

## SCOTTISH BRANCH EDITS SPECIAL EDITION OF SCOTTISH AFFAIRS BASED ON SCOTTISH-IRISH BRANCH CONFERENCE:

*The economic, social and spatial consequences of current demographic changes in small developed countries.*

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Following the extremely successful joint seminar on (jointly organised and funded by the Scottish and Irish RSA Branches) in September 2007, a special edition of the Journal Scottish Affairs has been published. This features a selection of six papers from the conference.

<b>Issue No. 64, Summer 2008</b>	
<b>Special Section: Demography And Economic Change</b>	
Demographic Change and Economic Challenge: What Future for Scotland and Other Small Countries?	R. W. McQuaid, R. Brown and D. Newlands
Ireland and Scotland: Converging or Diverging Demography?	Katerina Lisenkova, Irene Mosca and Robert E. Wright
Fresh Talent or Cheap Labour? Accession State Migrant Labour in the Scottish Economy	Ross Brown and Mike Danson
Demographic and Socio-Economic Change in Ireland: A Spatial Perspective	Cormac Walsh and Jim Walsh
Labour Immigration and Northern Ireland	Ian Shuttleworth
A Perspective from the Antipodes: Demographic Changes and their Economic Impacts in New Zealand	Jacques Poot

The Special Issue of Scottish Affairs highlights a set of papers examining the economic, social and spatial consequences of current demographic changes in small developed countries. In recent years, demographic issues, such as population ageing and migration, have come to the forefront of public policy debate across advanced economies. It was edited by Ross Brown, Scottish Enterprise, Ronald McQuaid, Napier University, Edinburgh & David Newlands, Aberdeen University (all members of the Scottish Branch Committee).

### CONFERENCE DETAILS:

#### **DEMOGRAPHY AND ECONOMIC CHANGE: THE CASES OF SCOTLAND AND IRELAND**

**Conference organised by the Scottish and Irish Branches of the Regional Studies Association  
Kelvingrove Art Gallery, Glasgow, 19-20 September, 2007**

#### **Conference Programme**

##### **Wednesday 19 September**

*1.00-1.50 – Arrival/Lunch*

*1.50: Introduction, Objectives and Welcome: David Newlands, Scottish Chair of RSA*

*2.00-3.30: Demographic Change; Chair: Ross Brown*

Demographic Dilemmas in Modern Scotland (Duncan MacNiven et al, General Registrar of Scotland)

Ireland and Scotland: Converging or Diverging Demography (Robert Wright, University of Strathclyde)

A Spatial Perspective on Demographic and Economic Change in Ireland (Jim Walsh, Deputy President, University of Maynooth)

3.30-3.45 – *Coffee*

3.45-5.45: *Demography and Economic Growth; Chair: Des McCafferty*

Demographic Change in Europe (Emma Hollywood, Ron McQuaid, both Napier University, Ross Brown, Scottish Enterprise and Mike Danson, Paisley University)

Demographic trap in the regions of Europe (Marco Percoco, Bocconi University)

The Macroeconomic Impacts of Scottish Demographic Change (Kim Swales et al, Strathclyde University)

A Perspective from the Antipodes: Demographic Changes and their Economic Impacts in New Zealand (Jacques Poot, University of Waikato)

7.00: *Dinner*

## Thursday 20 September

*9-10.45: Migration Patterns and Issues; Chair: Edgar Morgenroth*

The role of Accession State migrants in the Scottish Labour market (Ross Brown, Scottish Enterprise and Mike Danson, Paisley University)

Future migration flows from the EU accession states to Ireland and Scotland: demographic, economic and social contributors (Birgit Jentsch, Ionad Náiseanta Na h-Imrich/National Centre for Migration Studies, Skye and Brian MacDonald, Leirsinn, Skye)

Local Labour Markets in a Global World? Immigration and Northern Ireland, (Ian Shuttleworth, Queens University Belfast)

*11.00-11.15 – Coffee*

*11.15-12.45: Population and Space; Chair: David Newlands*

Internal Migration and Immigration (Edgar Morgenroth, Economic and Social Research Institute)

Counter-urbanisation and the changing structure of the urban system (Des McCafferty, Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick)

The geography of population expansion in the Greater Dublin Area and its impact on settlement patterns and demographic structure (Cormac Walsh, University College Dublin)

*12.45-1.45 – Lunch*

*1.45-3.15: Transport, Commuting and Demography; Chair: Michael Collins*

The Changing Demography in Scotland and the Implications for Transport Demand (Li He and Robert Raeside, Napier University)

'Bigging it Up': the Economic Potential from High Speed Links Between Scotland's Cities (Nick Henry, GHK Consulting and Mike Coombes, University of Newcastle)

Demographic change in rural areas (David Meredith, Teagasc)

*3.15-4.00: Roundtable Discussion; Chair: Ron McQuaid*

*4.00: Conference Close*

### **31 attendees came from:**

Scottish Enterprise  
University of Aberdeen  
Napier University

General Register for Scotland  
University of Paisley  
University of Strathclyde

University of Limerick  
Economic and Social Research Institute  
Trinity College Dublin  
Maynooth University  
University College Dublin  
Teagasc Ireland  
Bocconi University, Italy

University of Waikato, New Zealand  
University of Newcastle  
Ionad Nàiseanta Na h-Imrich/National Centre for Migration Studies, Skye  
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