

# Regional Studies Association



*Joint conference of the South West England and Wales Branches\**  
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## **Employment or Growth: Theory, Evidence and Policy Choices**

### **Call for Papers**

The South West England and Wales Branches of the Regional Studies Association are pleased to announce their joint conference. This new initiative is designed to facilitate and stimulate dialogue between policy makers and academics in an attempt to identify ways to enhance and improve understanding of the workings of our economies and to make the regions better places to live. The Branches are interdisciplinary and welcome contributions from geographers, planners and economists from government, academics, and independent bodies as well as other interested parties.

We invite submissions of abstracts. Although some conference themes are listed below, quality papers in all policy related areas that are relevant to our economies (very broadly defined) are welcome.

- Affordable housing
- Growth and agglomeration
- Impacts of creative industries
- Energy and low carbon futures
- Access to markets and services
- Innovation and competitiveness
- Spatial productivity disparities
- Low wages and high prices
- Sustainable communities
- Education geographies

Abstracts of approximately 250 words should be submitted **by e-mail** to the Chair of the South West Branch at the address below as soon as possible and by **March 12<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the very latest**. Authors will be notified of the committee's decision at the end March 2012.

For any further information regarding the conference, please contact the SW Branch Chair: Professor Don Webber, Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance, Bristol Business School, *University of the West of England*, Bristol, BS16 1QY. E-mail: [Don.Webber@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Don.Webber@uwe.ac.uk). Tel: 0117 32 83416.

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