REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2017

the Great Regional Awakening: New Directions

Trinity College Dublin & University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland
Sunday 4th – Wednesday 7th June 2017

Call for Papers – Abstract submission deadline: 24th February 2017

A 'Great Regional Awakening' is underway. There is a growing realisation that regional inequalities have both contributed to, and amplified, the 'Great Recession' that shook advanced and emerging economies alike. It is also becoming apparent that the crisis has been having very different impacts spatially. This will only help to further exacerbate uneven economic development, fuelling more trouble down the line. In Europe, major economic fault-lines are re-emerging between and within national economies; between the core and the periphery; between urban and rural areas; between city-regions and within cities themselves. This pattern is replicated elsewhere - in advanced, emerging and developing world. There is an urgent need to re-examine all aspects of local and regional development and how it relates to national and international economic dynamics; and to social, political, cultural, technological and environmental processes. Having spent over 50 years advocating more balanced regional development, the Regional Studies Association is now spearheading a major effort to address these pressing issues in such challenging times.

We are thus calling upon regional studies experts, spatial scientists, economists, business studies scholars, political scientists, local development specialists, urban geographers, spatial planners, transport experts, development studies scholars, environmentalists, sociologists, economic geographers, financial geographers, academics, researchers and practitioners alike, to join us to be part of 'New Directions' in regional studies!

Conference Themes

A. New Directions in Regional Studies, Community, Local & Regional Development	B. Governance, Institutions & Civil Society	C. Financial Crisis, Resilience, Recession, Austerity & Recovery
D. Financial Geographies & Globalisation	E. Entrepreneurship, Investment, Start-ups and Spin-offs	F. FDI, Global Value Chains & Production Networks
G. Agglomeration, Clusters & Externalities	H. Networks, Knowledge Spaces & Evolutionary Trajectories	I. Innovation, Technological Change & Economic Growth
J. Smart & Sustainable Cities, Smart Specialisation	K. Inequality, Social Justice & Cohesion	L. Urban & Regional Theory, Methodology & Data
M. Planning: Theory & Practice & the Place/Space Nexus	N. Environment, Landscape, Sustainability & Climate Change	O. Housing, Infrastructure, Energy & Security
P. Labour Markets, Health, Wellbeing, & Quality of Life	Q. Megaregions, Trade, Commerce & Economic & Industrial Policy	R. Mobility, Migration, Demographics, & Rural Development
S. Developing Area Studies & the Global South	T. Geopolitics, Territorial Power, Federalism	U. Tourism, Events & Temporary Clusters of Innovation

We welcome papers from all – academics, researchers, students and those working in policy and practice. The event is inclusive and offers networking opportunities for all in our field. The organisers welcome proposals for special sessions, themed workshops and innovative forms of networking and collaboration. If you would like to organise or offer a session to the conference, please contact Lesa Reynolds at: lesa.reynolds@regionalstudies.org.

Submission Details:
Please submit proposals for papers in the form of a 250 word abstract (text only) through the Regional Studies Association conference portal by Friday 24th February 2017. Proposals will be considered by the Conference Programme Committee against the criteria of originality, interest and subject balance.

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