

Regional Studies Association Early Career Conference 2015

ICOSS, University of Sheffield, UK, Thursday and Friday 29-30 October 2015



From Early Careers to Established Profiles: Strategies for Success

Call for Papers

Abstract submission deadline: Sunday 13th September, 2015

The Regional Studies Association welcomes submissions of abstracts to our annual Early Career conference, to be held in Sheffield in October 2015. This conference will give early career researchers the opportunity to network, collaborate and socialise with others working in regional studies and related fields. The conference will bring together participants to present and debate their work in a welcoming and stimulating environment. Participants will receive invaluable feedback, new ideas and will learn how to strategically develop and enhance their profiles for career progression. One session will focus on academic change and the job market. Editors of the RSA journals *Regional Studies*, *Territory Politics Governance*, *Spatial Economic Analysis* and *Regional Studies, Regional Science* will be present.

We welcome all submissions with a regional focus and especially those in the following areas:

- Urban and regional policy
- New challenges in urban planning
- New economic geography
- Big data and regions
- Climate change and sustainability
- Politics and territory
- Mega-regions and City regions
- Regional mapping and visualisation
- Clusters and smart specialisation
- Labour markets and migration
- Social and community cohesion
- Innovation and knowledge

Conference Format

The conference will begin and end with plenary lectures. In between, parallel workshop tracks will be held, all within the ICOS building, University of Sheffield's city centre campus. Papers will be grouped thematically after submission. We will also hold a special 'how to get published' session with journal editors and devote one session to more innovative presentation formats.

Information about the Venue

The conference venue is 300m from the nearest tram stop, which connects directly to Sheffield train station (accessible directly from most major UK cities). For international visitors, there is a direct train from Manchester Airport to Sheffield. There are many bars, restaurants and hotels within walking distance of the venue.

Registration Fees

RSA Early Career Member (within 5 years post PhD)	RSA Student Member	RSA Individual Member	Non-member Early Career (within 5 years post PhD)	Non-member Student	Non-member
£65	£55	£130	£133	£96	£209

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