

Contested Regions: Territorial Politics and Policy

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PROGRAMME:

- 08:30 Coffee and registration
- 09:00 Introduction and welcome
David Bailey, Chair, Regional Studies Association
- Plenary session 1 (Seminar Rooms 2 & 3)**
Chair: David Bailey
- 09:05 **Suburban governance and the regional question: the Canadian perspective**
Professor Roger Keil, York University, Canada
- 09:35 **Spaces of collective provision: 'old' territorial politics in the 'new' economy**
Professor Andy Jonas, University of Hull, UK
- 10:05 **Regional complexity, governance and the region – problematizing 'thick' and 'thin' territories**
Professor Anssi Paasi, Academy of Finland and University of Oulu, Finland
- 10:35 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Morning workshops start**
- 13:00 Lunch
- 13:45 **Afternoon workshops start**
- 15:45 Coffee break
- Plenary session 2 (Seminar Rooms 2 & 3)**
Chair: David Bailey
- 16:05 **Political geographies and the public realm**
Professor Kevin Morgan, Cardiff University, UK
- 16:35 **Relational approaches to regions and the place of politics**
Professor Allan Cochrane, Open University, UK
- 17:00 Close



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Morning Workshops—11:00hrs-13:00hrs

Room: Meeting Room 1

Multi-channel eGovernance: The EGOV4U project

Chair: Derek Jan Fikkers

- **Multi-channel governance and electronic democracy**
Dr Les Budd, Dr Ivan Horrocks, Open University, UK
- **The role of technology in shaping socio-technical spaces**
Dr Shailey Minocha, Dr Steve Walker, Open University, UK
- **What gets measured gets evaluated and what gets evaluated gets measured: EGOV4U**
Anthony Meehan, Mike Grimsley, Open University, UK

Room: Meeting room 2

Remapping city-regions: The politics of defining, designating, delimiting

Chair: John Harrison

- **An overview and critical assessment of methods for identifying functional areas of metropolitan cities in Poland**
Dr Maciej Turala, Dr Justyna Danielewicz, University of Lodz, Poland
- **From cities de jure to cities de facto: remapping the Italian urban system**
Professor Antonio G. Calafati, Dr Paolo Veneri, Marche Polytechnic University, Italy
- **Screening regions? Yes. But mapping them? No way! The Flemish government's strategy for a successful policy of internal state reform**
Professor Ellen Wayenberg, University College Ghent and Ghent University, Belgium
- **New challenges for a border region and its metropolitan area at the beginning of the new French territorial reform. The case of Lorraine and its metropolitan area Metz-Nancy in the Greater Region**
Dr Marie-France Gaunard-Anderson, University of Metz, France

Room: Meeting Room 3

Assembling regions: Spatiality, practice, performativity

Chair: Gill Bentley

- **Understanding city regional governance – the integration of 'space' into governance theory**
Dr Alexander Hamedinger, Vienna University of Technology, Austria
- **The maritime Öresund region: planning and living the Swedish-Danish border area**
Professor Markus Idvall, Lund University, Sweden
- **Evolving spatial imaginations and European innovation policies**
Dr Arnoud Lagendijk, Dr Krisztina Varro, Radboud University, Netherlands

Room: Meeting Room 4

Regional divides and territorial politics

Chair: Mikel Navarro

- **What evidence of economic convergence among EU regions?**
Emmanouil Chatzigiannis, Evangelia Desli, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
- **Regional disparities and regional growth and development policies. Challenges for Romania in the context of economic crisis and European integration**
Professor Anca Otilia Dodescu, University of Oradea, Romania
- **Inter-regional income differences in Ireland: real or perceived regional divides?**
Dr Micheal Collins, Sanna Nivakiski, Trinity College, Ireland
- **The evaluation of policies to implement innovative networks: the case of Italy**
Dr Carlo Capuano, Professor Alfredo Del Monte, University of Naples Federico II, Italy

Room: Meeting Room 5

Territorial politics of innovation 1: Labour, industry and regions

Chair: Ron McQuaid

- **Science policy and regional policy: resolving tensions and building regional capacity**
Dr Stephen Little, The Open University Business School, UK, Professor Thomas Kaiserfeld, University of Lund, Sweden
- **Networking regionalised innovative labour markets**
Professor Ulrich Hilpert, Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena, Germany, Professor Helen Lawton Smith, Birkbeck University London, UK
- **Divergent patterns of metropolitan economies: does advanced manufacturing matter?**
Alexander Nagler, Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena, Germany
- **Medium-tech manufacturing: opportunities for non-metropolitan areas. Empirical evidence from the rubber and plastics industry in Thuringia**
Stefan Kunte, Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena, Germany

Room: Seminar Room 2

Transborder regional cooperation

Chair: Andrew Beer

- **Fragmented politics and collaborative action: EU macro-regions and US mega-regions**
Dr Stefanie Dühr, Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands
- **Europe's changing geography: the impact of trans-regional cooperation**
Professor Nicola Bellini, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Italy, Dr Ulrich Hilpert, Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena, Germany
- **Key challenges for the future of cross-border regions**
Dr Beatrix Haselsberger, Vienna University of Technology, Austria
- **Transborder region co-operation programmes in Latvia. Structure, opportunity and challenges of development**
Dr Janis Balodis, University of Latvia, Latvia

Room: Seminar Room 3

State space, spatial planning and territorial politics 1

Chair: Simon Pemberton

- **Regionalism and state space: state rescaling in South Korea, 1960s**
Dr Dong-Wan Kim, the Bartlett School of Planning, University College London, UK
- **Territorial cohesion by supra-regional urban-rural partnerships. Exploration of different forms of cooperation between metropolitan cores and peripheral regions, the cases of the city of Amsterdam and the metropolitan region of Hamburg**
Professor Joerg Knieling, Juliane Kuerschner, HafenCity University Hamburg, Germany
- **Lisbon metropolitan area: Competitiveness and governance**
Regina Salvador, New University of Lisbon, Portugal

Room: Conference Hall

The politics of local and regional economic performance

Chair: Jesse Heley

- **Rebalancing the economy? The politics of local and regional development in England**
Professor Andy Pike, Professor John Tomaney, Professor Mike Coombes, Anja McCarthy, Newcastle University, UK
- **Rebalancing the Portuguese economy: the limits of territorial politics**
Dr Mário Vále, IGOT - University of Lisbon, Portugal
- **Reconsidering private sector engagement in subnational economic policy: the case of the city growth strategy**
Professor Stephen Syrett, Middlesex University, UK, Dr Marcello Bertotti, University of East London, UK
- **Assessing local economic performance: additional insights from concentric banding**
Dr Michael Nolan, Dr Michael Reynolds, Dr Stephen Trotter, University of Hull, UK

Afternoon Workshops—13:45hrs-15:45hrs

Room: Meeting Room 1

The politics of local and regional infrastructure

Chair: Mario Valé

- ***The introduction of local infrastructure delivery planning in England since 2007 – the contested spaces of MLG***
Professor Janice Morphet, Bartlett School of Planning, University College London, UK
- ***Funding local infrastructure – the problems of agreeing road pricing***
Professor Ronald McQuaid, Edinburgh Napier University, UK
- ***Regional broadband infrastructures: exploring the nine pitfalls***
Dr Derek Jan Fickers, Technopolis Group, Netherlands
- ***The political determinants of the regional allocation of public infrastructure investment***
Yannis Psycharis, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens, Greece, Andrés Rodríguez-pose, London School of Economics, UK, Dr Vassilis Tselios, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Room: Meeting Room 2

'New localism' and territorial politics

Chair: Arnoud Lagendijk

- ***New governance spaces, new power regions? The case of English local enterprise partnerships***
Dr Crispian Fuller, Aston University, UK
- ***From RDAs to LEPs: a new localism doomed to failure?***
Gill Bentley, University of Birmingham, UK
- ***Shrinking cities? Market based urban policy and the North-South divide in the UK***
Dr Neil Lee, The Work Foundation, UK

Room: Meeting Room 3

New sites of urban-regional contestation

Chair: Krisztina Varro

- ***Contested regionalism and the politics of regional economic development strategies in Northern Ontario, Canada***
Heather Hall, Queens University, Canada
- ***Contested spatial development in the city-region of The Hague, The Netherlands: a peri-urban perspective***
Stefan Hartman, University of Groningen, Netherlands
- ***Urban-suburban relations in Polish metropolitan areas. Between conflict and cooperation***
Dr Lukasz Mikula, Professor Tomasz Kaczmarek, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland
- ***Contested metropolitics***
Dr Gordon MacLeod, Durham University, UK

Room: Meeting Room 4

Social ecology and environment politics: Towards a green metropolis?

Chair: Nicola Bellini

- ***The city-region: a contested collective action-frame – the ambiguous movement against new car infrastructures in the Rotterdam – The Hague region, Netherlands***
Sophie Leblanc-Van Neste, University INRS-Centre Urbanisation, Culture, Society, Canada
- ***Eco-system values and urban ecology for a new sustainable and competitive emergent cities: a comparative analysis***
Professor Luciano Pilotti, Professor Alessandra Tedeschi Toschi, Dr Roberta Apa, University of Milan, Italy, Professor Richard Fontaine, University of Quebec in Montreal, Canada
- ***Towards a green metropolis: the social ecology and politics of Australian urban development***
Professor Andrew Beer, Emma Baker, University of Adelaide, Australia
- ***Regional cooperation across borders: global environmental paradiplomacy in the state of São Paulo***
Joana Setzer, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

Room: Meeting Room 5

Territorial politics of innovation 2: Smart growth strategies

Chair: Ulrich Hilpert

- **Defining territorial strategy: the case of the Basque country**
Dr Mari Jose Aranguren, Eurne Magro, Dr Mikel Navarro, Orkestra-University of Deusto, Spain
- **Understanding multi-level approaches to regional policy implementation: the research design challenge**
Dr Hans Chr Garmann Johnsen, Roger Normann, University of Agder, Norway
- **'Smart specialisation' strategies in Flanders: lessons from sub-regional actors**
Dr Ties Vanthillo, Professor Paul Matthyssens, Professor Thierry Vanellander, Professor Ann Verhetsel, University of Antwerp, Belgium
- **Fishing for inhabitants: interregional competition in local housing policy**
Dr Karsten Rusche, ILS - Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development, Germany
- **The spatial aspects of manufacturing transformation in the Russian regions in the 1990-2000s**
Igor Pilipenko, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russian Federation

Room: Seminar Room 2

Regional Justice: Development, welfare, quality of life

Chair: Stefanie Dühr

- **Contested regions in remapping Romania's regionalisation. Do economic aspects matter?**
Lavinia Florentina Chirila, Dr Anca Otilia Dodescu, University of Oradea, Romania
- **Alignment of local place life quality improvement with regional economic development strategies**
Egidijus Rybakovas, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania
- **Human and territorial development approaches: similarities, differences and integration**
Susana Suárez, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico
- **Fiscal decentralisation and territorial justice**
Soonjo Hwang, University of Sheffield, UK

Room: Seminar Room 3

State space, spatial planning and territorial politics 2

Chair: Stephen Syrett

- **Creating city-region governance structures in a dysfunctional polity: the sad story of Ireland's national spatial strategy**
Dr Proinnsias Breathnach, National University of Ireland, Ireland
- **The revival of regionalism? A multi-scalar approach to the reconfiguration of public service delivery**
Dr Jesse Heley, Dr Ian Stafford, Wales Institute of Social & Economic Research, Data & Methods, UK
- **Exploring the changing governance of London –the politics of state rescaling, scale periodization and local political strategy**
Dr Simon Pemberton, University of Birmingham, UK

Room: Conference Hall

Conceptualizing regions

Chair: Andy Pike

- **From places to flows? Planning for the new 'regional world' in Germany**
Dr John Harrison, Anna Growe, Loughborough University, UK
- **(Still) at the margins in the centre of Europe: the stakes of relational thinking for a border region**
Dr Krisztina Varro, Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands
- **The territorial antinomies of UK devolution**
Professor Martin Jones, University of Aberystwyth, UK,
Dr Gordon MacLeod, University of Durham, UK
- **Metropolitanisation of 'the regional': moving towards 'post-regionalism'**
Dr Tassilo Herrschel, University of Westminster, UK