

REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION STUDENT & EARLY CAREER CONFERENCE 2019

DESIGNING RESEARCH FOR IMPACT: SHAPING AND INFLUENCING REGIONAL POLICY

30th October – 1st November 2019, University of Lincoln, UK

Abstract submission deadline 19th August 2019

This conference will give PhD students and early career researchers (within 5 years after finishing a PhD) the opportunity to network, collaborate and socialise with others working in regional and urban studies, planning, geography, politics, development studies, economics and related fields. This is an annually run conference and previous participants particularly valued the invaluable feedback received, new ideas and learning how to strategically develop and enhance their profiles for career progression.

Experts in academic publishing, funding and impact will be present during the conference and provide insights into how to publish in academic journals, how to build a professional network, how to promote your publications, how and where to apply for funding and how to increase the impact of your work.

The conference will bring together a range of international participants from different disciplines to present and debate their work in a welcoming, supportive and stimulating environment. Participants will be able to enrich their engagement with contemporary research in the field and share their learning.

The 2019 conference is hosted by the University of Lincoln School of Geography in partnership with Lincoln International Business School. The event is also supported by the University of Lincoln Doctoral School.

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

- Urban and Regional Challenges in the Global South
- Regional Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Regional and International Migration
- Regional Policy and Industrial Strategy
- Innovation, Smart Specialisation and Industry 4.0
- Urban and Regional Inequalities, Social Mobility and Uneven Development
- Connecting Rural and Coastal Regions
- Climate Change and Regional Environmental Challenges
- Communities and Resilience
- Housing Markets
- Entrepreneurial Regions
- Big Data, Mapping and Visualisation
- Gender, Diversity and Equality
- Sustainable Tourism and the Visitor Economy
- Regional Governance and Institutions
- Education, Skills and Regional Labour Markets
- The New Territories of Regional Politics: Localism, Nationalism, Devolution and Brexit
- Infrastructure Planning and Investment for Regional Growth
- Global Political Ecology
- Global and Regional Demographic Challenges

The conference will include the following sessions:

Plenary: *Universities, Innovation and the Industrial Strategy: Getting your Research Heard in Local and National Debates*

Plenary: *International Networks and Career Progression: A Session showcasing research and learning from the Migration, Inter-connectivity and Regional Development (MICARD) RSA Research Network*

Workshop: *Getting Published*

Abstract submission: Please submit your research (up to 250 words) via the Regional Studies Association conference portal by **10th August 2019**. Abstracts will be considered against the criteria of originality and interest, subject balance and geographical spread.

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