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Urban and Rural Wellbeing, First Nations Economies and Global Value Chains for Regional Sustainability

11-13 February 2019

University of Canterbury, Christchurch, Aotearoa New Zealand

Welcome to Christchurch

The RSA's Third Australasian Conference will be hosted at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, or Ōtautahi in the indigenous language of New Zealand. It is the country's third largest city, and the largest city in the South Island, with a population of 381,500. February is the middle of summer, with average temperatures around 12° to 22° Celsius. The city's destination site can be accessed at <https://www.christchurchnz.com/>.

The city experienced a large earthquake in 2011. Over the last seven years, the rebuild has created a vibrant inner city that is well linked with recreational and tourism destinations throughout the South Island. Indeed, the New York Times listed Christchurch as one of its top places to go in 2014, saying that "the city is experiencing a rebirth with creativity and wit – thanks to the ingenuity of its hardy residents" (<http://nyti.ms/1gtasH9>).

The University of Canterbury was founded in 1873. It now has five Colleges teaching around 12,000 students. It is based on a spacious campus in one of the city's suburbs, 7 km from the city centre linked by frequent bus services. Our host is the Ngāi Tahu Research Centre (NTRC), which was established in August 2011 as a joint initiative between the principal Māori iwi of the southern region of New Zealand and the University of Canterbury.

Christchurch has a modern international airport, with daily services from many cities in Australia, Asia and the United States.

A wide range of accommodation options are available in the inner city, as well as motels closer to the University. A small number of rooms have been reserved in the University's student village, which would be suitable for postgraduate participants in the conference. These will be allocated on a first-in, first-served basis. Enquiries should be sent to Kirsty Ameriks, Ngāi Tahu Research Centre Administrator, at Kirsty.Ameriks@canterbury.ac.nz.

To find out more about the conference and to register, go to: www.regionalstudies.org/conferences/conference/rsa-australasia-conference-2019

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