies Community JISC Mailing list. This continues to be an unprecedented time that we live in, but as we all continue to navigate through these evolving challenges, we want to assure you that the RSA team is committed to continue supporting our community as best we can.

We would like to remind you that you have the option to [unsubscribe](#) from our eBulletin using the link found at the bottom of this email. If you would like to find out more about any of our activities, please contact us through our [online contact form](#) found at the bottom of our web pages.

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#### [An Update from Sally Hardy, CEO](#)

This is the penultimate bulletin of the RSA year and a good opportunity, before many of us begin thinking about the Christmas break, to share news of the RSA following our AGM in mid-November.

In this extraordinary year the RSA has had to move at speed, to be flexible and resilient, and as a team, the Board, our Committees and the staff team have really pulled together to make the best of a difficult and challenging year for everyone.

Actions that we reported to the Board were the temporary closure of the RSA office. Temporary because we plan to take new office space as soon as this is practicable. The staff team have been working from home since early March and this looks set to continue for much of next year at least.

We have managed the transition from offices within an Innovation Centre to home working through a team meeting every day for just half an hour, when we catch up on who is doing what that day, what is coming up and where any blockers to progress lie. It has been a wonderful discipline over these many months, and we are forging ahead with many projects. It has also brought the team closer together as we see children, partners and pets on screen.

Closing the office was a challenge of coordination to get everyone in to clear their desks and the cupboards, and arrange the removal firms to take our assets to storage all while social distancing, but we managed it and the Association is making savings for each month that we are not paying full rental. When we return to an office based way of working, we will continue with a flexible element – productivity has not dropped with home

working and is testament to the commitment and loyalty of the staff team, and I would like to acknowledge and thank them for that.

The Association's Board also agreed very early on to withdraw the funding for several of our grant schemes including the Research Networks, Event Support Scheme and Travel Bursaries, and this money was speedily and impactfully repurposed as the Pandemics, Regions, Cities and Industry Grant Scheme. We funded six projects earlier this year under this scheme. The team successfully applied for a grant from the local district council – happily, we were awarded more than we applied for and this will be turned to good effect in a second tranche of funding for this scheme in 2021.

The first two or three weeks after lockdown in England were spent pivoting our activities to online. Within weeks we had cancelled all our planned events and made full refunds to everyone and set up two regular webinar series – the [Regions Cities and Industry](#) series that runs once a month, and the [Professional Development](#) series which runs in the intervening weeks. These webinars have been much appreciated with high levels of attendance, and we (the staff team) would like to warmly thank the community for stepping forward and agreeing to speak and to chair these lively online sessions. We have received unprecedented numbers of appreciative emails, especially from emerging economies and from the students and early career researchers there, who were delighted that the sessions were free and open to attend and that they could still engage and ask questions and join in the chat. This is surely how new networks can be built.

Our editors have put in a mighty stint this year. The early part of the year saw a bulge of article submissions and much frantic editorial and refereeing activity. All of our editors deserve a vote of thanks from the regional studies community this year, and we should extend that to all those that have refereed, often in difficult personal circumstances – thank you all.

During the year, well-being and mental health have been much talked about in the media. Within the RSA we appointed a Well-being Champion of the Month to remind us all to take breaks from our screens, to do lunchtime yoga and to look at trees. The caring and community focus of the Board and the team have definitely been strong highlights throughout this year. We have demonstrated this community spirit by running Summer College Alumni online Reunions, with many online coffee mornings for the very active Early Career Women's Network which normally operates on WhatsApp, and through three online writing workshops all of which have been at least double over subscribed and have run with good results.

We have finished the year with RSA Global – a series of events on most continents following a virtual balloon flying around the world dropping in for a series of three webinars – a plenary, a panel and a professional development event. Often coordinated with local AGMs, these events have been well attended with well over 700 attendees – far more than would normally attend our London-based Winter Conference. This initiative was led locally and powered by the RSA's conference and technical team members.

As I have been writing this, I have been thinking about the Association's published values – to be a Leading and Impactful Community. In this most dire of years, I think that with the support of the Board, the Committees, the Editors, so many of our volunteers and the staff team, we can at least say that we have lived our values.

Sally Hardy  
November 2020

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## [Regions in Recovery Festival](#)

This has been an extraordinary year for all of us. For the RSA it has seen us cancel or postpone all of our many planned face to face conferences and events this year. Recognising that it will take time for the long and much awaited vaccine programme to roll out globally, the Board have agreed that it would not be appropriate to plan a face to face annual conference for 2021.

So, what is planned?

The RSA will work with several partners to co-host a Regions in Recovery Global E-Festival in June 2021. Our partners will include Economic Geography, FinGeo and LDNet (with more partnerships to be announced). Each partner will design and curate their own sessions and strands within the conference and attendees will be free to attend all and any sessions.

The Festival will comprise a mix of plenary, parallel, discussion and debate sessions with an optional social and well-being Fringe running alongside it.

The aim of the Festival is to bring together as many researchers, policy makers and practitioners as want to come to share recent research findings or experiences and to take part in comment and debate.

The themes of the conference are wide – it will embrace both Regions and Cities. The Festival will address the emergence of regions and cities from the pandemic. It includes longer standing challenges to society of climate change, geopolitical manoeuvrings, the rise of populism, the financial implications of these shifts, migration crises, new challenges to the survival of pandemic struck firms and city centres and much more.

To maximise accessibility the Festival fees are being kept artificially low. It is only £45 for speakers and £20 for concessions, and attendees without a formal role in the event may watch, ask questions and join in the debate for free. This event will be loss making by design in an attempt to put on an event in which all can join. The Regional Studies Association will be providing the Festival co-ordination through its staff team and technical support through the [RSA Hub app](#) – download it now from your app store provider for free.

To stay updated about the Festival, head to our [Events webpage](#).

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### [AGM – a time of farewells and hellos](#)

By Sally Hardy, CEO

The Association's AGM was held virtually on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Because of the virtual format it pulled a bit of a crowd, with almost 80 participants. We began with a presentation that I will write up as a blog in case members who were not able to attend are interested to see how we have managed our activities this year. We also addressed the formal business of the meeting, including accepting the Association's accounts and report for 2019 and voting on new appointments to the RSA's Board.

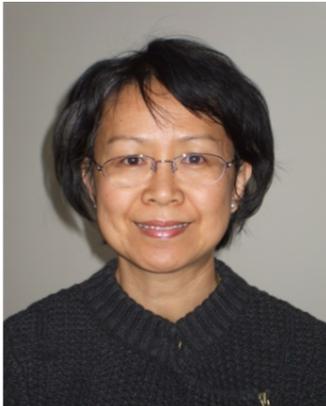
Before I talk about the new Board appointments let me begin with some very heartfelt thank yous.

This year we saw a change of President to the Association and after five years **Professor Ron Martin**, University of Cambridge, steps down as our President. Ron has worked with me personally for all of the thirty-four years that I have worked for the Association. He has served on the Board in several capacities including the two key roles, firstly of Conference Co-ordinator and secondly as Editor on Regional Studies. Ron has been a true friend to the Association and has shown clear leadership in his Presidential role. His after-dinner provocations at the Annual Conference have always been thought provoking and have often led to action. I have always particularly enjoyed his dips into the older literature in the field to reflect on current challenges and thinking. Thank you, Ron, for your steadfast loyalty to the Association and as with others who come off the Board this year, it is not so much goodbye as au revoir – we hope you won't go far.

Ron has been replaced in his role by [Professor John Agnew](#), UCLA, USA. John is the founding editor in chief of our journal Territory, Politics, Governance and has been a friend to the Association for many years. We look forward to working with you John and perhaps to more Stateside activity during your term.



We also saw a change of Chair this year as **Professor Mark Tewdwr-Jones**, University College London, stepped down to be replaced by [Professor Jessie Poon](#), University of Buffalo, USA. Jessie has been an RSA Board member for many years with responsibility for our Territorial Networks. As a former Vice-Chair, she is well acquainted with what the role will entail and knows how the Association's governance works. We are excited to work with you Jessie.



Other departures were Julie Tian Miao, Alex De Ruyter, Josh Barrett, Vanessa Guerra and Michael Taster. All five have made significant contributions to the work of the Association as editors of Regions and the RSA Blog, on BREXIT, as student representatives and on the world of publishing. The AGM warmly thanked all of you and I add my personal thanks to you as well. In addition to the appointments mentioned above please note that we have calls out for a new [RSA Blog Editor](#) and [Student Representative](#). Click on the links for more details on these posts. Both offer good opportunities to join the RSA team.

I would like to thank all those who are stepping down and all who are stepping up. Associations are made of their members and it is pleasing that the RSA has a ready flow of volunteers to work with us, thank you all.



#### [New Members of the RSA Board](#)

Professor Andrew Beer, University of South Australia stepped, down as Chair of the Publications Committee having previously been Association Chair. His has been a labour of commitment for many years. With our ever expanding portfolio – now five journals, one of which is gold open access, a busy book series, an eZine (Regions) and a Blog we have certainly kept him busy. We are pleased to say that [Professor Simona Iammarino](#), London School of Economics, will be stepping into his shoes.

Dieter Kogler, University College Dublin, stepped down after a three-year term as Conference Co-ordinator to be replaced by [John Harrison](#), Loughborough University, UK. Both have already contributed fulsomely to the RSA Global event just passed and the forthcoming Regions in Recovery Global Festival coming in June 2021.

We made another new appointment in [Professor Rachel Franklin](#), Newcastle University, UK to head up our activities on Diversity and Inclusivity including a careful look at the effects of the pandemic on submissions to our journals – this will be reported next year.



[New Chair of the RSA Latin America Division](#)

We are pleased to announce that the new Chair of the RSA Latin America Division is [Alejandra Trejo Nieto](#).

Alejandra Trejo is currently a professor in the Centre for Demographic, Urban and Environmental Studies (CEDUA) at El Colegio de Mexico in Mexico City. She was the academic coordinator of the master program in Urban Studies in this center (2013-2015). She was awarded the Mexico Studies Chair with a Fulbright-Garcia Robles Grant at the University of California in 2018. She has been a visiting researcher at CREPIB in Colombia (2018) and a visiting research fellow at the Brussels Centre for Urban Studies, Vrije Universiteit (2019). She is a member (level II) of the National Researchers System in Mexico and a UKRI International Development peer review college member.

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### [Around the world in 2 weeks with RSA Global](#)

November saw the RSA's first globetrotting event series called RSA Global. The programme brought together the regional studies and science communities from around the world for three hour programmes organised by and for the RSA's global networks. The online format allowed us to meet and discuss latest research and policy developments in times when we cannot travel. Over the course of two weeks, and travelling with the sun, we visited [Australasia](#), [China](#), [Russia](#), [Europe](#), [Africa](#), [Latin America](#) finally reaching [North America](#) on the 16<sup>th</sup> November.

We had some wonderful feedback about the sessions from participants, chairs and speakers. One of our viewers gave us wonderful feedback:

*"Overall I enjoyed watching all the webinar sessions and it was great to have the chance to listen to many thought-provoking sessions. Thanks to the RSA team...for organizing such a fruitful event. I look forward to many more opportunities of webinars in the near future. Due to this pandemic, this is one of the ways that has effectively got us all connected globally. Thumbs up to RSA!"*

Recordings of all the sessions are available to be watched on demand by RSA members in the RSA Lounge. Alternatively, read the full write up [here](#).

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### [The 2020 RSA Journals Best Papers](#)

We are happy to announce the winners for the Best Paper from each of our journals for issues published in 2019. These awards were selected by the editors of each journal. We would like to congratulate all our winners and look forward to celebrating their awards at our Virtual Awards Ceremony.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has published with us, along with all our referees and our journal editors. Our journals would not exist without author submissions, editors and referees. It is the hard work by many that ensures our publications continue to be global leaders in regional studies.

#### **Best Papers Regional Studies**

[The double crisis: in what sense a regional problem?](#) – BETSY DONALD & MIA GRAY, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada & University of Cambridge, UK

[Inclusive Growth in cities: a sympathetic critique](#) – NEIL LEE, London School of Economics (LSE), London, UK

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#### **Best Paper Spatial Economic Analysis**

[The implications of re-exports for gravity equation estimation, NAFTA and Brexit](#) – MAUREEN LANKHUIZEN & MARK THISSEN, VU University Amsterdam and PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency & PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, The Netherlands

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#### **Best Paper Territory, Politics, Governance**

[Ocean grabbing, terraqueous territoriality and social development](#) – PAUL FOLEY & CHARLES MATHER, Memorial University, Canada

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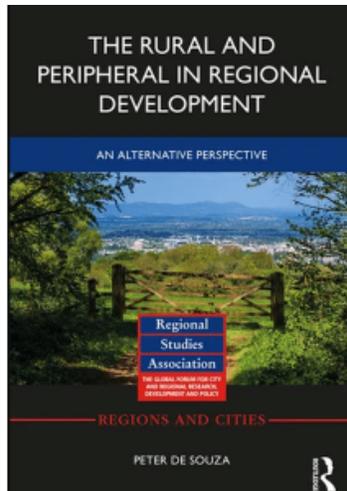
#### **Best Paper Regional Studies, Regional Science**

[Location, location and professionalization: a multilevel hedonic analysis of Airbnb listing prices and revenue](#) – ROBBIN DEBOOSERE, DANIELLE JANE KERRIGAN, DAVID WACHSMUTH & AHMED EL-GENEIDY, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

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#### **Best Paper Area Development and Policy**

[Land-based finance and property tax in China](#) – ZHI LIU, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, USA, and Peking University-Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Land Policy, Beijing, China



[Routledge Best Book Award 2020](#)

We are happy to announce the Routledge Best Book Award 2020:

[The Rural and Peripheral in Regional Development](#) An Alternative Perspective By Peter de Souza

The countryside has often been marginalised in discussions of economic and societal development, in favour of the urban. This book aims to stimulate a debate and a re-evaluation of how the concepts of the rural, peripheral and marginal are treated in academia and policy.

Approaching this theme from geographic, demographic and economic perspectives, Peter de Souza makes a compelling case for giving the periphery a prominent role as an integral part of a holistic and balanced society. The book carefully deconstructs the concept of the urban, and critiques the idea of urban-rural or centre-periphery comparisons, and presents an alternative approach to spark future discussions.

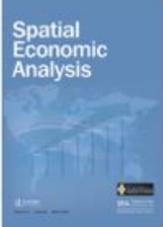
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### [The 2020 RSA Journals Best Referees](#)

We are delighted to be able to announce this year's RSA journals Best Referee awards for journal issues published in 2019. Our awards acknowledge and celebrate excellence in the research and editorial fields of regional studies, crossing thematic and disciplinary fields.

Scientific journals publishing peer-reviewed articles depend heavily on the scientific referees. In addition to fairness in judgment and expertise in the field, peer reviewers have significant responsibilities toward authors, editors, and readers. These awards were selected by the editors of each journal.

JOURNAL	BEST REFEREES
	<p><b>MARTIN HENNING</b>, University of Gothenburg, Sweden  <b>CHARLOTTA MELLANDER</b>, Jönköping University, Sweden  <b>FRANZISKA SIELKER</b>, University of Cambridge, UK</p>
	<p><b>STEVEN BOND-SMITH</b>, Curtin University, Australia</p>
	<p><b>SHONA LOONG</b>, University of Oxford, UK  <b>STEVE ROLF</b>, University of Bristol, UK</p>
	<p><b>PEDRO AMARAL</b>, Cedeplar, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil</p>
	<p><b>PHILIP HARRISON</b>, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa</p>



[Opportunity: Regional Studies Editors](#)

The **Regional Studies Association (RSA)** seeks to appoint Editors in two different categories for the international journal **Regional Studies (RS)** published by Routledge:

**Editors (three positions available)**

The Editors support the Editor-in-Chief, David Bailey (University of Birmingham, UK), in managing the peer review of submissions in their area of expertise, enhancing the journal's reputation as a world-leading publication in the field of regional studies, and ensuring that it is in a position to attract the best authors and papers for its readership.

**Policy Debates Editor (one position available)**

The Policy Debates Editor will primarily be responsible for the Policy Debates section of the journal, which is a periodic section that provides a forum for analysis and debate about important policy issues of international relevance in urban and regional development. The Policy Debates Editor will be expected to commission appropriate topical, high-quality articles from authors in academia and beyond for submission to the journal, manage the rigorous peer review of these submissions and support the dissemination of published articles.

Please send your applications (manifesto & CV) to Klara – [klara.sobekova@regionalstudies.org](mailto:klara.sobekova@regionalstudies.org) (subject line: Call for Editor, Regional Studies)

**Closing Date: 17:00 (GMT) Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

[Please click here for more information.](#)



[Opportunity: Call for RSA Blog Editor](#)

The Regional Studies Association (RSA) seeks to appoint an Editor for its popular Blog which has been running since 2010. The Blog provides a platform for the RSA and its community to share short, engaging articles on research and the latest developments in the field.

The key responsibilities of the Blog Editor are:

- To manage the Blog in conjunction with the RSA office team and in line with the RSA Communication Strategy
- To solicit, review, edit, approve and publish content online
- To monitor responses and comments
- To grow the number of unsolicited submissions
- To assist in marketing the Blog via social media
- To join and to report to the RSA Board
- To contribute at RSA Board meetings to the development of the Association

**Closing Date for applications: 17.00 (GMT) Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

[Please click here for more information.](#)

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*Research Today, Policy Tomorrow*

[Opportunity: Student Representative Board Member position](#)

One exciting opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic PhD Student to join the Board of the Regional Studies Association.

The RSA is an established global Association and a place on the Board will enable successful candidates to engage with colleagues from students and early career researchers through to high profile academics and policymakers internationally at meetings, conferences and social events.

The successful candidate will be actively involved and participate not only in the discussion and exchanges among the Board members at their (normally) three meetings per annum but will be expected to participate with them in the delivery of the Association's aims and objects. The post is an observer post and carries no right to vote and no associated liabilities but in practice the post holder will be encouraged to participate openly in meetings.

During the term of office, the post holder will meet distinguished scholars, develop their organisational and interpersonal communication ability and benefit from our Board Members' experience. This position offers a unique opportunity for career and network development.

Currently all meetings take place remotely. When this situation changes then reasonable travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the Association to attend the Board meetings, two of which are

normally held in London and third is usually linked to the Association's annual conference which moves around Europe.

**Closing Date for applications: 17.00 (GMT) Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

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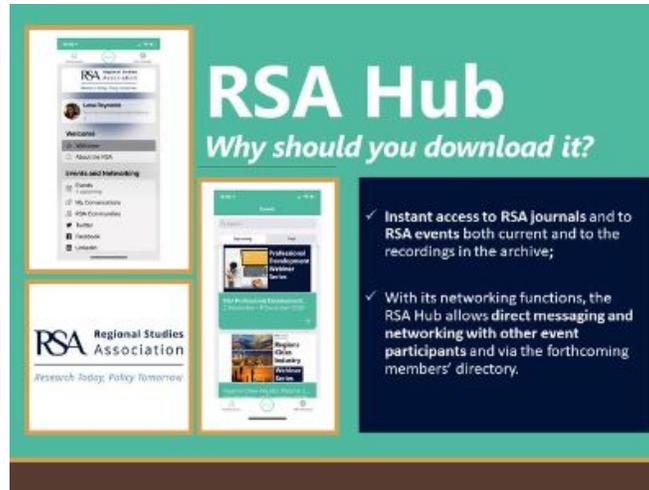


#### [RSA Online Writing Group](#)

The second session of the writing group took place on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020, with participants from seven different countries. Everybody continues to enjoy the virtual writing space and there is a further session scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> December. You can find more information [here](#).

Places are limited to facilitate this kind of session, so please do book early to avoid disappointment, There will be a waiting list in operation and we will contact you once a place becomes available.

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[Click here](#) to view a short video guide for the new RSA Hub app.



[Top Tips for Grant Applications](#)

Do you have any tips and advice when applying for grants? We would like to hear from you! Please send us a short video (no longer than 2 minutes) recorded on your phone with your top tips for a successful grant

application. This video will then be made available to the community on the RSA website. We have several videos made by our grant holders on our [Early Career](#) and [MeRSA](#) Grant Scheme webpages.

Please do email [Alex](#) for more information if you have some top tips to share.



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**RSA** Regional Studies  
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**During these unprecedented times and as a continued commitment to supporting our community, membership fees will remain unchanged for 2021.** We are always delighted to welcome new and renewing members into our community. If you would be interested in exploring how your RSA membership gets you further or you are interested in becoming a member, please get in touch with Alex at [membership@regionalstudies.org](mailto:membership@regionalstudies.org) to arrange a chat.

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Forthcoming Webinars

[RSA Professional Development Webinar Series](#)

[RSA Regions Cities Industry Webinar Series](#)

[RSA Online Writing Group](#)

[Territorial Events](#)

[RSA Europe Events](#)

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[RSA Professional Development Webinar Series](#) - open to all and free to attend

This popular webinar series continues, and we have already confirmed topics and speakers for December and the new year. All sessions are free to attend and recordings will be made available on the [RSA Lounge](#).

This webinar series offers training and support for skills, knowledge and professional development on a variety of topics. Run by experts in their field, this 'how to' best practice webinar series aims to support RSA members and interested participants at different career stages.

Please see below for a list of forthcoming sessions. Click on each to book your free space now.

#### **December**

- [Grants and Funding: Grant funding and open access requirements](#) – Victoria Gardner (Taylor & Francis, UK), 02 December 2020, 13:00 GMT
- [Career Development: Write a winning academic CV](#) – Henrik Halkier (Aalborg University, Denmark), 09 December 2020, 14:00 GMT

#### **January**

- [Publishing: Understanding journal and researcher metrics](#) – Henry Wai-Chung Yeung (National University of Singapore, Singapore), 20 January 2021, 11:00 GMT

#### **February**

- [Grants and Funding: Policy Expo Grant by the RSA](#) – Phil Tomlinson (University of Bath, UK) and Neil Lee (London School of Economics, UK), 03 February 2021, 12:00 GMT

More information about these Professional Development Webinars can be found [here](#).

All webinar recordings can be accessed by RSA members via the [RSA Lounge](#) and we recommend you browse previous topics on Publishing, Grants and Funding, Career Development and many more.

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### [RSA Regions Cities Industry Webinar Series](#)

Open to all and free to attend live, this webinar series brings experts in the field of regional studies, science and policy to you. The webinar can be watched live for free and RSA members can access a recording on demand via the [RSA Lounge](#). The [RSA Regions Cities Industry Webinar Series](#) presents acclaimed researchers and policymakers addressing a variety of issues and timely questions. These webinars will again run once a month and we have added the following topics for you (please click on each session to register):

#### [Whatever Happened to Uneven Development? In Conversation with Professor Jamie Peck and Dr Marion Werner](#)

16th December 2020, 09.00am PST, 16.00pm GMT, 17.00pm CET

Speakers: Jamie Peck, University of British Columbia, Canada

Marion Werner, University at Buffalo, SUNY, USA

Chair: Martin Jones, Staffordshire University, UK

We look forward to welcoming you to one of the forthcoming webinars and thank you for forwarding this invitation to interested colleagues and students. [Click here](#) for an overview of all webinars. All webinars are free and open to attend for all. A recording of each session will be made available on the [RSA Lounge](#).

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### [RSA Online Writing Group](#)

#### **RSA Online Writing Group**

We are offering monthly online sessions where we invite RSA members of any career stage to virtually share a space and write on their draft papers, chapters and theses.

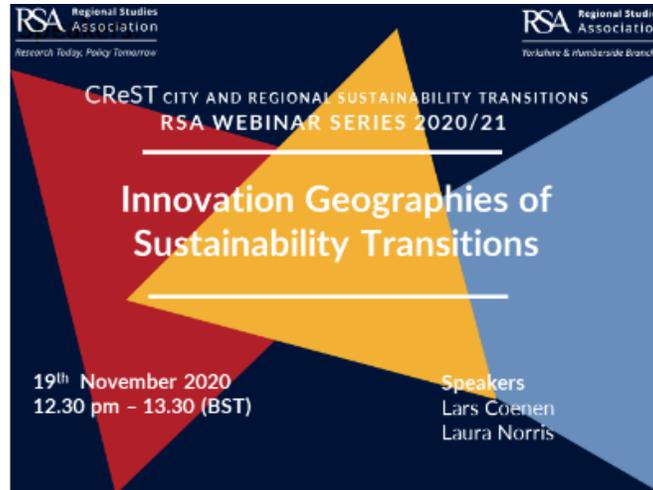
Interested in joining the last session in 2020 on 17<sup>th</sup> December? After a short introduction by all participants and setting objectives for yourself, we will have an intensive writing period, before we come back for coffee and informal chats. The second part of the session is again an intensive writing period and in the end, you can share any progress you made with the other participants.

[View more information and past sessions.](#)

[Register now](#) to join us on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 15:00 -17:00 GMT. Please note that places are limited, and preference will be given to current RSA members due to high demands we experienced. There will be a waiting list, so please do let us know in case your plans change and you are no longer able to attend.

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### [Territorial Events](#)



[RSA City and Regional Sustainability Transitions \(CReST\) Webinar Series](#)

This seminar series will invite leading scholars from across these fields to present cutting edge theoretical and empirical work. Through stimulating discussion and debate about ways forward for understanding economic geographies of sustainability transitions, policy and academic communities can be brought together. The webinar series is run by the RSA's Yorkshire and Humberside Branch and supported by the RSA. It is free and open to all and runs monthly from October to January 2021. Organised by Will Eadson (Sheffield Hallam University) and Laura Norris (Cardiff University).

[Financial Geographies of Sustainable Transitions](#) – 17 December 2020, 16.30-17.30 GMT.

Speakers: Bregje van Veelen, Uppsala University, Sweden  
Kelly Kay, University of California, USA

[Regional Path Creation for Sustainability Transitions](#) – 21 January 2021, 12.30-13.30 GMT.

Speakers to be confirmed



[RSA Europe Events](#)

November was a busy month for RSA Europe, with many online events scheduled with the ongoing SMARTER Webinar series. Visit the links below to find out more about the final SMARTER Webinar.

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## 2020 SMARTER CONFERENCE WEBINAR SERIES

Connecting grand societal challenges with local goals in place-based innovation policy

Online



[SMARTER 2020 Conference Webinar series](#)

[Sustainable Urban Development and Innovation: aligning policies for change](#) 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2020 10.00-11.45 CET

Speakers: Kevin Morgan, Cardiff University, UK

Margit Noll, JPI Urban Europe, Austria

Martina Pertoldi, European Commission, Joint Research Centre, Spain

Mart Grisel, European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN), The Netherlands

Moderator: Carlotta Fioretti, European Commission, Joint Research Centre, Spain

More information can be found on the [RSA Europe website](#).

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You can see the full range of benefits and discounts on our [Membership pages](#). If you are already an RSA Member, please login to the [RSA Lounge](#) and head to Community, Member Discounts.



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[Publication News](#)

For those of you who are keen to publish, please visit the relevant [journal pages](#) on our website for more details about topics, themes and submissions. You can find details of the most recent articles for each journal below, but **please note that you will need to be logged into the [RSA Lounge](#) for access to individual articles that are not open access.**

- [Regional Studies](#)
- [Spatial Economic Analysis](#)
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**Latest Articles in [Regional Studies](#)**

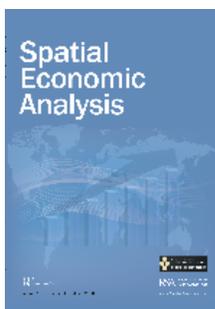
See our [Call for Editors and Policy Debates Editor for REGIONAL STUDIES](#)

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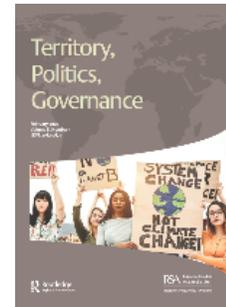
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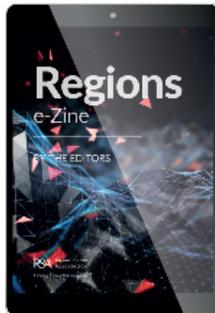
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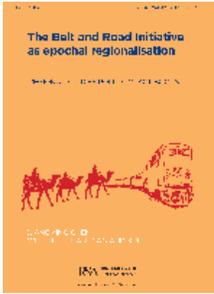
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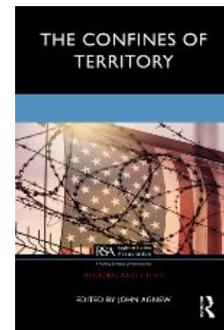
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