

**REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019**  
***Pushing Regions beyond their Borders***

University of Santiago de Compostela, Santiago de Compostela, Spain  
5th – 7th June 2019

**CALL FOR EARLY CAREER PLENARY SPEAKER**

The Regional Studies Association has a deep-seated commitment to furthering and supporting the career development of early career researchers (within 5 years after finishing their PhD). Part of this commitment is to offer the opportunity to present in a Plenary at the RSA's major Annual Conference. Other initiatives include the Early Career Grant Scheme (£10k grant); the inclusion of early career editors on RSA journals; the early career mentored paper route to publication in the journal *Regional Studies, Regional Science*; the annual student & early career conference and having an active student and early career network run by the members in those categories supported by lively social media activity.

We now seek applications from early career researchers to participate in the opening plenary panel at the forthcoming Annual Conference 2019 in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. The 90-minute panel will consist of five speakers and the focus will be on the future of regional studies. Each panellist will be asked to make a short opening statement. This will then be followed by discussion among the panellists, with frequent interventions from the audience in the form of questions and comments. This call is open for all, but we are particularly keen to hear from researchers working from or on regions in the Global South.

To see the call for papers, please [click here](#).

Applications should take the form of both a short video and a 300-word abstract for the presentation and this may be on any topic in line with the conference's themes. The application should include the following:

- Name and contact details
- Place of employment
- Short version CV (4-page maximum)
- 300-word abstract of the paper to be presented
- Short video (maximum 4 minutes) of the paper to be presented
- Evidence of eligibility to apply/ PhD certificate – *early career researchers are defined as being within 5 years after receiving their PhD certificate.*

Videos filmed on a smart phone with reasonable clarity of vision and sound are perfectly acceptable for the purposes of the competition. Applicants should clearly present their name and institution on the video. They should outline their research, its relevance to the conference topics and explain why they should be selected for the plenary presentation.

The decision will be taken by a committee of the RSA including the Association's Chair, the local academic conference organisers and the CEO. The successful candidate will be informed as soon as possible following the closing date. The award includes a complimentary place at the conference, a contribution towards travel expenses and 2 nights' accommodation.

Applicants are expected to be either an RSA member on application or to take out RSA membership on acceptance.

**Closing Date: Monday 10th December 2018, 5pm (GMT)**

Please email your application to Lesa Reynolds at [lesa.reynolds@regionalstudies.org](mailto:lesa.reynolds@regionalstudies.org)