Regional Studies Association North America Conference
The Call of the New: Unpacking Innovation, its Spatiality, its Benefits and its Costs

25th-27th September 2019, The Centre Mont-Royal, Montréal, Canada
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CONFERENCE OUTLINE

**Wednesday 25th September 2019**
19:00-20:30 Welcome Reception at the McGill University Faculty Club
   Prof. Nancy Ross, Associate Vice-Provost, Research and Innovation, McGill University

**Thursday 26th September 2019**
08.00 Conference registration opens
08.45-09.00 Introduction and Welcome to the Conference

09.00-10.30 **Plenary 1: INNOVATION THEME**
   Chair: Prof. Richard G. Shearmur, Professor and Director of the School of Urban Planning, McGill University, Canada
   Speakers:
   Prof. Jennifer Clark, Professor and Head, City and Regional Planning Section, The Knowlton School of Architecture, The Ohio State University, USA
   Damien Silès, General Manager of Montréal’s Quartier de l’innovation, Canada
10.30-11.00 Coffee
11.00-12.30 Parallel Sessions
12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.00 **Plenary 2: INNOVATION AND INEQUALITY**
   Chair: Prof. Norma M. Rantisi, Professor of Geography, Planning and the Environment, Concordia University, Canada
   Speakers:
   Dr Thomas Kemeny, Queen Mary, University of London, UK
   Prof. Dr Johannes Glückler, University Heidelberg, Germany
   Dr Adam Whittle, University College Dublin, Ireland (Early Career Plenary Speaker)
15.00-16.30 Parallel Sessions
16.30-17.00 Coffee Break
17.00-18.30 Parallel Sessions
18.30 Close of conference day one
Friday 27th September 2019

08.30 Conference registration opens
09.00-09.45 **Plenary 3: HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
Chair: TBC
Speakers:
- **Prof. Marc-Urbain Proulx**, Professor at the Department of Economic and Administrative Sciences, Université du Québec à Chicoutimi, Canada
- **Marie-Josée Fortin**, Université du Québec, Canada
- **Prof. Mario Polèse**, Canada Research Chair in Urban and Regional Studies, Institut National De La Recherche Scientifique, Canada

09.45-11.15 Parallel Sessions
11.15-11.45 Coffee break
11.45-13.15 Parallel Sessions
13.15-14.15 Lunch
14.15-15.20 **Plenary 4: LOOKING ROUND CORNERS – WHAT NEXT FOR REGIONAL STUDIES AND REGIONAL SCIENCE?**
Chair: TBC
Speaker:
- **Prof. Jamie Peck**, Canada Research Chair in Urban & Regional Political Economy and Professor of Geography, University of British Columbia, Canada
Discussant:
- **Dr Mia Gray**, University Senior Lecturer and Fellow of Girton College, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge

15.20-16.50 Parallel Sessions
16.50 Close of conference

Please note that drinks and food served during all coffee and lunch breaks and the Welcome Reception are included in the conference fee.