

“Exiting the Crises: Regional Development Priorities for the Post Recession Economy”

Regional Studies Association (RSA) Welsh International Section Event:

Monday December 7th 2009

Location :Glamorgan Building, Cardiff University: Committee Rooms 1 & 2.

The second half of 2009 has seen several major world economies announcing a return to growth and a limited recovery in economic prospects. Nevertheless, the recession has hit the Welsh economy particularly hard, seeing a further shake-out in manufacturing, together with losses in what were previously faster growing service sectors. In exiting from recession, Wales therefore faces several new challenges. Not least of these are the impacts of reductions in spending in the public sector, and the challenge to channel new public and private investment to some of the most needy parts of the local economy.

This one day seminar supported by the Regional Studies Association and hosted by the Welsh branch provides an opportunity to take stock of prospects for the regional economy, and address some key issues going forward that affect the growth profile of Wales. The seminar seeks to bring together those from the policymaking, academic and business community to discuss these issues.

Key themes addressed during the day include:

- Current prospects for the regional economy
- Responses: Creativity and Innovation
- Building resilience in the Welsh economy
- SMEs and the Welsh recovery?
- Prospects for the Welsh public sector after 2010
- Local policy responses to the crisis
- Sustainability: the energy sector in regional futures

The event is supported by Regional Studies Association, Cardiff University, ESRC Centre for Business Relationships Accountability Sustainability and Society, University of Glamorgan and University of Wales Institute Cardiff.

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