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April eBulletin

Welcome to the fourth 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 the forthcoming months.

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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[Regions in Recovery E-Festival](#) (2nd – 18th June 2021) – non-presenting attendees can register for FREE

We hope you are as excited as we are about our [Regions in Recovery Global E-Festival](#), which takes place in just 4 weeks from 2nd – 18th June 2021. The [E-Festival](#) is fully online and can be accessed through our RSA Hub App, which you can download from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Playstore](#). You can also access the event through the [desktop version](#) and you will find that you can already start networking with other delegates. The draft programme will be published on our [website](#) and [RSA Hub App](#) this Tuesday 4th May, so do keep your eyes peeled and make sure to register if you have not yet already done so. What is best is that non-presenting attendees can [participate for free](#). Yes, you have heard correctly – the [E-Festival](#) does not incur a charge if you are only attending sessions. Do not miss out and [register now](#) for free and join over 550 delegates so far at this exciting event.

More information is available here: <https://www.regionalstudies.org/events/rinr2021/>

The E-Festival also features a [Well-Being Tent](#) with free yoga sessions and an online painting session (charged) to help you start the day fresh and energised or wind down after an engaging day of presentations and networking.

[Click here to register now for Regions in Recovery](#)



[Greetings from the RSA team!](#)

We are still working from home, but continue to support our members and the wider community in any ways we can. Please do [get in touch](#) if you are interested in, or have any questions about, our events, publications or membership opportunities.

Planning in a Pandemic

In February 1994, as newly elected Chair of the RSA Board, Professor Mark Hart (Aston University) introduced the principle of development planning. Since then, the Association has had six Development Plans.

These documents are important to us. They set the direction of travel for both the Board and importantly for the staff team, but currently we are actually, for maybe the first time since our early days of planning, without a written plan. How has this happened?

It is not a secret that learned societies globally, but more particularly in Europe, are facing pressures on their business model. At the time that we should have been writing our new Development Plan the challenges for the RSA were:

- VAT related challenges to an international conference programme
- A shift in publishing paradigm from a subscriptions model to an open access model
- Brexit (now resolved)

Now of course we can add a fourth ...

- COVID

Covid has impacted every area of the Association's business, but most directly it has seen us adapt our face to face meeting programme to online webinars, and now in April 2021 it still remains far from clear when larger in-person meetings and international conferences will be able to safely restart. We have published two blogs in March addressing just this issue – go to [RSA](#) and post-pandemic "new normal" for conferences [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#) for more information.

In a system with so many moving parts is it going to be possible to publish the new Development Plan in 2021? We think so. Writing has started, based on almost three years of thinking, strategizing and calculating. We know that the future is very uncertain but there are also a number of opportunities for us. The existential threat remains open access and the security of quality and income from our five international journals. We know that European VAT will continue to put our current conference model under pressure. We can see that Covid is far from over at the global level and the much repeated phrase “no one is safe until we are all safe” carries more weight than ever.

In this context of Donald Rumsfeld's [fistful of known knowns](#), through to unknown unknowns, what we do know is that our planning needs to cover uncertainty, opportunities, risk and change. And this is what we are planning for. We are currently thinking about and inviting your views on a range of topics and questions:

Publishing -

- To what extent will the world turn to (and accept) open access?
- Can we sustain a hybrid model where we offer OA and sell subscriptions to geographies that still want this?
- How do we support our editors and referees at a time of unprecedented stress in higher education?
- How do we sustain the quality of journals in the face of the push to open access volume publishing?
- Do we do enough to promote the work of our authors through article level marketing – could we do more?
- How do we ensure that we remain at the forefront of best publishing practice with regards to copyright/licensing, open data, publishing ethics etc?
- How do we set ourselves up to embrace innovation in scholarly communication of all kinds, including books, blogs and grey literature?

Conferences -

- What will the long-term impact of Covid be on events?
- Will hybrid events become established? Pleasingly, the shift to virtual has opened the RSA door to whole new audiences and geographies.
- Will HEIs adopt more climate change-based policies on researcher travel and will the airline business quickly bounce back and offer many routes at affordable prices?
- Will vaccines help to keep Covid mutations in check allowing meetings to take place in safety?

Grant Giving -

- Do we give the most appropriate grants?
- Do we fund at appropriate and sustainable levels?
- Do we support researchers to maximise the value of their findings in terms of knowledge mobilisation?

Policy Engagement -

- Do we work most effectively in this area?
- Do we need to consider reprioritising this area of work?
- How do we further internationalise our efforts?

Membership -

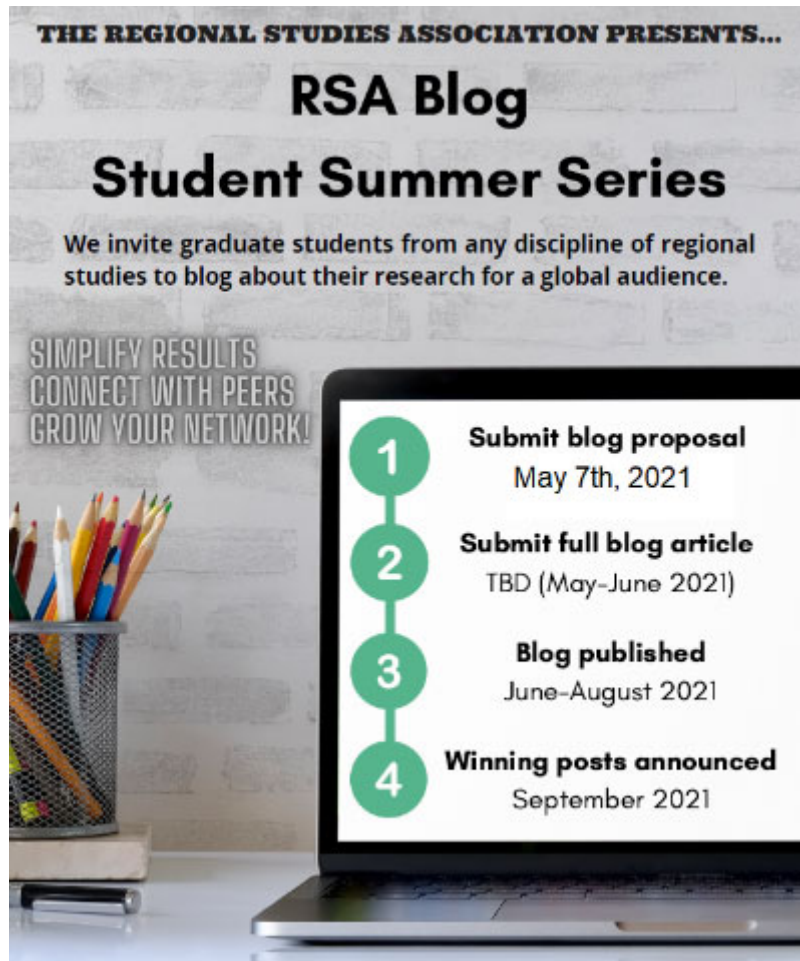
- Do we offer our members what they want?
- How can we better support different segments of the membership?
- Are we as well networked to our member as we would like to be?

And this list is not exhaustive - these points are exemplars of the questions we are asking ourselves as we begin putting pen to paper on the new Development Plan 2021 to 2025.

What it is important to say is that as we move forwards, we move from a position of strength. The future is full of opportunity for us, the regional issues at our core remain pertinent in all parts of the world. Our membership and the wider community are adept at leveraging policy change; we are both a connected and a welcoming community that crosses disciplines, career stage and geography. We have all to play for as we begin to set priorities for the next few years.

As always, once we have a draft plan, we will share it with our members. An Association is only as strong as its members are active. If you have ideas or opinions, we'd like to know them. If you'd like to be part of the planning for the next five to ten years of the Association's life, do [get in touch](#), we'd love to hear from you.

Sally Hardy



[Student Publishing Opportunity - Regional Studies Association Blog Student Summer Series](#)

On behalf of the [Regional Studies Association](#) (RSA) Blog Editor, we are pleased to announce the first **RSA Blog – Student Summer Series**. All summer long, the RSA Blog will publish content written by graduate students (at any stage in their program) working within regional studies, encompassing various subjects such as: political science, economics, socio-cultural studies, geography, environmental science/studies, health and population studies, justice, planning, and business management (just to name a few!).

Students are encouraged to submit their proposal using the link below before **11:59pm (GMT) on 7th May, 2021**. Selected proposal will be notified by **21st May**, and full articles (500-800 words) will be due one week before their publication date (schedule to be sent once articles are selected).

Submit your proposal here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAEDnrtIDnEpJ4aXFTbwujA_yuvXlzTzLZrFp_W7r70fE05Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

Blog posts will be selected from regional studies students from around the globe, with the most exceptional pieces recognized and awarded prizes at the end of the summer.

Why write for the RSA Blog?

The [RSA Blog](#) provides a platform for researchers, students, practitioners, community members and industry leaders to share their expertise on regional issues from across the globe. With a network of over 20,000 members from 70 countries, the RSA Blog enables students to write for a global audience of researchers, practitioners, and policy makers in regional studies.

From the RSA Blog editor on writing a non-academic, evidence-based blog:

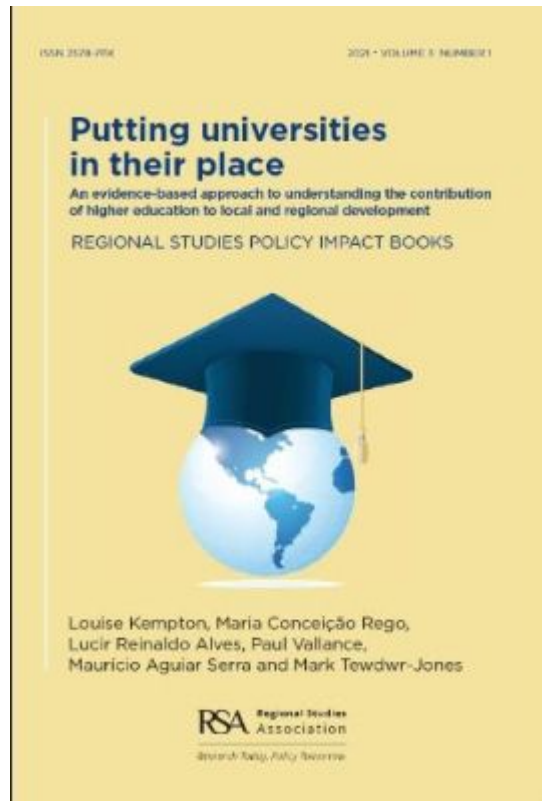
Writing for an established blog provides an opportunity to re-conceptualize complicated research results. Also, blogging can reach a broader audience and build networks of like-minded individuals. There are purposely no limits to the form that a blog post can take. For example:

- Summarize a recent journal article that you published.
- Present preliminary research results of an ongoing project.
- Write about an experience within a field of study that shaped the design of a research project.

Non-academic, evidence-based blogging has the potential to re-shape disciplinary boundaries in the 21st century and build on an existing genre of critical and accessible academic knowledge production.

Questions? Send an email to rsablog@regionalstudies.org with the subject line “Student Summer Series Question.”

We look forward to reading your proposed blog posts!



[Putting Universities in their Place: An evidence based approach to understanding the contribution of higher education to local and regional development](#)

We are happy to present our fifth publication in the Regional Studies Policy Impact Books Series – [Putting Universities in their Place: An evidence based approach to understanding the contribution of higher education to local and regional development.](#)

Authors:

- Louise Kempton (Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies (CURDS), Newcastle University, UK)
- Maria Conceição Rego (Centre for Advanced Studies in Management and Economics (CEFAGE), University of Évora, Portugal)
- Lucir Reinaldo Alves (Centre for Regional Development (NDR), Western Paraná State University, Brazil and Centre of Geographical Studies (CEG), University of Lisbon, Portugal)
- Paul Vallance (Centre for Regional Economic and Enterprise Development (CREED), Sheffield University Management School, University of Sheffield, UK)
- Maurício Aguiar Serra (Institute of Economics, University of Campinas, Brazil)
- Mark Tewdwr-Jones (The Bartlett Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis (CASA), University College London, UK)

This Policy Expo is the result of work with partners in Europe, South America, Africa, Asia and Australia to develop a new approach, the ORPHIC Framework, to think about how the university that can be adapted to the specificity of institutional and local contexts. The book examines:

- What are the different roles that universities play in local and regional development and how do these manifest themselves?
- How can we learn from comparing practice and experience internationally, and to what extent are policies aimed at promoting university-region relationships transferable?
- What are the internal university factors, such as management and leadership, history, mission, structures, and the external factors, such as territorial development policy context, governance system, nature of the 'place', that might help us explain the nature of the relationship?

The full announcement is available here: <https://www.regionalstudies.org/news/putting-universities-in-their-place/>

This research was supported by the [RSA Policy Expo Grant Scheme](#). All books from the Regional Studies Policy Impact Series will be sent in print form to all RSA members and in electronic form to all subscribers to the RSA journals pack. The book will reach our members in forthcoming weeks.



[Welcome to our new Research Committee member](#)

We would like to welcome Paula Prenzel, the newest member of the RSA Research Committee.

Paula Prenzel is Assistant Professor of Regional Development at the University of Greifswald, Germany and leads a junior research group on the role of population structure in local economic development. She is particularly interested in how changes in population size and composition interact with regional disparities and innovation. Her research in economic

geography engages with consequences of demographic change, diversity and migration for regional development. Paula holds a PhD from the London School of Economics.



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

This is a reminder about the upcoming deadline to submit evidence to a Regional Studies Association funded 'Policy Expo' – **deadline now extended to 14 May 2021.**

With technological advances and regulatory changes paving the way for the potential widespread introduction of Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (C/AVs) into the built environment, there are new challenges and opportunities being faced by national, regional and local policy makers. Concerns around issues such as safety, urban design, and supporting infrastructure, alongside a long transitional period, further problematise this issue.

At the same time, efforts are being made to pursue policies aimed at decarbonising cities, promoting public health and liveability, balancing economic growth and social inclusion, and increasing levels of walking and cycling. This introduces further potential tensions in the policy and infrastructure landscape of cities. The Covid-19 pandemic has further complicated these challenges as policy makers seek to accommodate social distancing requirements within transit systems and the built environment.

Call for Evidence – we would love to hear from you!

We are keen to hear from academics, policymakers, the private sector, government organisations, NGOs, or pressure groups who may have evidence relating to this topic and the questions this Policy Expo is concerned with. This includes the practical

accommodation of such vehicles; the implications on existing and future policy agendas; and what best practice solutions might look like for cities balancing competing and potentially conflicting demands on their built environment. More detailed information on these questions can be found on the dedicated webpage: <https://policyexpo.net/cav-policy-expo/call/>.

We welcome both short form submissions ([submitted via this online form](#)) where you can respond directly to a small number of questions, or longer responses to the Call submitted directly to the team. Full information on the Call, and how to submit, can be accessed on the dedicated webpage.

Please circulate this to anyone you feel would be interested in engaging with the work – thank you!

Deadline Extended: The Call will now close on the 14 May 2021.

More information on the Policy Expo can be found at <https://policyexpo.net>. The project team is comprised of colleagues from Sheffield Hallam University, UK; Arup, UK; and the University of Oregon, US. The RSA announcement is available [here](#).



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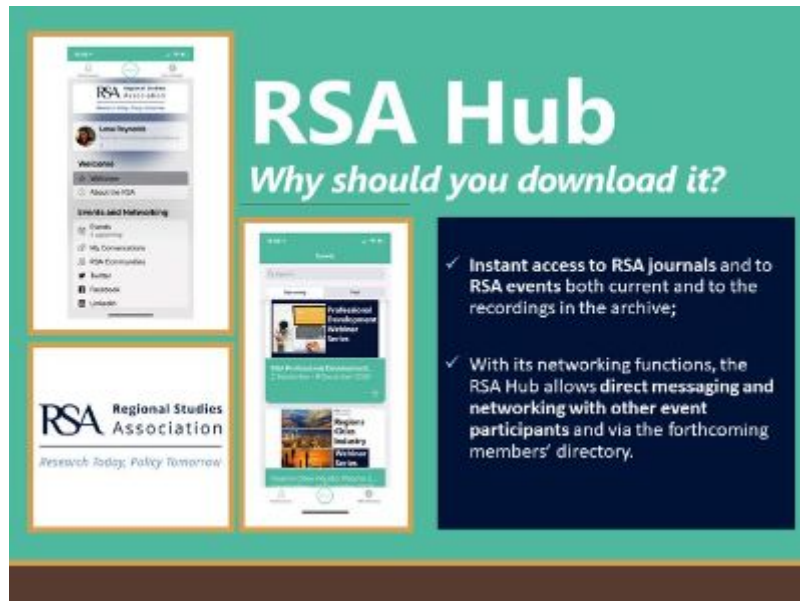
[Territory Politics Governance](#)



[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!

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GRANTS AND FUNDING

Tips for your next application



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Forthcoming webinars

RSA Professional Development Webinar Series – 05.05.2021, 15:00 BST: Grants and Funding: An introduction to the Early Career Grant Scheme by the RSA - Join this webinar with Stuart Dawley (University of Newcastle, UK), I-Chun Catherine Chang (Macalester College, USA) and Jacopo Canello (University of Groningen, The Netherlands) to learn more about our [Early Career Grant Scheme](#). Click [here](#) to register for free. We are planning to run webinars dedicated to the MeRSA and FeRSA grants during the #RinR21 festival. Follow the website for more updates in due course.

Grant Application Tips

Watch the recording of our [webinar](#) about the Small Grant Scheme on Pandemics, Cities, Regions & Industry with Ron Boschma (Utrecht University, The Netherlands) and Jana Kleibert (Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Germany):

Past webinars from the RSA Professional Development Webinar Series focused on grants and funding are available on demand for RSA members via the [RSA Lounge](#). These webinars include the [Top Tips for your Next Application](#) and [How to manage a Grant Project](#).

Why not [watch](#) some of our members who have successfully applied for grants share their top tips for applications.

PS: 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. Please send your video to Alex at Alex.Holmes@regionalstudies.org

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.

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.

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](#).

Watch the [recording](#) of our webinar on the Small Grant scheme, with Speakers Ron Boschma (Utrecht University, The Netherlands) and Jana Kleibert (Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Germany).



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

There is one more session in the [Professional Development Webinar](#) Series before the summer break.

[Join us](#) this Wednesday 5th May for an introduction to the Early Career Grant Scheme. We look forward to welcoming Stuart Dawley, University of Newcastle, UK, I-Chun Catherine Chang, Macalester College, USA and Jacopo Canello, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

[Register now](#) or [click here](#) for more information.

The series will resume in September and we already have interesting topics and speakers on publishing and other professional skills confirmed. [View our website](#) for more information and dates.



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.

12 May 2021, 08:00 EDT, 13:00 BST, 22:00 AEST

[The Pandemic Risk and Recovery Economic Tool \(PRRET\)](#)

Speakers: Terry Clower, George Mason University, USA

Keith Waters, George Mason University, USA

Jacob Irving, University of South Australia, Australia

Sally Hardy, Regional Studies Association, UK

Chair: Will Rifkin, The University of Newcastle, Australia

26 May 2021, 11.00 BAT, 12.00 CEST

Policy Expo – Putting Universities in their Place

More information to follow.

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](#).



[Write Here, Write Now – RSA Online Writing Sessions](#)

“Write Here, Write Now” are online writing sessions led by the RSA’s Student Representative [Tanya Chandra](#) and the RSA’s Early Career Representative [Dr Frances Brill](#). The 2021 programme will run monthly between September – November. To find out more, click [here](#).

[Research Network Events](#)



RSA Research Network on EU Cohesion Policy (#CPnet)

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

19 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 on the sessions [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.

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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.



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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.**

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[An empirical approach to cross-border spatial planning](#)

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online: 21 Apr 2021

Editorial: [Women in spatial economic analysis](#) Abreu et al. **Published online:** 20 Apr 2021

[Sharing the burden: quantifying climate change spillovers in the European Union under the Paris Agreement](#) Schleypen et

al. **Published online:** 16 Apr 2021

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[Neoliberal commensuration and new enclosures of the commons: mining and market–environmentalism governmentalities](#) Duarte-Abadía et al. **Published online:** 27 Apr 2021

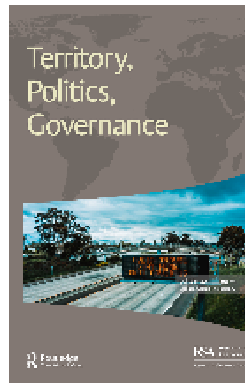
[State-guided city regionalism: the development of metro transit in the city region of Nanjing](#) Yang et al. **Published online:** 27 Apr 2021

[Beyond displacement: territorialization in the port city of Buenaventura, Colombia](#) Lombard et al. **Published online:** 22 Apr 2021

[Territorial governance and Smart Specialisation: empowering the sub-national level in EU regional policy](#) Moodie et al. **Published online:** 20 Apr 2021

[Merging, disaggregating and clustering local authorities: do structural reforms affect perceptions about local governance and democracy?](#) Beerli & Zaidan. **Published online:** 16 Apr 2021

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[Residential choices in an evolving market economy: moving and staying in Beijing](#) Clark et al. **Published online:** 19 Mar 2021

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[Spatial evolution of the global scientific collaborative network](#) Huang et al. **Published online:** 08 Apr 2021

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New Issue: [Regions in Transition I: Sustainability challenges and opportunities in cities and regions](#)

[Issue 9 of Regions](#) explores a range of articles on the topic of sustainability challenges and opportunities in cities and regions. In the [Spotlight section](#), Carolin Schack, Thomas Neise, David Heimann and Martin Franz from Osnabrück University, Germany, present work from the 'Grey goes Green – Transformation of Industrial Areas' research project. The issue also contains six [Regional Insights](#) articles, with case studies from Europe, India and Ghana.

In the [RSA highlights](#) section, Yonn Dierwechter provides a report on the Smart City-Regional Governance for Sustainability research network, paying tribute to the role of the late [Dr Tassilo Herrschel](#) in its development. The network aims to connect work on 'smart cities' with innovative and creative urban and regional policy making, and has featured at prominent events in recent years.

This Issue's [Research Hacks](#) article sees Khandakar Farid Uddin and Md. Salauddin discuss their research on how Covid-19 has challenged PhD students. Findings of their work in Australia point to a reduction in productivity, a need for scholarship extensions and additional funding, as well as concerns over the impact on health and wellbeing.

Building on the theme of Regions in Transition, the forthcoming **Issue 10** will focus on **Redefining urban-rural balance in changing times**, and will be published late September 2021.

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[RSA and post-pandemic "new normal" for conferences \(Part 1\)](#) by Sally Hardy. Published: 08 Apr 2021

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