



Difficult times? Academic Solutions?



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In recessionary times focus turns to Universities for understanding, explanation and insights into how futures may be improved. Perhaps it is no coincidence that the Open Days University (October 2009) started when it did.

The Regional Studies Association, a society with global reach, acts as a conduit between the policy and practice and academic communities in regional policy and development issues.

Professor David Bailey, RSA Chair, explains, "It's important that academics working in our field support policy makers and practitioner colleagues with well evidenced and sophisticated analysis of the difficult challenges that face them".

With a diverse and international membership the Regional Studies Association offers a forum for the exchange of issues, ideas and best practice.

Coming up:

- RSA hosts multiple sessions within the DG Regio, Open Days University 2010, Brussels, including:
 - Place based and sectoral based policy
 - understanding territorial cohesion
 - migration, social mobility and urban dynamics
 - place leadership – urban and regional development
- International Conference in Pécs, Southern Hungary, 24th – 26th May 2010 on "Regional Responses to Global Shifts"
- Nobel Prize winner, Professor Paul Krugman will deliver the **Regional Studies** Annual Lecture in Washington DC on the challenges to new economic geography (16th April 2010)
- USA conference – "Regional Resilience" with expert panel debates considering future scenarios for regional growth and strength (15th April 2010, Washington DC)

"The RSA leads in the field of knowledge transfer and our members are certainly passionate about this area of our work,"

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The current global economic crisis is having an impact on people, businesses and places across Europe. The academy of the RSA can actively support practitioners and policy makers in regions to develop and implement responses to this crisis, and help them prepare their regions for a more sustainable recovery.



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