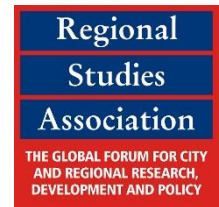




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Conference Programme

RSA Central and Eastern Europe Conference 2017

Regional Polarisation and Unequal Development in CEE: Challenges for Innovative Place-based Policies

10th - 13th September 2017

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration
Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

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Excursion

Date/Time: Sunday 10/09/2017 0930 - 1500 parking opposite to Mathias Corvin statue (Unirii Square)

Opportunity to discover the region by participating in the Wonders of Nature Tour. It consists of a visit to the Turda Salt Mine –the world's largest salt mine museum, considered The Coolest Underground Place on Earth according to 'Business Insider'. After the visit to the Mine, you will head for the traditional Apuseni Mountains village of Rimetea – an architectural protected area surrounded by an impressive scenery. The last stop on this tour will be the picturesque village of Coltesti and you will enjoy a traditional Hungarian meal. The Tour will last from 09:30 to 15:00.

Pre-registration needed.

Walking Tour

Date/Time: Sunday 10/09/2017 1600 - 1730, Mathias Corvin statue (Unirii Square)

We invite you to participate in the Cluj Napoca City walking tour which will provide you with an overview of Transylvania's capital's historic centre and insight into its diverse cultural heritage. Pre-registration needed. The tour will finish at the Welcome Reception.

Registration

Date/Time: Sunday 10/09/2017 1700 - 1800, Romanian National Bank, Piata Unirii 7

Welcome Reception

Date/Time: Sunday 10/09/2017 1800 - 2000, Romanian National Bank, Piata Unirii 7

The event will be held at the Romanian National Bank, Piata Unirii 7 and will feature a welcome by Mr. Academician Mugur Isarescu the Governor of the Romanian National Bank and by Rector of the Babeş-Bolyai University, Professor Ioan-Aurel POP.

Registration

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 0800 - 1645, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Strada Teodor Mihali 58-60, Cluj-Napoca

Welcome from the Organisers

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 0900 - 0915, Aula Victor Jinga

Benedek, József - Universitatea Babes-Bolyai, Romania

Hardy, Sally - Regional Studies Association, United Kingdom

Plenary 1

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 0915 - 1100, Aula Victor Jinga

Chair: Mihaela Luţaş - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Clark, Jennifer - Georgia Institute of Technology, United States

Smart Cities: Remaking Markets and Manufacturing Open Innovation Spaces

Berkowitz, Peter - European Commission, Belgium

Globalisation, innovation and regions: A new policy direction for Europe?

Coffee Break

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 1100 - 1130, Hall

Widening Bottlenecks to Promote the Catching Up of Lagging Regions

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 1130 - 1300, Room 118

Chair: Alasdair Reid - EFIS Centre, Belgium

Kilroy, Austin - World Bank, Croatia

From Lagging to Catch-Up: learning from success in European regional development

Aridi, Anwar - World Bank, Croatia

Milchevski, Todor - World Bank, Croatia

Lembcke, Alexander - OECD, France

Macroeconomic framework conditions and structural reforms to promote regions' catching up

D'Costa, Sabine - University of Westminster/SERC, United Kingdom

Oliveira Martins, Joaquim - OECD, France

Benedek, József - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Characteristics of economic recovery and catching up in the Romanian regions

Lembcke, Alexander - OECD, France

Regional Policies and Spatial Inequalities

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 1130 - 1300, Room 121

Chair: Alina Dragos - European Policies Research Centre, United Kingdom

Somlyódyne Pfeil, Edit - Széchenyi István University, Hungary

The Institutional Background of the Hungarian Regional Policy in the Mirror of the European Cohesion Policy

Budaeva, Kseniya - Institute for Public Finance Reform, Russia

Regional Strategizing as a Mechanism of Territorial Governance in Russia

Pálné Kovács, Ilona - Hungarian Academy Of Sciences, Hungary

It was just a dream. Regionalized development policy in Hungary

Varga, Attila - University of Pecs, Hungary

Economic impact assessment of Smart Specialization policies with the GMR-Europe model

Járosi, Péter - University of Pécs, Hungary

Sebestyén, Tamás - University of Pécs, Hungary

Szerb, László - University of Pécs, Hungary

The impact of Structural Funds on the development of the EU

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 1130 - 1300, Room 102

Chair: Alexandru Brad - Leibniz-Institut für Länderkunde, Germany

Murzyn, Dorota - Pedagogical University of Cracow, Poland

EU structural funds for smart growth in Poland

Matko, Marton - EUROCITIES, Belgium

Diverging CEE: taken and missed opportunities in the use of cohesion policy for metropolitan development

Surubaru, Neculai-Cristian - Loughborough University, United Kingdom

Structural Funds in Central and Eastern Europe: drivers of change or mere funding transfers? Insights on the impact of Cohesion Policy on national and regional development in Bulgaria and Romania

Regional Characterization, Resilience and Territorial Policy Implications in CEE

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 1130 - 1300, Room 009

Chair: Sarah Howe - RMIT University, Australia

Pontarollo, Nicola - JRC, European Commission, Italy

Serpieri, Carolina - JRC European Commission, Italy

Does the Matryoshka principle apply to resilience?

Istrate, Marinela - "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iasi, Romania
Alexandru, Banica - "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iasi, Romania
Ionel, Muntele - "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iasi, Romania

Challenges for the resilience capacity of Romanian shrinking cities

Di Bartolomeo, Giovanni - Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
Beqiraj, Elton - Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
Di Pietro, Marco - Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
Serpieri, Carolina - Sapienza University of Rome/European Commission, Joint Research Centre, Italy

Resilience, contagion, and vulnerability to external financial crisis in CEE countries

Sági, Judit - Budapest Business School, Hungary

Development aspects of the West-Nógrád region and within, the Szécsény sub-region in Hungary

The Role of Clusters in Local Development

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 1130 - 1300, Room 026

Chair: Jutta Sehic - Andrassy University Budapest, Hungary

Radics, Zsolt - University of Debrecen, Hungary
Molnár, Ernő - University of Debrecen, Hungary

Spatial Concentration and Development of Labour-Intensive Industries on the European Periphery: the Case of the Hungarian TCLF Sector

Zizalova, Pavla - Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
Srholec, Martin - CERGE-EI, Czech Republic
Horák, Petr - CERGE-EI, Czech Republic

Global technology leaders in rural regions: Beyond the lamppost syndrome

Pola, Peter - Hungarian Academy of Sciences, University of Pécs, Hungary

Towards strenghtening small and medium-sized companies (adapting French practice in Hungary)

Torok, Gergely - North-West Regional Development Agency, Romania

New methods for identifying Local Industrial Clusters – a case study on Northern Transylvania

Lunch Break

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 1300 - 1400, Hall

Regional Policy in CEE: Old Legacies and New Challenges

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 1400 - 1530, Room 118

Chair: Réka Horváth - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Klimanov, Vladimir - Institute for Public Finance Reform, Russia

Regional Polarization and Evolution of Regional Policy in Russia

Fomchenko Leonova, Anastasia - University of Valencia, Spain

Regionalization in EU member states of Central and Eastern Europe

Brad, Alexandru - Leibniz-Institut für Länderkunde, Germany

When Romania met the Cohesion Policy: Understanding Practices of 'Regional' Governance

Reid, Alasdair - EFIS Centre, Belgium
Griniece, Elina - EFIS Centre, Belgium

Methodologies for Smart Specialisation Strategies: a comparison between the Western European and CEE countries

Smart Specialisation in Less Developed Regions

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 1400 - 1530, Room 127

Chair: Gergely Torok - North-West Regional Development Agency, Romania

Dąbrowska, Anna - University of Warsaw, Poland

The role of the smart specialisation in peripehral regions in Poland – a fad or a necessity, a curse or a chance to change the current path of development?

Brad, Stelian - Cluj IT Cluster, Romania

Importing Smart Specialisation Principles to Design Entrepreneurial Initiatives for Economic Growth of Traditional Rural Settlements in Lagging-Behind Regions

Pelayo Villarejo, Esteban - European Association of Development Agencies (EURADA), Belgium
Boulanger, Nathalie - Dev'Up, France
Pinna, Frédéric - Dev'Up, France

Using EDP for the management of intermediaries' networks to strength regional innovation ecosystems

Katalin Czako - Széchenyi István University, Hungary

Local development of entrepreneurs

Territorial Governance as a Way to Urban and Rural Development

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 1400 - 1530, Room 121

Chair: Katalin Döbrönte - Eötvös Lóránd University, Hungary

Stănuș, Cristina - Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania	The governance of metropolitan development in Romania
Csaba, Patkós - Eszterházy Károly University, Hungary	LEADER action groups in the Visegrad Countries from a governance point of view
Idczak, Piotr - Poznan University of Economics, Poland	Peri-urbanisation – evidence from selected Polish metropolitan areas
Dávid Fekete - Széchenyi István University, Hungary	Economic governance in the Győr economic region

The Actors and Design of the Cohesion Policy

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 1400 - 1530, Room 102

Chair: Dana Bako - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Howe, Sarah - RMIT University, Australia	EU Smart Specialisation Policy Implementation Challenges; Perspectives from the European Commission and Slovak Policy Stakeholders
Chiru, Mihail - Central European University Budapest, Hungary Adascalitei, Dragos - Central European University, Hungary Gross, Martin - Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), Germany	Does it matter? Citizens' support for the EU and parties' emphasis of European issues
Dragos, Alina - European Policies Research Centre, Romania	Institutional capacities and non-governmental engagement in the EU's Cohesion Policy. The case of Romania

Urban Competitiveness and Innovation

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 1400 - 1530, Room 009

Chair: Lorena Axinte - Cardiff University, United Kingdom

Szczech-Pietkiewicz, Ewelina - Warsaw School of Economics, Poland	Smart city as a model for urban competitiveness growth
Varvari, Stefana - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania Bako, Dana - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania	Unequal development in R&D field in CEE countries
Lubacha-Sember, Judyta - Cracow University of Economics, Poland	Socio-economic environment in a region and types of innovation activity of enterprises

Ambassadors Meeting (closed meeting)

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 1400 - 1530, Sala de Consiliu

Chair: Hardy, Sally - Regional Studies Association, United Kingdom

Benedek, Jozsef - Babeș-Bolyai University, Romania	Ambassadors Meeting
Korompai, Attila - Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary	Ambassadors Meeting
Nikolov, Marjan - Center for Economic Analyses, Macedonia (FYROM)	Ambassadors Meeting
Smetkowski, Maciej - University of Warsaw, Poland	Ambassadors Meeting

Coffee Break

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 1530 - 1600, Hall

Plenary 2

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 1600 - 1645, Aula Victor Jinga

Chair: Stelian Brad - Cluj IT Cluster, Romania

Foray, Dominique - École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland	Smart Specialisation Strategies: past, present and future
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Welcome Reception

Date/Time: Monday 11/09/2017 1800 - 2000, The Casino Building, Parcul Central

This reception is sponsored by the Cluj-Napoca City-Hall and will take place at 'The Casino' building in the heart of the city. It is located in the Central Park 'Simion Barnutiu' and has become a centre of cultural and artistic events taking place in Cluj. We would like to thank the Cluj-Napoca City-Hall for their support.

Registration

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 0845 - 1745, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Strada Teodor Mihali 58-60, Cluj-Napoca

Plenary 3

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 0915 - 1045, Aula Victor Jinga

Chair: Julia Nagy - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Kovács, Zoltán - University of Szeged, Hungary Academy of Science, Hungary

Urbanization and Territorial Polarization in East Central Europe

Meusburger, Peter - Heidelberg University, Germany

Spatial Disparities of Educational Achievement. Reasons and Consequences

Coffee Break and Poster Presentations

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1045 - 1130, Hall

Contemporary Theories of Space and Spatiality and Their Application in Practice

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1130 - 1300, Room 118

Chair: Laszlo Farago - HAS Centre For Regional Studies, Hungary

Egyed, Ildiko - HAS Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungary

Marginalized elements and all-encompassing structures: theoretical contributions to the notions of lived space and the everyday life

Timar, Judit - HAS Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungary

Revisiting the theory on the 'production of space' in order to better understand and challenge socio-spatial inequalities in CEE

Tagai, Gergely - MTA KRTK, Hungary

The evolution of absolute space: from the philosophical roots of the concept, to its current role in social sciences

Berki, Marton - Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Hungary

Geographical scale's changing conceptualisation and actor-network theory: A view from Central and Eastern Europe

Territorial Governance and Cross Border Regions

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1130 - 1300, Room 026

Chair: Egon Nagy - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Slusarciuc, Marcela - University "Stefan cel Mare" Suceava, Romania

The role of institutions in the cross-border regions – theoretical reference points

Eckardt, Martina - Andrassy Universität Budapest, Hungary

Territorial Governance via the EGTC: Its Impact on Interregional Cooperation in Cross-Border Regions

Okruh, Stefan - Andrassy Universität Budapest, Hungary

Axinte, Lorena - Cardiff University, United Kingdom

Changing the developmental narrative of city-regions: from spaces for growth and competition to spaces for wellbeing

Mele, Marcela - University "Eqrem Cabej", Albania

Decentralization, Fragmentation, and Urban Governance in Tirana City-Region, Albania

Case Studies on Cross-Border Regions

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1130 - 1300, Room 121

Chair: Judyta Lubacha-Sember - Cracow University of Economics, Poland

Pamer, Zoltan - Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary

The role of middle-size and small towns in EU's cross-border cooperation instruments in Central Europe

Fejes, Zsuzsanna - University of Szeged Faculty of Law, Hungary

Cross-border co-operations in V4 Countries

Soós, Edit - University Of Szeged, Hungary

Challenges of EGTCs in the external border area

GIS for Spatial Planning

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1130 - 1300, Room 102

Chair: Titus Cristian Man - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Mitrea, Andrei - 'Ion Mincu' University Of Architecture And Urban Planning, Romania

An Intuitive Scientific Workflow System for Spatial Planning: A Proof of Concept

Chis, Alin D. - University of Bucharest, Romania

Cochei, Vlad N. - Babes Bolyai University, Romania

Chirila, Corina T. - Ion Mincu University, Romania

Sarbu, Catalin N. - Ion Mincu University, Romania

Groza, Octavian - Universitatea „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” din Iasi, Romania

Spatial/territorial data aggregation and trends of regional economic convergence in Eastern and Central Europe. A geo-statistical analysis for the period 2001-2013

Rusu, Alexandru - Universitatea „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” din Iași, Romania

Kowalczyk, Cezary - University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland

Analysis of the structure of parcels in the vicinity of the motorway

Kil, Jacek - University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland

Temerdek-Ivan, Kinga - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania

Identification of pedestrian traffic accidents vulnerability areas around the schools. Case study Bucharest city, Romania

Ciobanu, Silviu - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania

Benedek, Jozsef - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania

Approaches to Urban Development

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1130 - 1300, Room 127

Chair: Neculai-Cristian Surubaru - Loughborough University, United Kingdom

Drobnik, Adam - University of Economics in Katowice, Poland	From resilience to hybridization of development – reflections on the Central European regions (CER)
Smetkowski, Maciej - Centre for European Regional and Local Studies (EUROREG), University of Warsaw, Poland	Sources of economic growth in CEEC regions – a structural disaggregation
Döbrönte, Katalin - Eötvös Lóránd University, Hungary	Global integration versus polycentric approach in the Central European urban structure
Moisesescu, Ovidiu - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania	The Impact of Perceived Life Quality on Urban Residents' Place Attachment

Social Innovation

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1130 - 1300, Room 009

Chair: Ibolya Török - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Krisztina, Varga - University of Miskolc, Hungary Balaton, Károly - University of Miskolc, Hungary	Social Innovation and Competitiveness
Albertson, Kevin - MMU Business School, United Kingdom Whittle, Richard - MMU Business School, United Kingdom	The Impact of the Tax Burden on Macro-economic Performance: An EU panel VAR analysis
Kocziszky, György - University Of Miskolc, Hungary Somosi, Mariann Veresné - University of Miskolc, Hungary	Management characteristics of the social innovation networks
Szendí, Dóra - Miskolci Egyetem, Hungary	Measuring the social innovation potential in the Northern Hungarian region

Tourism and Territorial Development

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1130 - 1300, Room 211

Chair: Cristina Bolog - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania

Radics, Zsolt - University of Debrecen, Hungary	The spatial structure of the tourism development in Eastern Hungary since the EU accession
Dodescu, Anca Otilia - University of Oradea, Romania, Romania Botezat, Elena - University of Oradea, Romania Nabradi, Andras - University of Debrecen, Hungary	Similarity and complementarity in tourism development in a cross-border region. The Case of Bihor – Hajdu Bihar
Soufiane, Boulassel - Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary	Tourism industry and territorial development: assets, strategies and perspectives, The case of Skikda (Algeria)

Lunch Break

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1300 - 1415, Hall

Tourism, Heritage, Culture and Territorial Development

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1415 - 1545, Room 009

Chair: Anca Otilia Dodescu - University Of Oradea, Faculty Of Economic Sciences, Romania, Romania

Szabo, Pal - Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Hungary	Territorial Capital and Development: an analysis for two Hungarian Touristic Districts
Bolog, Cristina - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania	Rehabilitating community values through cultural tourism interventions aiming a community based tourism in rural Romania
Jászberényi, Melinda - Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary Ásványi, Katalin - Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary Juhász-Dóra, Katalin - Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary	New Museology and Tourist Experience in Cultural Tourism The Case Study of a Museum in Budapest

Strategies on Local Development and Firm's Impact on It

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1415 - 1545, Room 121

Chair: Stefana Varvari - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Nikolov, Marjan - Center for Economic Analyses, Macedonia (FYROM)	Macedonian Decentralization Case
Radics, Zsolt - University of Debrecen, Hungary Kozma, Gábor - University of Debrecen, Hungary Molnár, Ernő - University of Debrecen, Hungary	Local Economic Development Strategies in Medium-Sized Cities on the European Periphery: the Case of Debrecen, Hungary
Sebestyén Szép, Tekla - University of Miskolc Nagy, Zoltán - University of Miskolc, Hungary Tóth, Géza - University of Miskolc, Hungary	Analyzing the effect of the 500 biggest Central European companies on spatial structure - a case study from East-Central Europe
Gajewski, Pawel - University of Lodz, Poland Kutan, Ali - Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, United States	Determinants and Effects of Firm Entry in the Polish Regions

Developing Cluj-Napoca

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1415 - 1545, Room 102

Chair: Lorena Axinte - Cardiff University, United Kingdom

Cocheci, Radu-Matei - "Ion Mincu" University of Architecture and Urban Planning Bucharest, Romania
 Dimitriu, Sabina - Urbasofia SRL, Romania

Reducing territorial disparities: the gap between strategic planning and implementation results in the Cluj-Napoca metropolitan area

Cocheci, Vlad - Babes Bolyai University, Romania
 Mitrea, Andrei - 'Ion Mincu' University of Architecture and Urban Planning, Romania

Moving to Cluj

Vrabie, Anamaria - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania
 Ianole-Călin, Rodica - University of Bucharest, Romania

Regulating the urban commons: using behavioral insights for mechanism design

Chirca, Andrei - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania
 Lazăr, Dan Tudor - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania
 Litan, Cristian Marius - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania

Students' expenditure and what does it teach us about underfunding university education. Evidence from an upper-middle-income country

Urban Pressure on Rural Areas

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1415 - 1545, Room 127

Chair: Piotr Idczak - Poznan University of Economics, Poland

Spataru, Ana - Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia
 Faggian, Robert - Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia
 Sposito, Victor - Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia
 Docking, Annemaree - City of Whittlesea Council, Australia

Sustainable Economic Development in Polarised Metropolitan areas based on Agriculture

Nagy, Gabor - Research Centre for Economic and Regional Sciences, Hungary

Divergence Trends in Space and Time: Rural real estate markets before, under and after economic crisis in Hungary

Kluza, Krzysztof - Warsaw School of Economics, Poland
 Rafał, Wojciech - Getin Noble Bank, Poland

Rural Areas during the Period of Economic Slowdown – Boroughs Under Pressure and Skilful Free Riders. Evidence from Poland

Nagy, Julia - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Towards a balanced metropolitan governance: combating the "back door" status of peripheral rural areas

Contemporary Theories of Space and Spatiality and Their Application in Practice

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1415 - 1545, Room 118

Chair: Judit Timar - HAS Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungary

Stoica, Valentina-Ilinca - University of Bucharest, Romania
 Bureta, Emanuel - University of Bucharest, Romania
 Zamfir, Daniela - University of Bucharest, Romania

The Role of Small Towns in Strengthening Rural Development. Case Study: Oltenia Plain

Farago, Laszlo - HAS Centre For Regional Studies, Hungary

The concept of autopoietic closed systems and the functioning of the spaces of the European Union

Czírűsz, Márton - Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary

Spatiality and the Central and Eastern European workfare state

Fabok, Marton - HAS Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungary

Materiality and Spatiality: Changing Spaces of Electricity Provision in Hungary

Polarisation and Mobility

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1415 - 1545, Room 026

Chair: Luc Ampleman - Jan Kochanowski University, Poland

Moldovan, Aura - Babes-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania
 Török, Ibolya - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania
 Moldovan, Aura - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Socio-Spatial Polarization: Driving Force and Outcome of Territorial Mobility in Postsocialist Romania

Máthé, Csongor - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Regional Distribution of the Motorization Level and Its Effect on the Mobility in Romania

Benedek, József - Universitatea Babes-Bolyai, Romania
 Varvari, Stefana - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania
 Litan, Cristian - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Urban growth pole policy in Romania

Rogowska, Małgorzata - Wrocław University of Economics, Poland

Sustainable urban mobility as a main strategic challenge in programming urban development in polish conditions. Wrocław case.

Social Risks and Vulnerabilities

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1415 - 1545, Room 211

Chair: Blanka Bartok - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Lincaru, Cristina - National Institute For Science Research In The Field of Labour and Social Protection - INCSMPS, Romania
 Atanasiu, Draga - INCSMPS, Romania
 Ciucă, Vasilica - INCSMPS, Romania
 Pirciog, Speranța - INCSMPS, Romania

Job Protection's sectoral and local adjustments – instrument in view to accelerating eco-innovation implementation

Garvanlieva Andonova, Vesna - Center for Economic Analyses, Macedonia (FYROM)
 Nikolov, Marjan - Center for Economic Analyses, Macedonia (FYROM)
 Selmani, Deniz - Center for Economic Analyses, Macedonia (FYROM)
 Mitevski, Igor - Center for Economic Analyses, Macedonia (FYROM)
 Osmanovska, Fatima - Center for Economic Analyses, Macedonia (FYROM)

The policies and measures for self-employment and entrepreneurship in Macedonia among the Roma community

Havadi Nagy, Kinga Xenia - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania
 Sebestyén, Tibor-Tihámér - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania

Assessment of social acceptance of renewable energies and their use in Central Development Region (Romania)

Coffee Break

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1545 - 1615, Hall

RSA journals: How to maximise the impact of your research

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1615 - 1745, Room 218

Clark, Jennifer - Georgia Institute of Technology, United States

Hardy, Sally - Regional Studies Association, United Kingdom

Deindustrialization and Economic Reconversion of Rural Areas

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1615 - 1745, Room 009

Chair: Kinga Temerdek-Ivan - Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca

Drăgan, Magdalena - Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, Romania
 Cocean, Gabriela - Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, Romania

Drivers of change in the post-communist agriculture in the Apuseni Mountains

David, Nicoleta - Babes Bolyai University, Romania
 Kudor, Alina - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania
 Cocean, Pompei - Romanian Academy, Romania
 Pop, Ana Maria - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Economic Reconversion of Mining Sites in Brad Depression during the Transition Period (1990-2017)

Papp, Lelia - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania
 Pop, Ana-Maria - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania
 Hognogi, Gheorghe - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania
 Potra, Alexandra-Camelia - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania
 Dănuț, Huciu - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania

From Industrial Activities and Community Pride to No Man's Village - Shrinking Villages in the Poiana Ruscă Mountains

Havadi Nagy, Kinga Xenia - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania
 Sandner Le Gall, Verena - Christian-Albrechts-University, Germany

Gold mining banned. What next? Activism and alternative local development in Roșia Montană/Romania

Differentiating Peripherality of Rural Areas

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1615 - 1745, Room 127

Chair: Bureta Emanuel - University of Bucharest

Pascariu, Gabriela - Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania
 Ibănescu, Bogdan-Constantin - Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania

An integrative approach of the rural peripherality. Romania Case Study

Kovacs, Sandor Zsolt - Hungarian Academy of Sciences, University of Pécs, Hungary

Geographic characteristics of the Hungarian Cooperative Banking Sector - rural exclusion?

Ampleman, Luc - Jan Kochanowski University, Poland

Unequal mobility in peripheral areas: a structural approach to redefine the relation between politics and a regional transportation gap

Kerekes, Kinga - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania
 Ábrahám, Beáta - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania
 Kis, Brigitta-Ágota - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania
 Pirău, Horațiu - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania

Does location matter? Educational opportunities in rural areas of different remoteness levels

Sustainable Transport and Social Vulnerabilities

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1615 - 1745, Room 121

Chair: Lucrina Ștefănescu - Babes Bolyai University, Romania

ARAI, Keita - Kindai University, Faculty of Economics, Japan

Estimating Preferences of Residents on Public Transportation Services in Rural Area in Japan – Conjoint Analysis for Measuring the Demand of the Elderly –

Cadaru, Rodica Dorina - UTCN, Romania

Boitor, Melania Rozalia - UTCN, Romania

Dumitrescu, Mara - UTCN, Romania

Investigating the role of traffic in the accidents on national roads: A case study in Romania

Ciobanu, Silviu Marian - Babes Bolyai University, Romania

Benedek, Jozsef - Babeș-Bolyai University, Romania

Ivan, Kinga - Babeș-Bolyai University, Romania

Identification of the traffic accidents hotspots during night and day in Romania

Man, Titus Cristian - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Rusu, Raularian - Babeș-Bolyai University, Romania

Moldovan, Ciprian - Babeș-Bolyai University, Romania

Moldovan, Nona-Sonia - Babeș-Bolyai University, Romania

Hărănguș, Iulia - Babeș-Bolyai University, Romania

The impact of the urban development and urban sprawl on the transport peripherality. Cluj Metropolitan Area (Romania)

Regional Development

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1615 - 1745, Room 102

Chair: Voicu Bodocan - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Mare, Codruta - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Dragos, Simona Laura - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Dragota, Ingrid Mihaela - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

Dragos, Cristian Mihai - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Spatial interactions on the Romanian life insurance market – the impact of insurance literacy

Jakubowski, Andrzej - Maria Curie Skłodowska University, Poland

Convergence or Divergence? Multidimensional analysis of regional development in the new EU Member States with particular focus on border regions

Popa, Nicolae - West University of Timisoara, Romania

Dragan, Alexandru - West University of Timisoara, Romania

Regional Dynamics and New Polarized Developments in Central and South-Eastern Europe

Zsibók, Zsuzsanna - Hungarian Academy Of Sciences, Hungary

Long-run regional economic forecasting: a review of the methodologies

Economic Risks in Present Societies

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1615 - 1745, Room 211

Chair: Vesna Garvanlieva Andonova - Center for Economic Analyses, Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of

Schenk, Fabian - Fraunhofer Institute for Factory Operation and Automation IFF, Germany

Illes, Béla - University of Miskolc, Hungary

Kocsiszký, György - University of Miskolc, Hungary

The complex system of Research and Technology Organizations: Approach of a sensitivity analysis

Wigell, Mikael - The Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Finland

Geo-economics as Power Politics: A Conceptual Analysis

Ciobotaru, Ana-Maria - University of Bucharest - Research Center for Integrated Analysis and Territorial Management, Romania

Andronache, Ion - University of Bucharest - CAIMT, Romania

Pintilii, Radu-Daniel - University of Bucharest - CAIMT, Romania

Peptenatu, Daniel - University of Bucharest - CAIMT, Romania

Drăghici, Cristian-Constantin - University of Bucharest - CAIMT, Romania

Links society-environment in forest ecosystems. An economic analysis

Kóczy, László - Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary

Gedai, Endre - Innopartners and Friends Ltd. / National University of Public Service, Hungary

Zombori, Zita - Innopartners and Friends Ltd., Hungary

Cooperation, Selfishness and Joint Risks in Industrial Clusters

Polarisation and RE-based Development

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1615 - 1745, Room 026

Chair: Ovidiu Moisescu - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Nagy, Egon - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Lakatos, Artur Lorand - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Antal, Kristof - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Geopolitical Aspects of the European Pipeline Network and of the Supply with Fossil Energy Sources

Bartok, Blanka - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Climate change impacts on the performance of photovoltaic parks in Europe and in Romania

Bartok, Blanka - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Sebestyén, Tihamér-Tibor - Babes-Bolyai University/Green Energy
Romanian Innovative Biomass Cluster, Romania

Evaluation of Renewable Energy Sources in Peripheral Areas and Renewable Energy-Based Rural Development

Cebotari, Sorin - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Benedek, Jozsef - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Renewable energy project as a source of innovation in rural communities.
Lessons from the periphery**Gala Dinner**

Date/Time: Tuesday 12/09/2017 1930 - 2200, Grand Napoca Hotel, Strada Octavian Goga 1, Cluj-Napoca

The Gala Dinner will take place at the Grand Napoca Hotel, Somesul Mic river bank, 250 yards from Parcul Central. The speech will be given by Dr. Emil Boc, Mayor of Cluj-Napoca, former Prime Minister of Romania. Pre-registration required.

Registration

Date/Time: Wednesday 13/09/2017 0830 - 1100, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Strada Teodor Mihali 58-60, Cluj-Napoca

Empirical Evidence

Date/Time: Wednesday 13/09/2017 0900 - 1030, Room 118

Chair: Andrei Mitrea - 'Ion Mincu' University Of Architecture And Urban Planning, Romania

Peti, Marton - Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary	Inarticulate ideas on development and cooperation from Central and Eastern Europe - Analysing Central and Eastern European networking activity in EU Territorial Cooperation Programmes
Horváth, Réka - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania	Regions and Multinational Companies. En exercise of hypothesis construction.
Lakatos, Arthur - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania	A global economy with various hotspots. Possible winners for the XXIth century
Korompai, Attila - Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary	The Impact of Transnational Infrastructures on Regional Development – Risks of OBOR Objectives

Social Capital and Rural Solidarity

Date/Time: Wednesday 13/09/2017 0900 - 1030, Room 127

Chair: Kinga Kerekes - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Kuttor, Daniel - University of Miskolc, Hungary Dabasi Halász, Zsuzsanna - University of Miskolc, Hungary Lipták, Katalin - University of Miskolc, Hungary Siposné Nándori, Eszter - University of Miskolc, Hungary	Peripherization in East Central Europe and the role of social and solidarity economy
Horeczki, Réka - CERS HAS, Hungary	Social capital is the hidden reserve for small towns?
Bodor, Akos - HAS Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungary	Spatial differences in the distribution of trust across Europe, between urban and rural areas

Sustainable Mobility

Date/Time: Wednesday 13/09/2017 0900 - 1030, Room 121

Chair: Man, Titus Cristian - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

Tosa, Cristian - Technical University of Cluj Napoca, Romania Miwa, Tomio - Nagoya University, Japan Sato, Hitomi - Nagoya University, Japan Morikawa, Takayuki - Nagoya University, Japan	Long-term residential mobility and travel behavior of elders in Bucharest-Ifov Metropolitan Area
Baji, Peter - Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary	Using Google Maps data to understand the roots and consequences of urban congestion: A pilot research from Budapest
Kil, Jacek - Univeristy of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland Kowalczyk, Cezary - University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland Moldovan, Ciprian - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania	Comparison of changes in urbanized area in Poland and Romania

The Influence of Companies and Migration on Territorial Level

Date/Time: Wednesday 13/09/2017 0900 - 1030, Room 102

Chair: Cristina Lincaru - National Institute For Science Research In The Field Of Labour And Social Protec, Romania

Józsa, Viktória - Szent István University György Enyedi Doctoral School of Regional Sciences, Hungary	The Impacts of Corporate Embeddedness on Regional Polarisation
Sehic, Jutta - Andrassy University Budapest	Linkages across Different Spatial Levels and Novelty: An analysis of Innovative SME in Central and South Eastern Europe
Incaltarau, Cristian - Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania	Does migration lead to regional convergence in Romania? A spatial analysis between 1997 and 2014 at NUTS3 level

Environmental Risks and Vulnerabilities

Date/Time: Wednesday 13/09/2017 0900 - 1030, Room 009

Chair: Marcela Mele - University "Eqrem Cabej", Albania

Cocean, Pompei - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania	Repulsive cultural landscapes as areas of risk and vulnerability
David, Nicoleta - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania	
Cocean, Gabriela - Romanian Academy, Romania	
Filip, Sorin - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania	
Ozunu, Alexandru - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania	Consequence-based risk analysis of anhydrous ammonia transport accidents on cross-border critical infrastructure
Török, Zoltan - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania	
Radovici, Andrei - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania	
Mereuță, Alexandru - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania	
Maloş, Cristian - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania	
Ştefănescu, Lucrina- Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania	Urban vulnerability analysis for 2 accident scenarios at an upper-tier Seveso establishment in Romania
Botezan, Camelia - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania	
Crăciun, Iulia - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania	
Piştea, Ioana - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania	
Grosu, Cristina - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania	
Bodocan, Voicu- Babes-Bolyai University, Romania	Hydrological Regionalization for Runoff Estimation in Ungauged Basins. Case study Someşean Plateau
Horvath, Cs. - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania	
Botan, C. - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania	
Fonogea, S. - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania	
Rosian, G. - Babes-Bolyai University, Romania	

Coffee Break

Date/Time: Wednesday 13/09/2017 1030 - 1100, Hall

Plenary 4

Date/Time: Wednesday 13/09/2017 1100 - 1315, Aula Victor Jinga

Chair: Cristian Marius Litan - Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania

Suwala, Lech - Humboldt-University Zu Berlin, Germany	Flying geese or lame ducks? Field-configuration and regional platforming –The Aviation Valley initiative in the Polish Podkarpackie Region
Korcelli-Olejniczak, Ewa - Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland	Dealing with social diversity in Warsaw. A reciprocity between reality and policy?
Keating, Michael - University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom	Contesting European Regions. Rescaling and the Making of Space

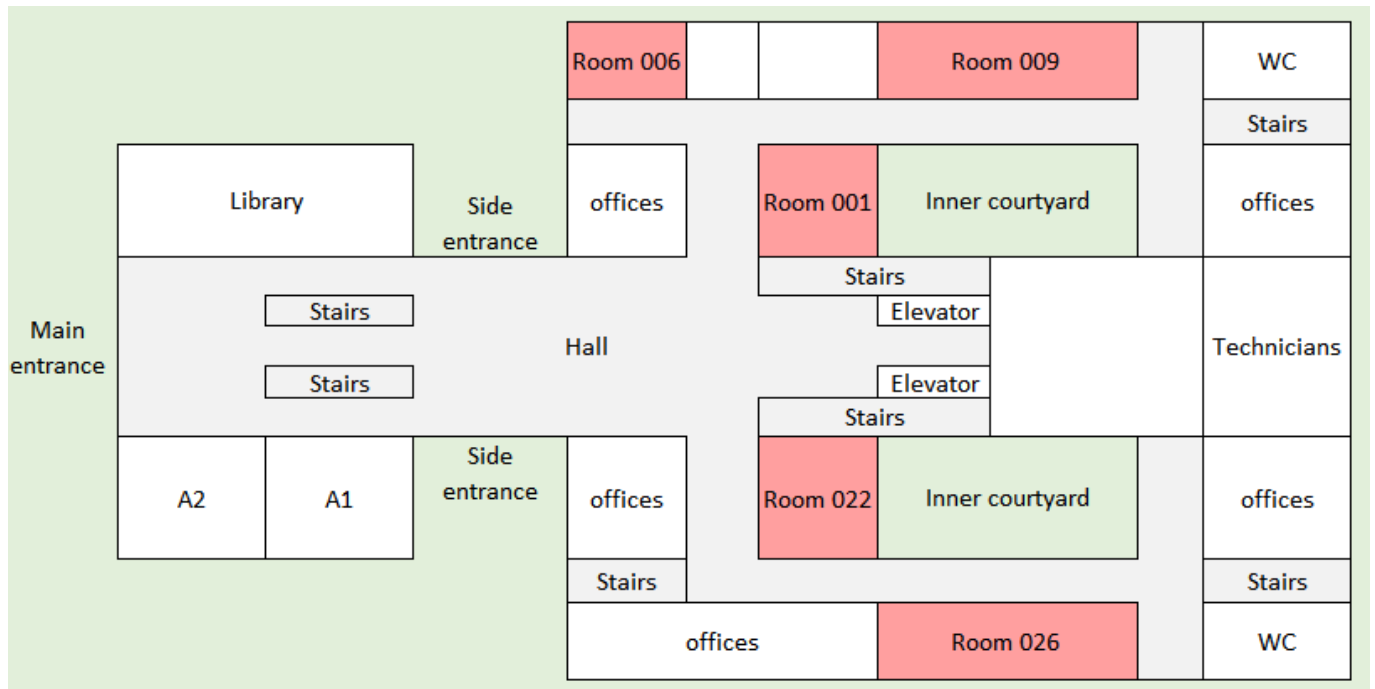
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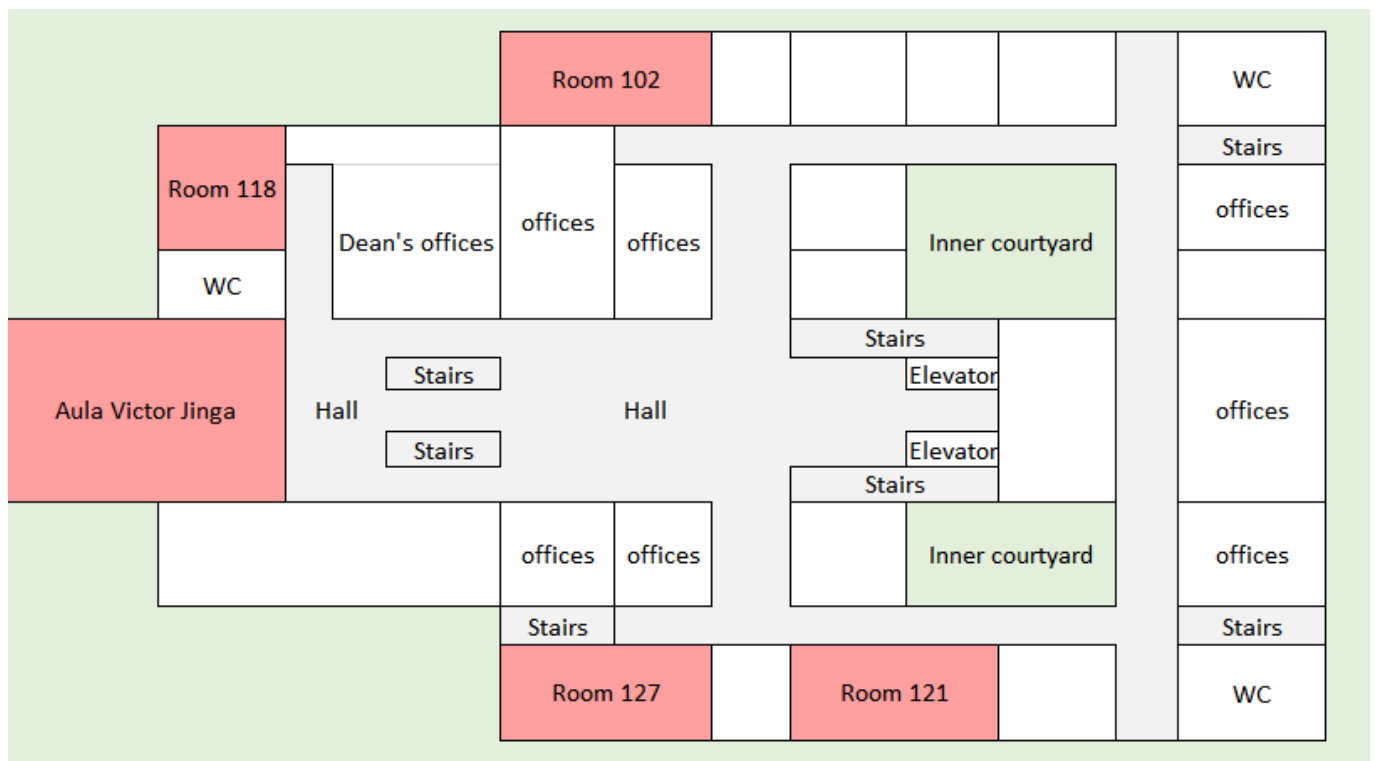
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A World of Flows - Labour Mobility, Capital and Knowledge in an Age of Global Reversal and Regional Revival

3rd – 6th June 2018, Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano, Switzerland

Abstract submission deadline: 23rd February 2018

In January 2017, the editorial of the 50th anniversary issue of *Regional Studies* launched – under the title “Global reversal, regional revival?” – a timely debate about regions and their development in a changing world where global trade and capital flows have been challenged. At the same time, *The Economist* presented evidence of capital flows shifting from foreign direct investments by multinational companies to new and more decentralised strategies such as an increasing focus on the establishment of national franchises, as well as the growing success of SMEs by means of utilizing e-commerce. New models of international business are emerging, and these have evolved in response to changing technologies, political shifts, the territorial awakening of some regions, and changing consumer demands – including calls for a more overt attempt to address sustainability and social justice at the national scale.

In this context, we need to better understand the nature and fabric of a footloose world. We know that transport and communication technologies continue to progress, information is ubiquitous and the data deluge is growing over time, while at the same time economically valuable knowledge continues to be sticky. On the one hand production factors remain highly mobile and this mobility is expressed in ways that are often unexpected, while on the other hand a rise of local culture and awareness, and tendencies towards increasing protectionism and nationalism is clearly observable. Nonetheless, migration pressures remain evident both within firms seeking new labour and amongst individuals seeking out a better life, capital investments continue to be borderless and the world of tourism booms.

The 2018 RSA Annual Conference aims to address processes of global reversal and regional revival, in a world dominated by flows of capital, labor, and knowledge. Further it seeks to understand the political, economic and social factors that initiate change and how these changes are finding new expressions as the world’s political and economic system continues to struggle with low rates of global economic growth, the rise of China as an economic super power, the on-going impacts of recession and austerity, and increasing levels of inequality.

To study and debate these and many other questions, we warmly invite the regional studies/science and connected communities to join us at the 2018 RSA Annual Conference in Lugano, Switzerland.

Conference themes

A. Innovation and knowledge economies	B. Spatial planning and infrastructure	C. Labour markets, migration and borders
D. Location and relocation of economic activities	E. Mobility, urban and rural development	F. Tourism, events and culture
G. Sustainability, climate change and environment	H. Regional development policy	I. Agglomeration, clusters and externalities
J. Smart specialisation and the evolution of regional economies	K. Regional well-being, ageing and demography	L. Urban and regional theory, methodology and data
M. Regional and international trade	N. Networks and regional development	O. Entrepreneurship, start-ups and business climate
P. Financial crisis, austerity and resilience	Q. Regional challenges in health and education	R. Territorial governance and institutions
S. Housing, inequality and social justice	T. Developing area studies	U. Leading Change in Cities, Regions and Contested Spaces
V. Industry policy and the transition to carbon-constrained development	W. The emergence of the BRIC economies	X. Governments, Governance and Metagovernance: The Politics and Policy of Regions

We welcome papers from all – academics, researchers, students, and those working in policy and practice. The event is inclusive and offers networking opportunities for all in our field.

The organisers welcome proposals for special sessions, themed workshops and innovative forms of networking and collaboration. If you would like to organise or offer a session to the conference, please contact Wanda Miczorek at wanda.miczorek@regionalstudies.org

Abstract Submission Details:

Please submit proposals for papers in the form of a 250-word abstract (text only) through the RSA conference portal by Friday **23rd February 2018**. Proposals will be considered by the Conference Programme Committee against the criteria of originality, interest and subject balance.

Academic Organiser: Prof. Rico Maggi, Istituto Ricerche Economiche IRE, Università della Svizzera italiana

RSA Organiser: Wanda Miczorek: wanda.miczorek@regionalstudies.org +44 (0)1273 698 017

More information at www.regionalstudies.org/conferences/conference/rsa-lugano-2017.

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Early Career Research Grant Scheme (EC)

This award is open to single applicants in their early career (five years maximum between the date shown on the PhD certificate and the application deadline). Applicants must be based within an eligible higher education institution and must be a current, early career member of the RSA and throughout the duration of the grant. Please note that applicants may join the RSA as members at the same time as applying for the grant.

Value: up to £10,000 (c. €11500; \$12,000)

Application deadline (Expression of Interest): May 2018

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The RSA Membership Research Grants are provided to support a discrete piece of regional studies and/or regional science research. This research funding scheme is intended primarily to provide opportunities for mid-career scholars who have already published in the field of regional studies and or science and who are current Individual members of the RSA. The award has a maximum time span of 18 months and reporting conditions apply.

Value: up to £5,000 (c. €5700; \$6000)

Application deadline (Expression of Interest): May 2018

Fellowship Research Grant Scheme (FeRSA)

This award is open to Fellows of the RSA only. RSA Fellows are members who have been continuous members for a minimum of 5 years and who have also been defined as "active members". This means that they have contributed to the life of the Association through serving on the Board or committees, have spoken at conferences, have applied for funding etc. All applicants are required to set out their dissemination plans not only through academic networks (e.g. conferences and publishing) but also to communities of policy and practice.

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Research Network Grant Scheme

RSA Research Networks are formed by RSA members interested in meeting to examine an issue that responds to the aims and goals of the Association and is of interest and concern to members of the Association as well as non-members. The issue needs not necessarily to have a direct policy focus but the examination would normally lead to policy related conclusions.

Value: up to £10,000 (c. €11500; \$12,000)

Next Application deadlines: September 2018

Policy Expo Grant Scheme

The Association has launched a new policy research initiative for teams to connect their work and wider communities to societal questions and policy needs. The Policy Expos will deliver a short form policy focussed and evidenced book for launch through the Association's membership benefits and wider book sales as well as an OA article in *Regional Studies*, *Regional Science*.

Value: up to £15,000 (c. €17000; \$18,000)

Application deadline: March 2018

Travel Grant

The RSA offers its members up to £500 towards travel costs when attending a non-RSA event. Recipients of the Travel Grant must be members of the Association at the time of the application, at the time of travel and claim. Non-members are encouraged to apply and join the RSA at the same time.

Value: up to £500 (c. €570; \$600)

2017 Application deadlines: 30th November 2017

RSA Awards 2017

Nominations (both self-nominations and third party nominations) of current members are being sought for the following awards in regional studies and related fields, which will be awarded by the RSA Award Committee in 2018.

Nathaniel Lichfield Award - the nominee must have graduated within the year

RSA PhD Student Award - the nominee has to be a registered PhD student who has not yet received their certificate

RSA Routledge Early Career Award - the nominee has to be an early career researcher within five years of the date on their PhD certificate or equivalent

Value: The prizes for each award are: £500 (c. €570; \$600) ; a certificate; up to £200 funds toward travel costs to attend the RSA President's Event.

Application deadline: May 2018



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Yannis Psycharis,
Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences,
Greece

I am very happy and honored that my application for the RSA Membership Research Grant has been successful! This grant will not only enable me to further my research, but also to enhance interaction, networking and collaboration opportunities with the Association and the Regional Studies community.



Donna Carmichael,
University of Birmingham, UK

The RSA Travel Grant provided me with financial support to enable me to attend an international conference in London where I was presenting a paper based on my PhD research into city branding. The conference was attended by delegates and speakers from all over the world, including Asia, Eastern Europe, Western Europe, Africa, North America and Australia. The opportunity to interact with scholars from a vast number of countries was phenomenal, and the contacts I made will be extremely valuable as I progress in my academic career.



Jennifer Clark,
Georgia Institute of Technology, USA

The Regional Studies Association's Research Network grants provide researchers with the opportunity to connect with colleagues across disciplines and countries and build comparative projects that expand the policy impact of our work in regional studies. Our RSA Research Network on Rethinking Manufacturing Policy resulted in a special issue of RSA's Regions as well as numerous other opportunities for publication and dissemination of our work. RSA Research Networks advance the field and move emerging research programs forward in a collaborative, comparative context.

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