

Regional Studies Association

March eBulletin

Welcome to the third RSA eBulletin of 2021 sent via the Regional Studies Community JISC Mailing list. We remain committed to supporting our community as best we can and wish you the very best for 2021.

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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Naked and Plastic Free Journals

RSA is going naked and plastic free with its journals. What does this mean? Well in short, it means we are removing all plastic lamination from the covers of our journals and will begin sending our journals to members still receiving the printed copy without a plastic covering.

We thank our publishers, Routledge, for instigating changes to their production and despatch systems that allow us to benefit from this. The Association has long had a policy addressing our own sustainability and climate change impacts. As a small

organisation we can only make relatively minor changes, but cumulatively these do add up and the removal of plastic from publishing processes will have a substantial impact in the round.

What is the current position?

All RSA members have the choice of receiving both print and online copies of three of our hybrid journals. Regional Studies, Regional Science is gold open access and only available online. Area Development and Policy is currently sent in a single annual volume to all members. This is because it's still a relatively young journal and we are seeking to raise the profile of the work that it publishes. ADP's focus is on the wider BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) and allows researchers to write in their own territorial voice with their own local customs and traditions. By sending this journal in print to all our members we hope to expose these legitimate but sometimes non-Western ways of working to a wider, curious and accepting audience.

Pandemic Effects

At the beginning of the Covid pandemic we rapidly became aware that many members were separated from their journals which were posted to their offices. We made it possible to easily change delivery addresses but also to access the content online with all the advantages of searchability. As a result, many members took the decision to drop print altogether.

Although this is great for the environment, it runs the risk that members become out of touch with the journals and for this reason the RSA Board has decided to send journal alerts to all members. These are short click through emails produced by the publisher to alert readers to new content. Because we publish five journals, in 25 issues and articles for RSRS stream online when ready, this could mean 30 or so emails a year and so we've ensured that members will be able to easily unsubscribe to this service. The advantage of it is that our members won't miss a key article in their field and will receive prompts rather than needing to remember to check the portal.

What to expect going forward?

All our print journals are switching as fast as possible to unlaminated plastic free covers. The high gloss finish will go and the covers will still have a sheen but may scratch more easily.

The journal will ship as it is – naked. There will be no wrapping on it at all and the back cover will be used to carry the shipping information such as name and address. The information formerly on the back cover moves to the inside of the journal.

Across their portfolio, our publishers have been using biodegradable polywrap for some time, in fact, over three million a year (approximately the weight of six cars). They have also printed 3.3 million laminated journal covers and this plastic is not fully degradable and is not consistently or effectively recycled.

We have been working with Taylor and Francis (owners of the imprint Routledge) to test the receipt of journals produced in this way and we are confident that the quality of the received journal is sufficiently high and the gain is significant for the environment.

The RSA Publications Committee and Board believe this move is both timely and important and we are proud to be living up to our values of being a “leading” and “impactful” for our “community” in making this change.

PS. If you do receive our journals in print and wish to switch to electronic and receive the clickable [email content alerts](#) as new articles are published please drop an email to alex.holmes@regionalstudies.org



[Join us for our Global E-Festival](#)

We are so excited to be working on our global E-Festival [Regions in Recovery](#), which aims to bring together researchers and policymakers in an inclusive, collaborative event. We are delighted to have so many [partner](#) organisations hosting sessions in the field of regional and urban policy and research. We hope that you might join us in taking part in the event - so far, we have a community of more than 360 paper presenters and a further 120 attending participants.

Paper submission is now closed, but you can still register to attend for free [here](#) and engage in the discussions, adding value for others and supporting your field.

Learn more about the E-Festival, including the social programme of yoga, art and more - please see our [festival pages](#) for more information.



[Welcome to our new Blog Editor, Brady Reid](#)

We would like to welcome our new Blog Editor, Brady Reid.

Born and raised and currently living on the west coast of Newfoundland in eastern Canada, Brady maintains a strong commitment to his hometown and the surrounding rural region. This connection to his community permeates his work as an emerging rural scholar to ensure that the research and learning that he pursues contributes positively to rural regional sustainability.

Currently, Brady is working towards a Ph.D. in Rural Studies at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. His research interests intersect environmental stewardship, community development, and Indigenous self-determination in policy and development decision-making processes.

For more information about Brady, please click [here](#).

If you would like to submit a blog, please see [here](#) for the guidelines. Brady has also written a blog on why it is important to write a blog, you can find this [here](#).



[Crest Seminar Series](#)

The final session of the inaugural *Cities, Regions and Sustainability Transitions* (CReST) webinar series took place on 25th March, with talks from David Gibbs, Kirstie O'Neill, Markku Sotarauta and Nina Sauvinen on the theme of *Enterprise and Leadership for Green Economic Development*. The series stimulated discussion and debate about ways forward for understanding economic geographies of sustainability transitions, bringing together perspectives from academic, policy and practice. It also sought to provide opportunities for people at different career stages to present together, providing a stage for rising stars as well as established supernovas.

Over the course of the series we focused on a range of critical issues for understanding the potential, possibilities and politics of urban and regional sustainability transitions. This included session on: the role of the state in mediating regional sustainability transitions; innovation geographies of sustainability transitions; financial geographies of sustainability transitions; path creation for sustainability transitions; and equity, justice and sustainability transitions. The webinars attracted speakers and attendees from across six continents (but no one from the Antarctic made it along unfortunately) and over 35 countries.

The [series](#) was organised by Laura Norris (Cardiff University) and [Will Eadson](#) (Sheffield Hallam University) and will be continuing in Autumn 2021; in the meantime the debates will be continued in a special session on geographies of transition at the Regions in Recover Festival in June.

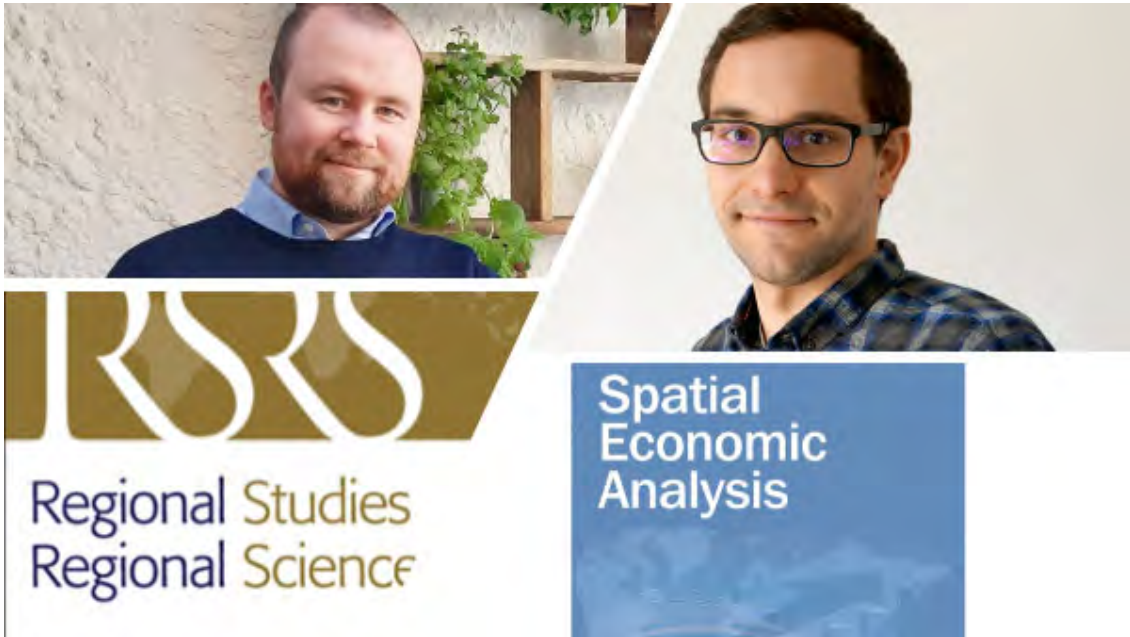


[FinGeo Seminars - Series 1](#)

The Global Network on Financial Geography – [FinGeo](#) for short - is an open and interdisciplinary network of academics, practitioners and experts interested in research on the spatiality of money and finance and its implications for the economy, society, and nature. As one way to build active collaborations among its community it collates and disseminates research in a variety of forms including blogs, [working papers](#) as well as a highly successful and popular spring school and workshop.

In 2021 it launched a [Virtual Seminar Series](#) in association with the Regional Studies Association. Each series consists of 5 or 6 seminars over 2 months and covers a range of topics and approaches to Financial Geography, with presentations from experienced researchers, early career researchers and everyone in between.

The first series was a great success and covered topics from remittances in Senegal and Ghana; housing in Brazil and elsewhere in South America; to the rise of Regulatory Capitalism; a discussion of financial centres in investment banking; and, topically, Debt in the time of Covid. Videos of the seminars can be found via the webinar archive on the [FinGeo event page](#) or on its YouTube channel – click [here and subscribe](#) to get access to the latest cutting edge research in this new and rapidly growing field of studies.



[Welcome to our new Social Media editors](#)

We would like to welcome our new social media editors for Spatial Economic Analysis, Jan Ditzen and for Regional Studies, Regional Science, Jason Deegan. They join Phil Lawton (Regional Studies) in our growing team of social media editors.

Jan is a Forschungsassistent (Postdoc) at the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano in Italy and a visiting researcher at Edinburgh Business School, UK. His research focuses on the differentiation and identification of local and global dependencies in networks of regions, countries or firms. You can read more about Jan [here](#). Follow SEA on Twitter ([@spatialeconomic](#))

Jason Deegan is a PhD candidate and Research Fellow at the University of Stavanger, where his research focus on Regional Innovation Policy is applied to the area of Smart Specialisation. You can read more about Jason [here](#). Follow RSRS on Twitter ([@RSS_OA](#)).



[Research Network: Academic-Practitioner Collaboration for Urban Settlements, South Pacific \(APCUS-SP\)](#)

The Regional Studies Research Network, [Academic-Practitioner Collaboration for Urban Settlements, South Pacific \(APCUS-SP\)](#) aimed to generate collaboration between academics and practitioners during the acute phases of humanitarian response for cities in the South Pacific, and also in the less-acute planning. The Research Network APCUS-SP started in May 2018, and although they are now wrapping up funded activities, their network continues to function and generate outcomes for its members.

For a summary of their workshops and events, dissemination activities and impact, please head to their [news story](#).



[Research Network: Politics of Displacement, Identity and Urban Citizenship in Migratory Contexts](#)

The Regional Studies Research Network, [*Politics of Displacement, Identity and Urban Citizenship in Migratory Contexts*](#) was organised by Hulya Arik (University of Toronto, Canada), Secil Dagtas (University of Waterloo, Canada) and Johanna Reynolds (York University, UK) and aimed to bring together scholars, regional specialists, activists and experts from civil society to offer alternatives to these perspectives by attending to the historical, socio-spatial and religious underpinnings of displacement that complicate notions of universal humanity and bounded citizenship.

For a summary of their events, please head to their [news story](#).



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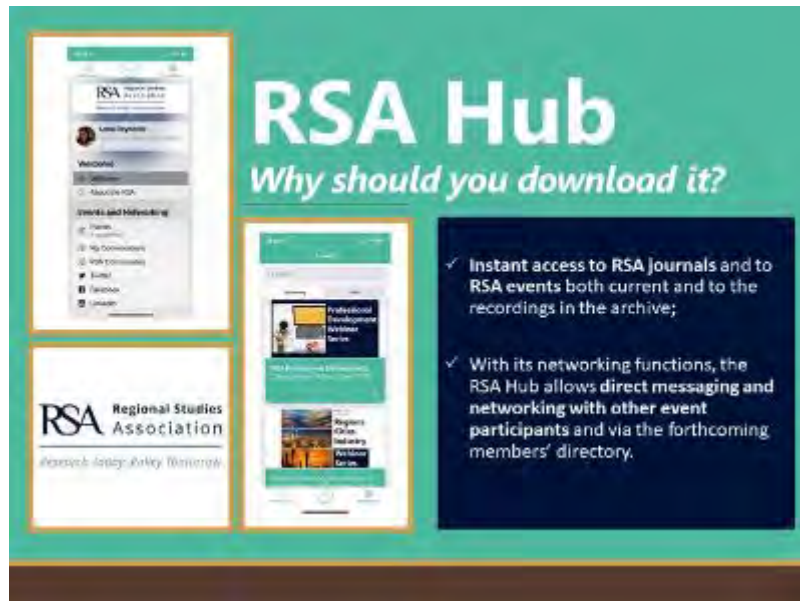
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[Opportunities and Support for Students and Early Career Researchers](#)

We are committed to supporting students and early career researchers and offer many initiatives to develop students and early career researchers' careers, influence and research. We remain committed to supporting our members and the wider regional research community through knowledge exchange, webinars, publications and micro grant funding.

For more information about the support available, please head to <https://www.regionalstudies.org/news/rsa-rsa-europe-opportunities-2021/>



[Download our App today](#)

RSA Hub is packed with really useful features to enhance your membership or attendance at RSA events, both online and face to face. Our e-reader Prize draw continues and we will be soon picking at random one of the first 200 and then 300 users to award an e-reader to.

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

Our Regions in Recovery global E-Festival will be hosted on our [RSA Hub App](#), which you can download for free on the [Apple App Store](#) and [Android Google Play Store](#).

You can now have a look at the [desktop version](#) of the RSA Hub App, with our Regions in Recovery event already live. This means you can start networking with other event participants and use our direct messaging tool, even before the E-Festival begins!

[Funding News](#)

[Accommodating Connected and Autonomous Vehicles – Call for Evidence Grant Deadlines - Update](#)

[Small Grant Scheme on Pandemics, Cities, Regions & Industry Student and Early Career Awards 2021 – Call Now Open](#)
[RSA Policy Expo Grant Scheme - now open for applications!](#)



[Accommodating Connected and Autonomous Vehicles – Call for Evidence](#)

Please share this call with your network. We are interested in hearing from all individuals, policymakers, private sector, government organisations, NGOs, or pressure groups who may have evidence relating to the questions this Policy Expo is concerned with. We invite both short form submissions (submitted via [this online form](#)) where stakeholders can respond directly to specific questions if they wish, or longer responses to the Call can be submitted directly to the team.

The full Call for Evidence can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/3amL0Xd>. This outlines the questions we are hoping to address, detailed information on how you can submit your evidence, and further information on the Policy Expo.

Please circulate this to anyone you feel would be interested in engaging with the work.

The Call will close on the 30 April 2021.

MEMBERSHIP RESEARCH GRANT SCHEME (MERSA)

- Value: up to £5,000
- Deadline: 1 September 2021

FELLOWSHIP RESEARCH GRANT SCHEME (FERSA)

- Value: up to £7,500
- Deadline: 1 September 2021

EARLY CAREER GRANT SCHEME

- Value: up to £10,000
- Deadline: 15 September 2021

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[Grants Update – the 2021 deadlines announced](#)

A two stage application process is used for the RSA Research Grant Schemes. In the first round, applicants are asked to submit an expression of interest. The Expression of Interest should be submitted via the form available on the relevant section on our [Funding webpage](#). Shortlisted applicants from this first round will then be asked to submit a full proposal.

Find out more about the Early Career funding by registering for our forthcoming (free) webinar '[Grants and Funding: An introduction to the Early Career Grant Scheme by the RSA](#)' with speakers Stuart Dawley (University of Newcastle, UK), I-Chun Catherine Chang (Macalester College, USA) and Jacopo Canello (University of Groningen, The Netherlands) This will be held on 05 May 2021, at 15:00 BST.

For a summary, please see our [Funding and Awards Flyer](#) and if you have any questions or need further clarification, please just get in touch with [Klara Sobekova](#).



[Small Grant Scheme on Pandemics, Cities, Regions & Industry](#)

This Scheme aims to support a discrete piece of regional studies and/or regional science research on the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) on regions, cities and industry, and is open to single applicants or a team of researchers.

Examples of research projects could cover economic, environmental, social, political, cultural, behavioural or technological change, and address conceptual, methodological, empirical or policy impacts. Topics could address specific countries, regions or cities, provided that wider implications for global audiences are addressed.

There is still time to register for the relevant Professional Development webinar '[Grants and Funding: An Introduction to the Small Grant Scheme by the RSA](#)' with speakers Ron Boschma (Utrecht University, The Netherlands) and Jana Kleibert (Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Germany). It is free to register and will be held on 21 April 2021, 13:00 BST.

To see about our grant holder research projects, please click on the Previous and Current Grant Holders grant holder names on the lower left of this webpage: <https://www.regionalstudies.org/funding/small-grant-scheme/>

Forthcoming deadline: 30th June 2021

For more details and to apply, please click [here](#).

Student and Early Career Awards 2021

Deadline: 30 April 2021



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[Student and Early Career Awards 2021](#) – Call Now Open

Are you involved in regional studies and related fields? Does your research merit an award? We are seeking nominations for the 2021 Student and Early Career Awards.

- **Nathaniel Lichfield Award** – this award is for recent Masters graduate who have graduated within the previous year.
- **Paul Benneworth PhD Student Award** – this award is for registered PhD students who have not yet received their PhD certificate. This name change recognises the enormous contribution of Paul Benneworth to the field of Regional Studies and his strong commitment to supporting students in our subject areas.
- **RSA Routledge Early Career Award** – this award is for early career researchers (defined as being within five years of the date on their PhD certificate or equivalent).

The prize for each Award is a cheque for £500 & a certificate. In the case the Award is assigned to two or more nominees, the prize will be divided equally among the winners.

More details and the nomination forms are available

here: <https://www.regionalstudies.org/funding/awards-2021/>



RSA POLICY EXPO GRANT SCHEME

Value: up to £15,000 (c. \$19,000; c. €16,800)

Application Deadline: 20th April 2021

In 2021, applications are invited on the following themes:

- **Pandemics: Regional Resilience and Regional Policy Responses**
- **Social Innovation, Foundational Sectors and the Regional Economy**
- **The Future of Work, the Gig Economy, and Inclusive Growth**



[RSA Policy Expo Grant Scheme - still open for applications!](#)

To find out more about the Policy Expo funding, you can watch the recording of our webinar [Grants and Funding: An Introduction to the Policy Expo Grant by the RSA](#).

In 2021, applications are invited on the following themes:

- [Pandemics: Regional Resilience and Regional Policy Responses](#)
- [Social Innovation, Foundational Sectors and the Regional Economy](#)
- [The Future of Work, the Gig Economy, and Inclusive Growth](#)

You can read the full call by clicking on the title above.

Expo teams will investigate how the communities of regional studies, regional science, urban studies and related fields can respond to new societal challenges and opportunities. Please note that the bid is not in the form of a conventional research application but rather is overtly policy facing.



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A leading & impactful community

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 to arrange a chat.

[Five good reasons to join the Regional Studies Association](#)

- #1. Latest research**
- #2. Networking**
- #3. Build and extend your skills and knowledge**
- #4. Save money and access research funding**
- #5. Support the global regional studies community**

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[Regions in Recovery: Building Sustainable Futures](#) - Global E-Festival

The Festival will address themes related to the re-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. We have a great line up of [plenary speakers](#) and [special sessions](#).

More details on the Festival and how to participate can be found [here](#).

Need help?

View our handy ["How to guides"](#), and in particular our short video on [how to register for free RSA events](#) through the RSA Lounge..

Still have questions?

Please see our [FAQs](#) and please do not hesitate to contact us at events@regionalstudies.org if you have any further questions and we are happy to help.

We and our [partners](#) look forward to welcoming you to the E-Festival.



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

We have a few more Professional Development Webinar sessions before our Regions in Recovery Global E-Festival in June. The series also takes a summer break and will resume in September.

Please see below for a list of forthcoming sessions, and click the links to register for free.

April

14 April 2021, 12:00 BST

[Policy Making: Making a difference – how to respond impactfully to consultations](#)

Speaker: Neil Lee (LSE, UK)

21 April 2021, 13:00 BST

[Grants and Funding: An Introduction to the Small Grant Scheme by the RSA](#)

Speakers: Ron Boschma (Utrecht University, The Netherlands)

Jana Kleibert (Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Germany)

May

05 May 2021, 14:00 BST

[Grants and Funding: An introduction to the Early Career Grant Scheme by the RSA](#)

Speaker: Stuart Dawley (University of Newcastle, UK)

View all forthcoming webinars and more information about this series on our [event pages](#).



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):

28 April 2021, 13:00 BST, 14:00 CEST

Title tbc

Speakers: Joaquim Oliveira Martins, CEPII, France

Maria Savona, University of Sussex, UK

12 May 2021, Time tbc

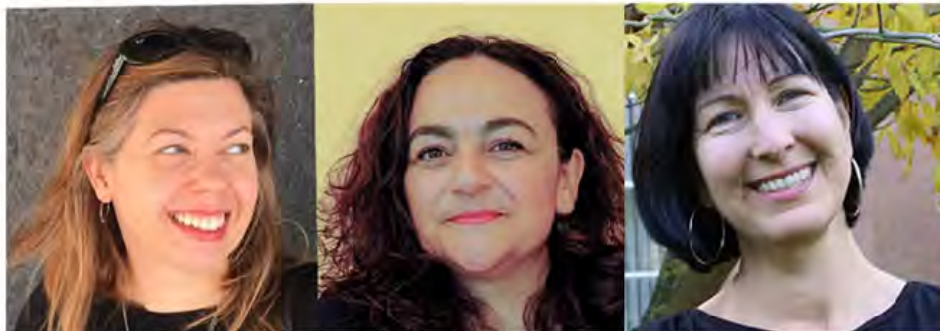
Title: The Pandemic Risk and Recovery Economic Tool (PRRET)

Speaker: Terry Clower, George Mason University, USA

We look forward to welcoming you to our 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](#).

**5th Networking Workshop
for Early and Mid-Career Women in Regional Studies and Science**

**The art of career-friendly decision-making in academia, or
“When to say yes - When to say no”**



Jennifer Clark, Ohio

Tuna Tasan Kok, Amsterdam

Mia Gray, Cambridge

Thursday 29th April 2021, 15:00- 17:00 GMT



[5th Networking Workshop for Early & Mid-Career Women in Regional Studies & Science](#)

The art of career-friendly decision-making in academia, or “When to say yes - When to say no”

Online, 29 April 2021, 15:00-17:00 BST

During the early years of navigating the academic landscape, scholars are confronted with numerous opportunities to get an engaged with, often promising to positively influence ones career. These include for example assistant teaching jobs, tutoring, representation in committees, conference organization, research assistant activities, grant writing support, and many more. In this workshop we will ask the question which tasks are a time-eater and which tasks are a career-progressor.

Speakers:

[Jennifer Clark](#) (Ohio State University, USA)

[Tuna Tasan Kok](#), (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

[Mia Gray](#) (Girton College, University of Cambridge, UK)

Register for free [here](#).

[Research Network Events](#)



RSA Research Network on EU Cohesion Policy (#CPnet)

[The Urban Dimensions of EU Cohesion Policy Online Workshop](#)

19 May 2021

Deadline for submissions of presentations: 01 May 2021

The urban dimension of Cohesion Policy (CP) has evolved from the 1980s to the present in close relation with the increasing policy awareness on the relevance of cities to advance towards to a more balanced, competitive and sustainable EU territory.

The objective of this workshop is to provide a space for academic and policy debate on the evolution and future of this important dimension of EU Cohesion Policy.

Keynote Speakers:

Rob Atkinson, University of the West of England, UK

Dorthe Nielsen, Eurocities.

For more information and to register, please click [here](#).



[FinGeo Seminar Series \(2\)](#)

Following the success of the first series of virtual seminars, we are pleased to announce series 2 which will be starting in May. Keep up to date for the opening of registration [here](#).

04 May 2021, 13:00 BST, 14:00 CEST, 20:00 CST

The Urban Geography of Luxembourg's Financial Centre
Speaker: Prof Markus Hesse, University of Luxembourg

18 May 2021, 13:00 BST, 14:00 CEST, 20:00 CST

The financialization of Chinese cities and the role of urban investment and development companies

Speaker: Dr Yanpeng Jiang, East China Normal University

01 June 2021 13:00 BST, 14:00 CEST, 20:00 CST

Investment Governance for Fiduciaries

Speaker: Prof Michael Drew, Griffith University

15 June 2021, 13:00 BST, 14:00 CEST, 20:00 CST

The economic geographies of Brexit and financial services

Speaker: Prof Sarah Hall, Nottingham

29 June 2021, 13:00 BST, 14:00 CEST, 20:00 CST

Loft-living under state-led financialisation: Adaptive reuse of industrial buildings for long-term rental apartments in Beijing, China

Speaker: Prof Shenjing He, University of Hong Kong

13 July 2021, 13:00 BST, 14:00 CEST, 20:00 CST

Care and financial fragility

Speaker: Dr Amy Horton, University College London



RSA Europe Events

We are looking forward to bringing you updates in due course for the European Week of Regions and Cities (#EURegionsWeek) 2021.

Did you know...? RSA members can get 30-35 % off Routledge books, subject-related Edward Elgar books, subject-related Wiley books and all books from Policy Press at the University of Bristol.

RSA members can also get **20% off APCs** when publishing in our open access journal, RSRS. Please email office@regionalstudies.org for more details.

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 Member Discounts.

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.**



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[Agglomerative patterns and cooperative networks of the online video industry in China](#) Zhang et al. **Published online:** 27 Mar 2021

[The making and consolidation of the first national trademark system: the diffusion of trademarks across Spanish regions.](#)



[1850–1920](#) Sáiz & Zofío. **Published online:** 25 Mar 2021

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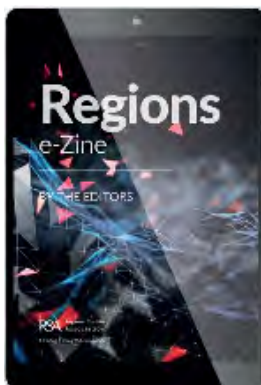
[Evaluation of the impact of human capital on innovation activity in Russian regions](#) Teslenko et al. **Published online:** 24 Mar 2021

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Call for papers [Early Career Papers Section](#) (Deadline 31 September 2021)



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As part of the 2021 Regions in Transition theme, the Editorial Team of Regions e-Zine welcomes articles within the general theme of sustainability challenges and opportunities in cities and regions. We are particularly interested in articles debating

the impacts of climate change on planning and regional development, contemporary land use challenges in the context of cities and regions, circular economy, nature-based solutions, energy-efficient buildings and low carbon infrastructures. Addressing the new sustainability challenges and planning for the circular economy can also include contributions from the regional studies community to learn about localized supply chains and relevant environmental policies, such as the impacts of international agreements on local development or the more recent debates on the developments of green deals in the EU and the USA.

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Regional Insights: Articles of between 800 – 1000 words providing a fresh take on regional studies.

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If you are interested in submitting an article, please contact us at office@regionalstudies.org or one of our Editors and we will work closely with you to help your article appear in a way most interesting to our readership. See [guidelines](#) for contributing new articles. A DOI is attributed to each published article.

:::Final article submission deadline for Issue 9, to be published late April, is 15 April 2021:::

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Recent RSA Blogs

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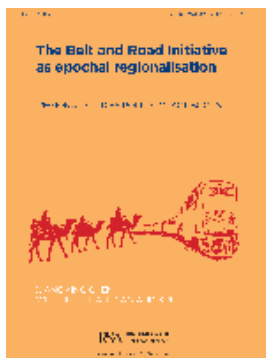
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