



# Regional Studies Association E-Bulletin

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Welcome to the **RSA E-Bulletin**. Here you can find the latest information on forthcoming RSA (and non-RSA) events and conferences, Research Networks and International Territorial Networks meetings, research funding opportunities, and much more.



## What's new?

The RSA is glad to welcome four new [RSA Ambassadors](#):

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## Awards & Funding Opportunities

**Apply now!**

### **RSA Event Support Scheme**

Apply now for up to £1000 towards helping you set up and run your event.

### **RSA Travel Awards**

Apply now for up to £400 funding towards your travel costs to attend a non RSA event on regional studies.

### **Early Career Award and the Nathaniel Lichfield Award**

(Taught Master)

Nominations are being sought.

**Deadline is June 30th 2011.**

### **Research Networks**

**Award of up to £3000!**

Excellent opportunity to organise research and develop interest and discussion around the field of regional studies.

**Next deadline for application is 19th August 2011**

## RSA Events

- **Presidents Event 2011**  
7th October 2011, Foreman's Fish Island, 2012 Olympic Site, London.  
There is no fee to register attendance at this event and invitation to this event is for current members only. Membership status will be checked. If you would like to register to attend and you are not a member, please use [this link](#) to join the Association  
[Register now](#)
- **Localism: Sufficient and fit for purpose?**  
Regional Studies Association One Day Conference  
3rd November 2011, University of Manchester Conference Centre, Manchester, UK  
[Call for Papers](#)  
[Register now](#)
- **Contested Regions: Territorial Politics and Policy**  
Regional Studies Association One Day Winter Conference  
25th November 2011, London, UK  
[Call for Papers](#)  
[Register now](#)
- **Networked regions and cities in times of fragmentation: developing smart, sustainable and inclusive places**

Regional Studies Association European Conference 2012  
13th - 16th May 2012, Delft University of Technology, Delft, The Netherlands

[Call for Papers](#)

- [Sustaining Regional Futures](#)  
Regional Studies Association Global Conference 2012  
24th - 27th June 2012, Beijing, China  
[Call for Papers](#)

## RSA Research Networks Events

- [Research Network on Geographies of Finance and Post-Socialist Transformations, 1st Seminar](#)  
Date: 5th September 2011  
Venue: Queen Mary, University of London, London  
[More info](#)
- [Mega-Events & Regional Development: Theories & Methodologies](#)  
Date: 7th September 2011  
Venue: University of Maastricht, The Netherlands  
To learn more write to: Graeme Evans [g.evans@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto:g.evans@londonmet.ac.uk)  
[Programme](#)
- [Creative industries in the periphery](#)  
[Creative regions in Central and Eastern Europe: challenges and opportunities](#)  
Second Research Seminar  
Dates: 21st – 22nd September 2011  
Venue: Institute of Socio-Economic Geography and Spatial Management, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland  
**Extended deadline to submit your abstract: 28th June 2011**  
**Deadline for registration: 20th August 2011**  
[Call for Papers](#)
- [The impact of global economic crisis on capital cities](#)  
Date: 23rd September 2011  
Venue: Warsaw University, Poland  
[Research network briefing](#)  
Click for [More info](#) or write to: Olga Mrinska, [omrinska@gmail.com](mailto:omrinska@gmail.com), or  
Maciej Smetkowski, [mismetkowski@uw.edu.pl](mailto:mismetkowski@uw.edu.pl)
- [Policy implications for knowledge intensive business services \(KIBS\) and innovation in regions in a globalised economy](#)  
Regional Geographies of KIBS, Third Research Seminar  
Dates: 14th – 15th October 2011  
Venue: Research Centre for Spatial and Organizational Dynamics at the University of Algarve, Faro, Portugal  
[Call for papers](#)

## Other Events

- [Re-Imagining Place Leadership for the 21st Century – Your toolkit for effective Leadership](#)  
University of Birmingham Leadership Learning Programme - Hosted by the Birmingham Business School  
Date: 4th – 7th July 2011  
Venue: Lucas House Conference Park, University of Birmingham Campus, UK  
[Programme](#)
- [Securing smart, sustainable and inclusive growth for the new Europe, The Europe 2020 Agenda and its implications](#)  
An Aston Centre for Europe Conference, The “New EU Agenda” series 2011  
Date: 7th July 2011  
Venue: The Lakeside Conference Centre, Aston University Campus, Birmingham.  
Attendance is free, however, as space is limited, please register in advance at [europa@aston.ac.uk](mailto:europa@aston.ac.uk)  
Click for [More info](#)
- [COST Strategic Workshop "Safeguard of Cultural Heritage: A Challenge from the Past for the Europe of Tomorrow"](#)  
Date: 11th-13th July 2011  
Venue : University of Florence, Florence, Italy  
Click for [More info](#) or write to Antje Teegler, [antje.teegler@cost.eu](mailto:antje.teegler@cost.eu)
- [Sustainable Development and Sustainable Universities](#)  
International Summer School organized by Kaposvár University

Dates: 4th – 16th August 2011  
Venue: Kaposvár University, Hungary  
[Programme](#)

- *Irish Regions in the Smart Economy*  
One Day Conference  
Date: 12th September 2011  
Venue: Renehan Hall, NUI Maynooth, Ireland  
For more info write to Chris Van Egeraat [Chris.VanEgeraat@nuim.ie](mailto:Chris.VanEgeraat@nuim.ie)  
[Programme](#)  
Click [here](#) to register online
- *UNICA International Conference: Cities and their Universities for the Creation of Knowledge and Innovation*  
Dates: 25th – 27th September 2011  
Venue: University Of Warsaw, Old Library ul. Krakowskie Przedmiescie 26/28 Warsaw, Poland  
Click for [More info](#) or write to Dr Agnieszka Olechnicka  
[a.olechnicka@uw.edu.pl](mailto:a.olechnicka@uw.edu.pl)  
**Deadline to submit your abstract: 1st July 2011**
- *ISBE 2011 Conference: Sustainable futures: Enterprising Landscapes and Communities*  
Dates: 9th - 10th November 2011  
Venue: The Octagon Centre, Sheffield University campus, Sheffield  
Click for [More info](#)
- *Inequality and Regional Growth and Cohesion*  
2011 Barcelona Workshop on Regional and Urban Economics  
Barcelona,  
Dates: 24th – 25th November 2011  
Venue: Faculty of Economics and Management, University of Barcelona  
[Call for papers](#)
- *SLNIW 2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: Entrepreneurial Networking and Learning within Regional Economies*  
Dates: 07th – 08th December 2011  
Venue: Waterford Institute of Technology, Cork Road, Waterford, Ireland  
Click for [More info](#)

## Announcements

### *Three Year Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship in Economic Geography*

The Department of Social and Economic Geography & the Centre for research on Innovation and Industrial Dynamics at Uppsala University invites applications for a 3-year full-time post-doctoral research position to join its active and international economic geography group. Click for [More info](#).

### *Postgraduate Programmes in Local and Regional Development*

The Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies (CURDS), Newcastle University, has two postgraduate programmes that connect directly with this emerging local and regional agenda:

- MA, Diploma and Certificate in Regional Development
- MA in Regional Development (Research) (ESRC-recognised)

The courses aim:

- to provide knowledge and understanding of contemporary local and regional development and governance theory, policy and practice in an international context
- to develop the practical skills and capabilities required to engage, research and participate in the emergent local and regional development agenda
- to achieve a relevant postgraduate qualification in Local and Regional Development at MA, Diploma or Certificate level.

Course modules include: Local and Regional Development Theory and Policy; Local and Regional Development and Governance; Local and Regional Perspectives on the Knowledge Society; Local and Regional Development; Methodology, Analysis and Statistics; Developing Local and Regional Strategies; Labour Markets, Skills and Training and the Research Dissertation.

The Local and Regional Development programme (MA, Diploma and Certificate) has been validated by the Institute of Economic Development (IED) <http://www.ied.co.uk/>

Further details are available at <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/curds/postgrad/>

The CURDS MA programme podcast is at: <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/gps/about/openday/geography/video/pike.html>

## Editor's corner: Call for papers

*Call for papers: Local Economy Special Issue [Vol. 26.6 - Autumn 2012]*

'Low carbon mobility: opportunities and challenges for local and regional economic development' Guest Editors Dr Nigel Berkeley (n.berkeley@coventry.ac.uk) and Dr David Jarvis (d.jarvis@coventry.ac.uk), Coventry University  
For a copy of the call specification please contact the Guest Editors directly.

*Call for Papers: Special issue of Journal of International Business Studies on The Multinational in Geographic Space.*

The deadline for the receipt of papers for this special issue is 18th November 2011.

[Call for papers](#)

*Call for Papers: Special Issue of Regional Studies on*

*Enterprise and Entrepreneurship in Different Regional Environments*, edited by Michael Fritsch and David Storey

Recent empirical research has produced clear evidence that new and small firms can be a key contributor to job creation but that this contribution varies spatially. It is also clear that entrepreneurship is a local event with the vast majority of new firms starting in the geographical area in which the founder lives, works or was born. For these reasons, enterprise and entrepreneurship is of strong interest to policy-makers at the national, regional and local level and a range of policies have been developed to enhance enterprise at these spatial levels.

Despite the policy experimentation that has taken place over the decades, the implications remain a matter of debate. Questions remain such as whether the focus of policy should be upon certain types of new firms (e.g. gazelles); the most cost-effective ways of achieving policy outcomes; the role of social as well as economic considerations in enterprise policy; the local, regional and national circumstances that influence policy decisions; etc.

In 2014 a special issue of *Regional Studies* plans to publish a set of original papers on these issues covering topics such as:

- The impact of high-quality start-ups on regional development
- Regional industry structure and the effect of new business formation on development
- Entrepreneurship and regional development in different national settings (LDCs, transition countries, BRICs, etc.)
- The scope of entrepreneurship policy at a regional level (e.g. regional finance)
- The link between entrepreneurship and social policy

The 2014 special issue would follow previous special issues of *Regional Studies* on regional entrepreneurship published in 1984, 1994, and 2004.

In keeping with the earlier special issues we would expect the 2014 papers to make both a major scholarly contribution to knowledge and to better inform the policy debate.

*Procedure:*

- We invite extended abstracts (no more than 800 words) of potential contributions before *November 30<sup>th</sup> 2011*. Abstracts should be e-mailed to both editors ([m.fritsch@uni-jena.de](mailto:m.fritsch@uni-jena.de); [D.J.Storey@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:D.J.Storey@sussex.ac.uk)).
- Based on these abstracts the editors will select those submissions that they invite to produce a full paper. Authors will be informed on or before *February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012*.

The full paper has to be submitted before *July 1<sup>st</sup> 2012*. All papers will be double blind refereed by at least two experts.