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April eBulletin

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Dear members of the Regional Studies Association and the wider community,

Welcome to the April edition of the 2023 RSA eBulletin. Our [Annual Conference](#) is getting close now, with only seven weeks until we are in Ljubljana. It looks likely to be one of our biggest conferences yet. The [programme](#) is now online, so if you are attending, please do have a look and let us know if there is a session you would like to chair.

The [2023 RSA Publication Awards](#) for the best papers and referees have been held during April. You can find a list of the winners on our website, with links to the Award recordings. The RSA Awards celebrate all the hard work that authors and reviewers do, and I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all contributors to the RSA journals.

In other Publication news, [Regional Studies](#) is currently recruiting for a regular editor, with an application deadline of the 12th May. Please do share this opportunity with anyone you feel might be interested. [Regions eZine](#) also have a call for papers for Issue 15, Regional Development at a Time of Uncertainties, with a variety of subtopics which can be found in the [call](#).

In Funding updates, we are delighted to be able to announce the winners of the most recent round of [Early Career](#), [Membership \(MeRSA\) Research](#) and [Research Network](#) grants. Congratulations to the grant winners, and a reminder that the deadlines for the next tranche of applications for the [2023 RSA Early Career, Membership and Fellowship](#) grant applications are all due on the 10th May. It may be useful to know that RSA members have on-demand access to our Professional Development webinar archive in the members-only RSA Lounge, and this month, we are highlighting another bundle of professional development resources, on [Research Funding and Applications Resources](#).

5/23/2023

Heading into May, we have several [different events](#) scheduled, including free to attend webinars from the [Professional Development Series](#) , the [Regions Cities Industry Series](#) and the [CReST Series](#) . In-person events coming up later this year include the [Winter Conference](#) to be held in London, and the [2023 ANZRSAI/RSA Conference](#) , being held in Melbourne in November. Our territorial and Research networks have also several in-person events coming up. You can find out more details about all these [below](#) .

Following the successful first webinar of the [EU Commission's Joint Research Centre \(JRC\) Future of Cities Series](#), [RSA Europe](#) will deliver two further webinars in May and details of these can also be found in the RSA Europe section [below](#) .

The RSA continues to support our members and the broader regional studies community with many [membership benefits](#) , and if you have any questions or want to find out more about the RSA, [please do get in touch](#) .

Our [Opportunity](#) pages list current vacancies, PhD studentships and non-RSA events, and please do email [Alex](#) with any postings you think would be of interest to the wider regional studies community. If there is anything further you would like to see included in our eBulletin, [please do let us know](#) .

Professor Neil Lee
RSA Chair



RSA News

2023 Annual Conference



Only 7 weeks to go until the RSA Annual Conference and we have reached capacity for in-person attendance - it's going to be our biggest conference to date. You are still able to register to attend and present online, and if you are coming to the conference, we are still looking for people to chair sessions. The [programme](#) is now ready to view, so please do have a look and email [Nicola](#) if there is a session you would like to chair.

Please don't delay booking your accommodation and travel, as Ljubljana is a very busy city in June. We also have a few places left for some lovely [tours](#) , so please book your chance for some relaxation after the busy conference.

2023 RSA Publications Awards



We are delighted to be able to share the 2023 Publication Awards for our journals, eZine, Blog and books, and have held several online award ceremonies during April. The full list of winners and links to the recordings can be found [here](#) . Please visit the webpage and click the award title to watch the recording.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our authors and reviewers for all their hard work, all which contributes to making our journals so successful.

RSA Funding Updates

Newly awarded RSA Early Career Grants



We are very pleased to congratulate the new Early Career Grant holders for the 2022 round:

Paula Prenzel - *Staying in or Moving out? Quality of Life, Interregional Migration Decisions and Covid-19.*

Emma Ormerod - *(Re)Setting the Agenda: Investigating the Gendered Power-relations in the Leadership of Regional Development and Policy-making.*

Read the full story about their projects [here](#) . If you are interested in applying for a Early Career Research grant for the 2023 round, of up to £10,000 (c. \$13,300; c. €11,800), the application deadline for an Expression of Interest is the 10th May 2023. Find out more [here](#) .

Newly awarded RSA Membership (MeRSA) Grants



We are very pleased to congratulate the new MeRSA Grant holders for the 2022 round:

Paula Margaretic Huertas - *International Migration, Climate Change and Network Effects: A Worldwide Study.*

Simonetta Arondi - *Logistics City-Regions in Transition. New Spatial Imaginary?*

Read the full story and more about their projects [here](#) . If you are interested in applying for a MeRSA Research grant for the 2023 round, the application deadline for an Expression of Interest is the 10th May 2023. Find out more [here](#) .

New RSA Research Networks



We are very pleased to announce the new RSA Research Network Grant holders for the 2023 round. Congratulations goes to the new Research Networks on:

[Transformative Knowledge Regions \(TRAKR\)](#)

[Knowledge, Innovation and Regional Development in South America \(KIRDSA\)](#)

[Putting the 'Just' into Just Transitions for Cities & Regions](#)

[Peripheries and Peripherality \(EdgeNet\)](#)

We are also delighted to announce the renewal of the [Financial Geographies \(FinGeo\)](#) Research Network.

Click [here](#) to find out more about the projects and how you can get involved. Click [here](#) to read more about the research network scheme, including how to apply for the next round of funding – deadline is 26 October 2023.

Research Funding and Applications Resources



Are you considering applying for a research grant in 2023? As a micro-funder, the RSA has invested so far over £1 million into members' research. In the six short 'how to' best practice sessions below, we have brought together experienced research grant holders to share their top tips a) when applying for research funding, b) how to manage smaller and large funded research projects and c) when open access publishing is a condition of your research funding.

- Writing a winning grant application
- Grant award success – tips for your next application
- Managing a grant project
- Grants and funding: Managing funded research projects I
- Grants and funding: Managing funded research projects II
- Navigating the maze – your journey from grant funding to Open Access publishing

These sessions are all available on demand via the [RSA Members Lounge](#) (>Events on Demands > Professional Development Series). If you are not yet an RSA member, then now is a good time to join the community. Benefit from discounted conference fees, access journals, policy impact books, professional development resources, funding opportunities, discounts and much more.

For more details on benefits and rates, please see the relevant career-stage category at www.regionalstudies.org/about/memberships/ or get in touch with [Alex Holmes](#).

Grant Funding Deadlines

For information about each grant and eligibility requirements, please click the images below to visit the specific [grant pages](#). There are deadlines are coming up in May 2023, so be sure to have a look and apply soon.



The [Early Career Research Grant](#), of up to £10,000, is provided to support a discrete piece of regional studies and/or regional science research by individual applicants in their early career.

Application Deadline: 10 May 2023



The [MeRSA grant](#) of up to £5,000 aims to reward excellence and support outstanding individual researchers, primarily those who have already published in the field of regional studies and/or regional science.

Application Deadline: 10 May 2023



The [FeRSA grant](#) is provided to support a discrete piece of regional studies and/or regional science research, with a value of up to £7,500 for Fellows of the RSA.

Application Deadline: 10 May 2023



Awards

We are looking forward to the release of this year's Award winners for the Nathaniel Lichfield Recent Master's Award, the Paul Benneworth PhD Student Award and the RSA Routledge Early Career Award. More details will follow in the May edition. For more details of these awards, please click [here](#) .



Find all the calls for RSA journal Special Issue here:

<https://www.regionalstudies.org/publications/special-issues/>

Corporate Member Spotlight

Our RSA [Corporate members](#) include a range of institutions with broad remits, and we look forward to shining the spotlight on our Corporate members every month. This month, the spotlight is on the Friedrich Schiller Universität Jena Institut für Geographie.



For more information about the benefits associated with a Corporate membership, please see [here](#) .



Membership Benefit of the Month

Widen your networks with an RSA Membership
An RSA membership can help you can help you widen your networks -



- Link up with our [Territorial Networks](#)
- Work with [RSA-funded Research Networks](#)
- Join the RSA Women's Network on [Facebook](#) or our WhatsApp group
- Find contacts on the Expert Register
- Connect through the [RSA Hub app](#)
- Join our online community on [social media](#)

RSA members can get access to the Expert Register via the [RSA Lounge](#) . Please email [Alex](#) for more information about the Women's Network.

[Join our Membership Community](#)

Call for Member Testimonials

We are inviting our members to send us testimonials about their RSA membership. This will help us to demonstrate all the benefits that potential new members could enjoy too. Please do email [Alex](#) if you would like to share your motivation for joining, what opportunities your membership has brought you, or any memorable experiences that you have had during your membership.

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Support the work of the Regional Studies Association

We are a registered charity working with researchers and policymakers across all career stages and geographical regions in the field of regional studies and science. We believe that all voices should be heard, and we work hard to ensure our community is an inclusive and diverse environment in which to share and disseminate regional research. But we are a small charity with much work to do. Your support could make a real difference and allow us to continue to run free events, give research grants and awards and support the community.

If you would like to support the RSA, please consider joining us if you are not a member already or donating via the links below.

Join the RSA: www.regionalstudies.org/about/memberships

Donate to the RSA: www.justgiving.com/regionalstudiesassociation

For more information, please contact [Daniela](#) .

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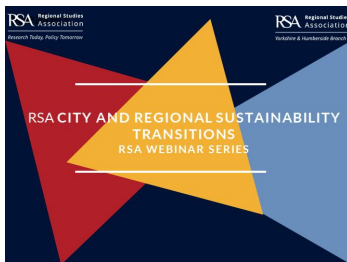
Forthcoming RSA Events



[Professional Development Webinar Series](#)

[Writing for Policymaker Audiences](#)

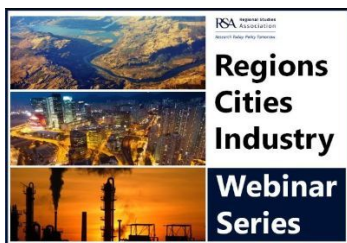
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[RSA City and Regional Sustainability Transitions Webinar Series](#)

[Innovation and Sustainability in China](#)

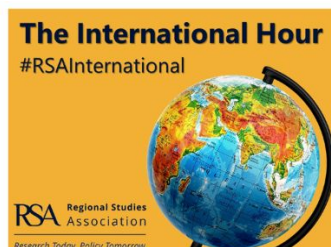
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[Regions, Cities, Industry Webinar Series](#)

[Policy Expo: Social Infrastructure and Local Development](#)

31 May 2023, 15.00 BST/16.00 CEST



[RSA International](#)

Switzerland

More information available soon.

September 2023



[2023 RSA Annual Conference](#)

Transforming Regions: Policies and Planning
for People and Places
Ljubljana, Slovenia
14 - 17 Jun 2023
[Register here](#)



[2023 RSA Winter Conference](#)

[Cities and Regions of Tomorrow: Towards
Better Regional Futures](#)
London, UK
09 - 10 Nov 2023
[Abstract submission](#) : 7th August 2023



[2023 ANZRS/AI/RSA Conference](#)

Global Crises and Regional Futures
Melbourne, Australia
26 - 28 Nov 2023
[Submit your abstract](#)

Network Events



[RSA North East Branch](#)

Place Leadership in Europe: Research
Seminar Series 2023-2025
10-12 May 2023
Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne
Find out more [here](#)



[RSA MiCaRD Network Practice and
Research Symposium](#)

Social service responses to migration
11-12 May 2023
Democritus University of Thrace, Greece
[Register here](#)



[RSA Scotland Section](#)

Developing and implementing inclusive
economies through Community Wealth
Building
20 Jun 2023, 09.30 – 13:00 BST
Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland
[Register here](#)



News & Events

JRC Webinar Series: *Future of Cities*



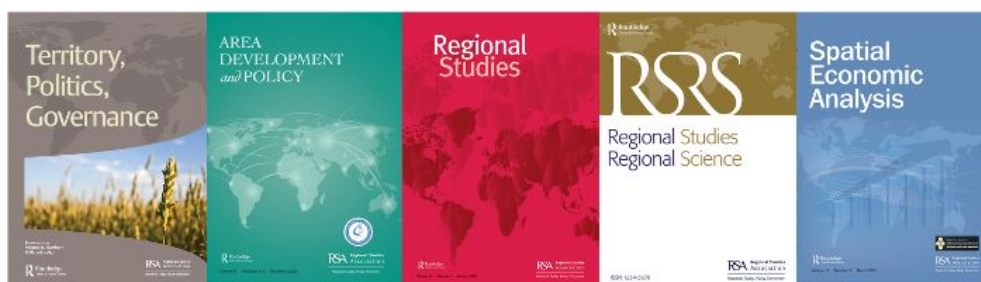
[EU Commission's Joint Research Centre \(JRC\) Webinar Series](#)

[Cities fit for the digital age](#)

25 May 2023, 13.30 BST/ 14.30 CEST

[Shrinking Cities](#)

31 May 2023, 13.30 BST/ 14.30 CEST



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. For assistance in accessing articles online, please click [here](#) .

20% discount on Membership fees for journal authors

Within the journal listings below, you can watch the recordings for the [2023 Journal and Publications awards](#). We would like to congratulate and thank the winners for their contributions and refereeing work.

Recruiting for Regular Editor: Regional Studies

A new Regional Studies Editor is called on to support the existing team of Editors in managing the peer review of general submissions in their area of expertise, enhancing the journal's reputation as a world-leading publication in the field of regional studies, and ensuring that it is in a position to attract the best authors and papers for its readership. Find out more [here](#) .
Closing date: 5PM (BST), Friday 12th May 2023

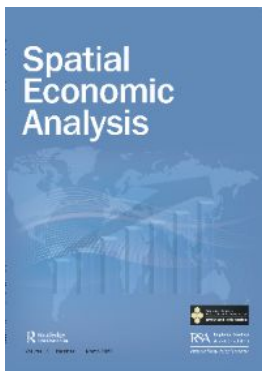


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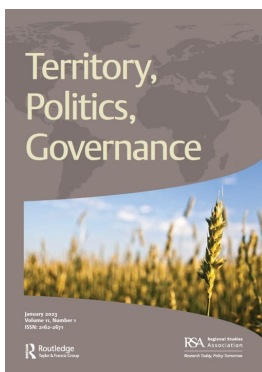
See the current CfP for a Special Issue on [Understanding interregional flows in a global economy](#)



[Spatial Economic Analysis](#)

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[Regional Studies, Regional Science](#) (Open Access)

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CfP Special Article Collection: [Subnational and regional housing systems after the pandemic: understanding the post Covid implications of property investment and housing](#)

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[Area Development and Policy](#)

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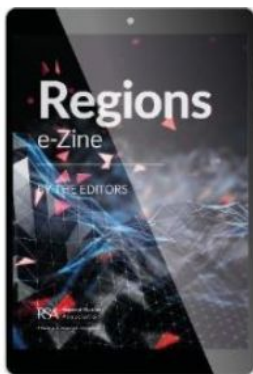
Details for the Co-Editor-in-Chief, Area Development and Policy opportunity [here](#) .



[RSA Policy Impact Books](#)

We are anticipating the release of the forthcoming Policy Expo book *Social Infrastructure and Local Development*. Find out more about the research [here](#) . You can register for the Policy Expo webinar on Social Infrastructure and Local Development (31st May, 15:00 BST) [here](#) .

Print copies of our Policy Expo books are sent to all RSA members as a membership benefit.



[Regions eZine](#) (Open Access)

CfP: [Issue 15 Global economic uncertainties and the challenges for structurally weak regions](#)

The editors invite submissions on the impact of global economic uncertainties and challenges facing structurally weak regions, with subtopics including:

- technology and automation
- globalisation and international trade
- climate change and environmental degradation
- government policies, social entrepreneurship and impact investing
- financial inclusion
- geopolitical changes
- the potential of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to promote economic development and social justice in Africa.

Deadline 14 May 2023. Guidelines can be found [here](#) .
Email [Alex](#) if you are interested in submitting an article.



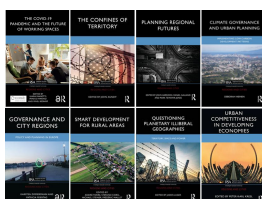
[RSA Blog](#)

[Building better living environments for older adults in rural Europe](#) by *Blandine Camus*.

Published 20 April 2023

[Is London's Productivity Slowdown Changing the UK's Regional Problem?](#) by *Ron Martin & Peter Sunley*. Published 12 April 2023

Do you want to write for the RSA Blog? Find the guidelines [here](#) . Get 5% off membership fees if you write an RSA Blog. Email [Alex](#) for more details.



[Regions and Cities Book Series](#)

If you are interested in writing a book for the Regions and Cities or want to discuss a book proposal, please visit the [Routledge](#) page.

RSA Opportunities

The [RSA Opportunities pages](#) list a variety of international vacancies, PhD studentships and non-RSA events across a range of disciplines. If you would like to include a listing on our website, please email [Alex](#) .

[35th International Geographical Congress](#) , Dublin, Ireland, 23-30 August, 2024

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If there is any news you would like us to share with the RSA Community please get in touch with Alex (lex.holmes@regionalstudies.org) .

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