

The Newsletter for RSA Chairs and Ambassadors  
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# BRAVO!



2019 is nearly over so this is the last **Bravo!** for the year.

We hope you enjoyed catching up on all the RSA Territorial Representatives news throughout the year.

In this edition you will meet new colleagues, read about events awarded Territorial Representatives Funding Scheme grants and other interesting tidbits you and your networks might be interested in.

**See you in 2020!**



## HELLO AND WELCOME



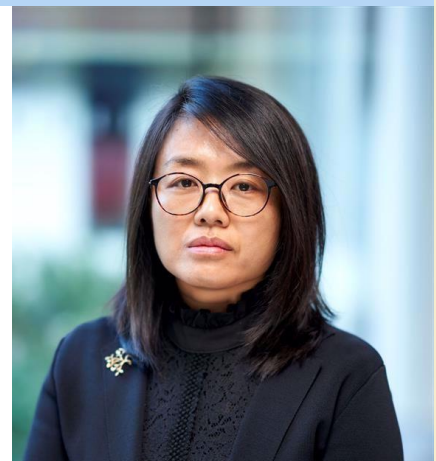
### **MATTHIAS**

it is lovely to be able to announce the appointment of our Ambassador to Iceland. Matthias is the Director of the The University Centre of the of the Westfjords' Masters program Coastal Communities and Regional Development. He is currently invoved in research projects on blue economy and community resilience and on migration in Iceland. Click [here](#) to email Matthias.

### **KOKORSCH**

### **JUN DU**

We warmly welcome Jun Du who is the new Chair of the RSA West Midlands branch. Jun is Professor of Economics at Aston Business School and Director of Lloyds Banking Centre for Business Prosperity at Aston University. Jun was an Associate Editor for the RSA journal *Regional Studies* from 2012 to 2018 so she is very familiar with the work of the RSA. Click [here](#) to email Jun.



### **WILL EADSON**

Congratulations to Will Eadson who is the new Chair of the RSA Yorkshire and Humber Branch. Will is a Reader at the Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research (CRESR) at Sheffield Hallam University and previously worked as a regional development practitioner in Yorkshire with the EU Objective 1 programme. You can email Will by clicking [here](#).

### **MICAELA MAZZEI**

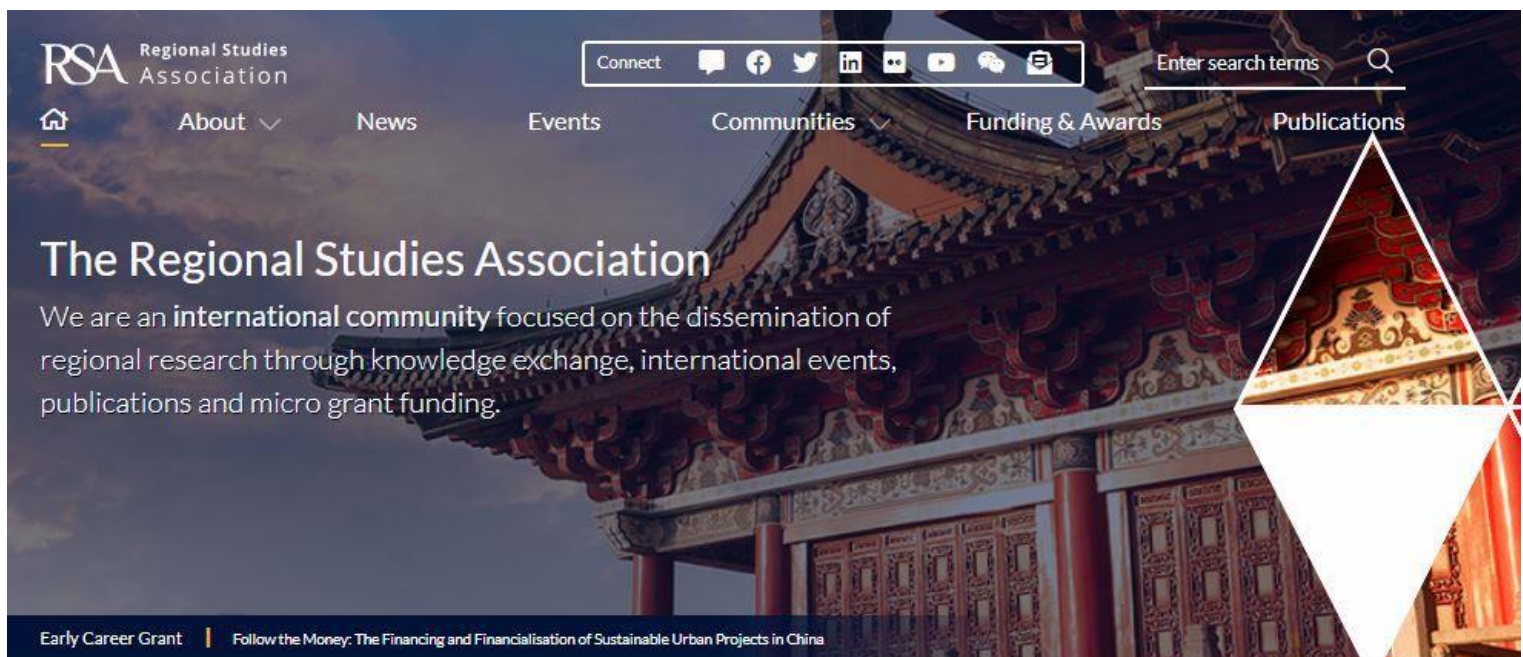
It is a pleasure to announce that Micaela Mazzei as the new Chair of the RSA Scotland Section. Micaela is a Research Fellow at Yunus Centre for Social Business and Health, Glasgow Caledonian University. She has extensively researched issues of local development, social economies and social exclusion in northern English city regions both as an academic and for Manchester think-tank Centre for Local Economic Strategies. Click [here](#) to email Micaela.



## OUR NEWS

### NEW LOOK WEBSITE

Hopefully you will have noticed our sparkly new [website](#). Please take some time to look around, as things are no longer where they were and this takes a bit of getting used to. The Territorial Networks page (now under "Communities") in particular looks different. Ambassadors, please check the pin in your map, which is how your individual page is now accessed, for accuracy. Ambassadors and Chairs, please take a look at your individual or Branch, Section or Division page and let me know if anything needs to be changed. It was a huge endeavour to create an entirely new website so there are still quite a few glitches so please bear with us!



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### DEADLINES

Here are some upcoming deadlines you and your networks might like to take note of:

- Our sister organisation and European foundation, RSA Europe, is co-hosting the [Third Joint EU Cohesion Policy Conference](#) in Croatia on 11-13 May 2020. Abstract submission deadline is 22 February 2020.

- The next [Travel Grant](#) deadline for up to £500 (c. \$630; c. €560) funding towards travel costs (transport only) to attend a non-RSA event is 28 February 2020.
- The 2020 [RSA Student and Early Career Conference](#) will be held on 23-24 March in Stoke-on-Trent. This is a carbon choice conference with attendance both in person and remotely. Abstract submission deadline is 9 February 2020.

## CALENDAR

Keep your eyes peeled for the latest RSA desk calendar which should arrive soon with your annual copy of our journal *Area, Development Policy*. The calendar show every Territorial Representative of the RSA so look out for your face. Please [contact me](#) if you don't get it and I will send you a copy, or more if you prefer.

## YOUR NEWS

### INVITATION TO ATTEND RUSSIAN EVENT

The RSA Ambassador to Russia, Irina Turgel, has received one of the Territorial Representatives Funding Scheme grants to hold a two day workshop in Yekaterinburg, Russia. The conference is dedicated to discussing the problems of the development of secondary tier cities, as one of the fastest growing and least studied types of cities. Entitled "Secondary tier cities in turbulent times: between locality and globalization", it will be held on 19-20 April 2020. Please disseminate this to relevant people in your networks and if you have any questions you can contact [Irina](#).

### INVITATION TO ATTEND CLIMATE CHANGE EVENT

The Chair of the RSA East Midlands Branch, Gary Bosworth, has received one of the Territorial Representatives Funding Scheme grants to host a half day colloquium highlighting the contrasting threats posed by climate change to rural and urban regions. Held on 29th January, this event will showcase the latest research in this field and allow for questions and debate. The event is free but places must be reserved through [Eventbrite](#). Please [click here](#) to read more. You can contact [Gary](#) with any questions and please let your networks know about this timely and informative event.

## INVITATION TO ATTEND RSA PAN-NORTHERN BRANCHES EVENT

The Chairs of three RSA Branches (North East, North West and Yorkshire & Humber) have collaborated to present the 2020 RSA Pan-Northern Branches Event with the assistance of the RSA Territorial Representatives Funding scheme. Entitled "RSA and The North: Exploring Challenges and Opportunities in times of Changes for Regions" it will be held at Northumbria University on 27 March 2020. The day-long workshop aims to raise awareness regarding regional strategies and policies affecting the branch areas, and facilitate engagement with different stakeholders and target groups operating across the North. The event is free, but please contact the Chairs [Ignazio Cabras](#) (North West), [Elvira Uyarra](#) (North East) and [Will Eadson](#) (Yorkshire & Humber) to book a spot. And please do let your networks know about this.

## AND FINALLY ...

### MESSAGE FROM KATHARINA BÜRGER, RSA EVENT MANAGER

Hello RSA Territorial Representatives,  
Our [2020 Annual Conference](#) will be held at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, from 17 to 20 June. We warmly invite you to submit an abstract and/or a proposal for a special session. All Territorial Representatives receive a 30% discount on our Annual Conference fee.

We would also very much welcome your involvement as a conference chair and your help in promoting this conference to your networks by printing and displaying or disseminating the [Call for Abstracts](#) and [Call for Early Career Plenary](#).

Finally, to help you, here are the major deadlines:

- 17th January 2020:
  - Special Session proposal submission
  - Bursary application deadline
  - Early Career Plenary Speaker competition deadline
- 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020:
  - Abstract submission deadline
  - Early Bird registration deadline

Please [email me](#) if you have any questions about the conference. I would love to help!

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