

# Regional Studies Association Research Network

## Birmingham Seminar

### ***Leadership in Urban and Regional Development: Exploring the Debates and Challenges***

23-24 November 2010

Room G06, University House, Edgbaston Park Road, University of Birmingham B15 2TT  
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## DRAFT PROGRAMME

### Tuesday 23 November

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1.00 Arrival and registration

1.30 Welcome and introduction(s) **Dr John Gibney, CURS, University of Birmingham**

1.45 Why Study Leadership? **Professor Edward Peck, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Head of College (Social Sciences), University of Birmingham**

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2.00-3.30 **Session I:**

**Chair:** Markku Sotarauta, Professor of Urban Competitiveness and Strategic Development at the University of Tampere, Finland

2.00-2.30 Joyce Liddle, Professor of Public Management, Head of the International Centre for Public Services Management, Nottingham Trent University, UK – ***“Auxiliary Leadership, dismantling the regional architecture, and a ‘Big Society’ agenda in the UK”***

2.30-3.00 Andrew Johnston, Lecturer in International Business, Sheffield Hallam University, UK – ***“Exploring Public (Sector) Entrepreneurship and Leadership of the Urban and Regional Development Process in the UK”***

3.00-3.30 John Diamond, Professor, Centre for Local Policy Studies, Edge Hill, University, UK – ***“Leadership from the experience of the Voluntary and Community Sector in the UK: Stories from the North West – Moving away from activist roots to managerial conformity”***

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3.30 Coffee Break

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**4.00-5.30 Session I cont'd:**

- 4.00-4.30 Alyson Nicholds, Research Fellow, Health Services Management Centre(HSMC) and PT Doctoral Researcher (INLOGOV), University of Birmingham, UK – ***“Leading Complexity in Urban Policy: A Critical Analysis of the Practice of Regeneration Actors in Implementing UK Regeneration Policy”***
- 4.30-5.00 Andrew Beer, Professor of Housing, Urban and Regional Environments Research Group, The University of Adelaide, Australia – ***“Exploring the Intersection between Regional Leadership and Governance: Evidence from Australia”***
- 5.00-5.30 Robert Gawloski, PhD student in political science, Nicolas Copernicus University, Poland – ***“Leadership in metropolitan areas in Poland”***

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5.30 Day ends

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## **Wednesday 24 November**

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9.10 Arrival and coffee

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9.20 Welcome

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**9.30-11.00 Session II:**

**Chair:** Andrew Beer, Professor of Housing, Urban and Regional Environments Research Group, The University of Adelaide, Australia

9.30-10.00 Dr Basilio Verduzco, Department of Regional Studies-INESER, University of Guadalajara, Mexico – ***“Leadership, negotiation strategies and urban development: an experience from a society in transition”***

10.00-10.30 Patrik Tornberg, PhD Student, Department of Urban Planning and Environment, Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden – ***“Trial by space: the unacknowledged privilege of urban leadership”***

10.30-11.00 Juha Kostiainen, Director, Adjunct Professor, Public Leadership and Management Programme, Sitra, Finnish Innovation Fund, Finland – ***“Leading the Design of Radical Development Initiatives”***

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11.00 Coffee

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**11.30-1.00 Session II cont'd:**

11.30-12.00 John Goddard, Emeritus Professor and Dr Paul Vallance, Research Associate, Regional Development Studies Centre for Urban & Regional Development Studies (CURDS) Newcastle University, UK – ***“The civic university and the leadership of place”***

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12.00-12.30 Markku Sotarauta, Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Administration and Director of the Research Unit for Urban and Regional Development Studies (Sente), University of Tampere, Finland – ***“Why and How to Study Institutional Entrepreneurship and Strategic Leadership in Regional Innovation Journeys: Is Structured Narrative Analysis a Way Forward?”***

12.30-1.00 Chris Mabey, Professor of Human Resource Management and Director Centre for Leadership at the University of Birmingham (CLUB), UK – ***“Leadership in unbounded spaces: what can big science global networks tell us?”***

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1.00 Lunch

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**1.45-2.15 Session II cont’d:**

1.45-2.15 Chris Collinge, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Urban and Regional Studies (CURS) and John Gibney Senior Research Fellow, CURS and Acting Director Centre for Leadership at the University of Birmingham (CLUB), UK – ***“Knowledge, Place and Leadership”***

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2.15 Conclusions/Next steps - **Markku Sotarauta, Andrew Beer and John Gibney**

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2.30 Close

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