



**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**

- 18.00-19.00 Registration open  
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, Director of the Center for Urban Innovation; Associate Professor of Public Policy, School of Public Policy, Georgia Tech, 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**

**Prof. Mario Polèse, Canada Research Chair in Urban and Regional Studies, Université du Québec, 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.**