

BRAVO!



Message from the RSA Board Chair

Dear RSA Territorial Representatives,

My name is Jessie Poon and I am the Chair of the RSA Board. I have recently taken over from my esteemed colleague Mark Tewdwr Jones. While you may not know me, I am familiar with many of you.

As an RSA Board member, my portfolio has been the International Territorial Committee. It has been my privilege to review and approve the applications of quite a number of you as our Ambassadors and Branch, Section and Division Chairs.

I have been impressed by the high standard of applicants that RSA attracts to its Territorial Network. Your fellow Territorial Representatives come from very diverse academic and cultural backgrounds, but you all have two things in common: a dedication to high quality research and a desire to see regional studies develop in your area.

The RSA holds these things dear, and the RSA Board is extremely pleased and proud that you have chosen to support the Association. Your hard work, dedication and enthusiasm are very much appreciated. Thank you for your help in building a strong, engaged and vibrant community, which continues to grow as a result of your contributions.

I wish you all a happy and healthy 2021.



NEW FACES

We have 3 new Terri Reps, 2 new Division Chairs and a new President to introduce.



NEW RSA PRESIDENT - JOHN AGNEW

Those of you who attended the recent RSA AGM will know this - the RSA has a new President. John Agnew, Distinguished Professor of Geography at UCLA was elected by the RSA membership to take the reins as President from Ron Martin. John is the founding Editor-in-Chief of our journal *Territory, Politics, Governance* and has been a friend to the Association for many years. You can read more [here](#).



NEW DIVISION CHAIRS - MARKKU AND ALEJANDRA

We also have two new Chairs of our RSA Divisions, although neither of them are new! Markku Sotarauta, our long time Ambassador to Finland, becomes the new Chair of the RSA Nordic Division (NoRSA) while one of our Ambassadors to Mexico, Alejandra Trejo Nieto becomes the Chair of the RSA Latin America Division.



LAURA JAMES, RSA AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK

We are pleased to welcome Laura as our Ambassador to Denmark. Laura is Associate Professor in the Department of Culture and Learning at Aalborg University in Denmark. Laura is a long time friend of the RSA and has been on the RSA Nordic Division (NoRSA) Board for many years. She replaces Henrik Halkier who steps down after many years representing Denmark as our Ambassador and we thank him for his support and dedication.

DODDY ISKANDAR - AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA

Doddy is an associate researcher at the Research Center for Regional Development Planning and head of the Spatial Planning Support Lab at Universitas Gadjah Mada in Indonesia. His research interests are infrastructure planning and policy, urban politics, comparative urban development and regional economics. We have great pleasure in welcoming him to the RSA Territorial Representatives network.





ROMAN MARTIN - RSA AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN

Finally we introduce to you our new Ambassador to Sweden. Roman Martin is Associate Professor in Economic Geography and Director of the Centre for Regional Analysis (CRA) at the School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg, Sweden. His research focus is geography of innovation, regional innovation systems and regional economic development.

RSA NEWS



WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

As you all know (because I told you in the last Bravo!) the RSA has a new Mobile App called **RSA Hub**. RSA Hub is packed with really useful features to enhance your membership or attendance at RSA events both online and face to face.

We are running a prize draw (winners picked at random), and giving away an e-reader to one of the first 100, 200 and 300 users. And we are just about to pick another winner! So hurry hurry, download the App and let your networks know by sharing [this link](#).



RSA AWARDS VIDEOS

Like almost everything else this year, the RSA Awards Ceremony has gone virtual. More award ceremonies are being held this month, so keep your eyes on the [RSA News](#) webpage.

In the meantime, click here to enjoy watching:

- [Student and Early Career Awards](#) - Nathaniel Lichfield Award to Elena Catharina Lutz; Paul Benneworth PhD Student Award to Tianren Yang; and the RSA Routledge Early Career Award to Maxwell Hartt
- [Routledge Best Book Award](#) - "The Rural and Peripheral in Regional Development An Alternative Perspective" By Peter de Souza
- [Spatial Economic Analysis Best Paper & Best Referee Awards](#) - "The implications of re-exports for gravity equation estimation, NAFTA and Brexit" by Maureen Lankhuizen and Mark Thissen; and Steven Bond-Smith as Best Referee.

Please tweet or post about anything you see that you like. And keep these awards in mind for next year when nomination season comes around again.

OPPORTUNITIES



EDITORS FOR REGIONAL STUDIES

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

- Editors (three positions available)
- Policy Debates Editor (one position available)

More information is available [here](#).
The successful candidates appointed to all positions will be

expected to join the RSA as Members throughout their term. Current non-Members may apply.

The closing date for applications is 5pm (GMT) Wednesday, **16th December 2020** so please send this to interested colleagues as soon as possible.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

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

The Student Representative position is open to current PhD Students who are members of the RSA. This position offers a unique opportunity for career and network development. More information can be found [here](#). The deadline for applications is 17.00 (GMT) Wednesday **16th December 2020** so please let PhD students in your network know about it.



BLOG EDITOR

The RSA seeks to appoint an Editor for its popular Blog which provides a platform for the RSA and its community to share short, engaging articles on research and the latest developments in the field.

The outgoing Blog Editor says the role has given him instrumental networking opportunities with leading scholars in regional studies on a global stage.

More information is available [here](#).

Closing Date for applications: 17.00 (GMT) Monday 11th January 2021. Please share this opportunity with your networks.

AND FINALLY ...

**THE RSA STAFF WISH YOU ALL A JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON
AND A HAPPY 2021**

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SEASON'S
GREETINGS
FROM THE
RSA TEAM

