



PRESS RELEASE:

The Regional Studies Association President's event: celebrating excellence in the field of regional studies

On Friday 7th October 2011, members and partners of the Regional studies Association (RSA) gathered at Forman's Fish Island for the 2011 President's event to celebrate excellence in the field of regional studies.

At the prestigious event, academics and practitioners from around the world watched smoked salmon being elegantly pin-boned and carved by Darren Matson (the Guinness World Record holder) and admired works by contemporary local artists.

Sir Peter Hall, President of the Regional Studies Association, awarded very promising young scholars for their academic achievements and contribution to the field. Among others, Peter Knight, (University of Southampton) was awarded with the *Nathaniel Lichfield Award* for his masters dissertation - '*Investigating Eastleigh as a case of small town cultural and creative regeneration in the UK*'. Cheryl Butler, representative of Eastleigh Borough Council joined the event in London to congratulate with Peter on his achievement.



From the left: David Bailey, Paolo Veneri, Sally Hardy, Sir Peter Hall, John Harrison, Peter Knights, Pedro Amaral

The *Routledge Award for Early Career Excellence 2011* was awarded to Paolo Veneri, Università Politecnica Delle Marche, Italy for his piece '*Urban polycentricity and the costs of commuting: Evidence from Italian metropolitan areas*' and John Harrison, Loughborough University, for his piece '*Configuring the new 'regional world': On being caught between territory and networks*'.





The amazing view over the 2012 Olympic Stadium was the perfect venue for the post luncheon presentation by Jane Sherwood – Head of Economic Regeneration, London Borough of Newham – on the regeneration experience of Newman and its community.

The celebration included the announcement of the opening of the new RSA project office in Los Angeles, the launch of the new RSA Early Career grant scheme for up to £10,000, and the call for expression of interest for the new RSA journal *Territory, Politics, Governance*, which will be launched in 2013, just to mention three of the latest achievements in the Regional Studies Association success story.

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INFO FOR EDITORS: Founded in 1965, the Regional Studies Association (RSA) is the leading international learned society in the field of regional studies, providing an authoritative voice of and network for academics, students, practitioners and policy makers working in regional studies. The association provides and promotes a rich mix of opportunities for building collaborations and knowledge exchange. It supports and funds research and its dissemination, including the publication of two international journal *Regional Studies* and *Spatial Economic Analysis*, two magazines *Regions* and *Regional Insights*, and *Regions and Cities* book series.

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