

The Newsletter for RSA Chairs and Ambassadors
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BRAVO!



Phew! The Santiago de Compostela conference is over. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Highlights were the great tapas available with obligatory liqueur at the end of the meal, and the trip to the City of Culture (above), a collection of amazing granite tiled buildings with paths carved into their rooves, reflecting the walking paths across Europe to Santiago de Compostela. But now we are home and its time to put your mental walking shoes on and make your way through this edition of Bravo! with news of activities and opportunities just for you.



TERRI REPS MEETING



WHO IS THIS GREAT LOOKING GROUP?

A big thank you to all the Territorial Representatives who attended the Annual Territorial Representatives Meeting in Santiago de Compostela: [back row from left] Gary Bosworth, Maciej Smetkowski, Marijana Sumpor, Janez Nared, Max Munday, Leonid Limonov, Arne Isaksen, [middle row from left] Geoff Gregson, Miguel Atienza, Valeria Lingua, Nicola Dotti, Ian Smith, (me), Hilal Erkuş-Öztürk, Ida Musialkowska, Mark Tewdwr-Jones (Chair), [front row from left] Alejandra Trejo Nieto, Xue Chang, Hugues Jeannerat, Garri Raagmaa, Elvira Uyarra, Irina Turgel. Thank you for your reports, contributions and lively discussions which were very valuable. I will shortly send around the minutes so everyone can think about the suggestions the meeting proposed.

HELLO AND WELCOME



SUNTJE SCHMIDT

We are pleased to welcome the new RSA Ambassador to Germany [Suntje Schmidt](#), Assistant Professor of Applied Economic Geography at the Humboldt-Universität of Berlin and Deputy Department Leader of the Dynamics of Economic Spaces research department at the Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS). Suntje's research interests centre on the interaction between science, economy, policy and society in the context of socio-economic structural dynamics.

VERENA RADINGER-PEER

We congratulate [Verena Radinger-Peer](#) on her appointment as the RSA Ambassador to Austria. Verena is a Senior Researcher at the Institute for Sustainable Economic Development, the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna. She is interested in the knowledge transfer effects of Higher Education Institutions on their regional environment and their role in regional governance and regional problem-solving processes



GARY BOSWORTH

We are delighted to welcome the new Chair of the RSA East Midlands Branch [Gary Bosworth](#). Gary is a Reader in Rural Geography and Deputy Head of Geography at the University of Lincoln, UK. He is passionate about the fortunes of rural places and his research interests focus on entrepreneurship, innovation and rural development – particularly the role of small businesses and migration as drivers of the rural economy - and the creation of sustainable and “liveable” rural communities.

DAVE

VALLER

It is with great pleasure that we welcome [Dave Valler](#) as the new Chair of the RSA London and South East Branch. Dave is a Reader and Research Lead in Planning in the School of the Built Environment at Oxford Brookes University, Oxford UK. He has well-established research interests and consultancy expertise in Local and Regional Economic Development; Urban Governance and Policy; Science Parks; Business Politics and Business Interest Representation.



NEED TO KNOW



FUNDING SCHEME FOR YOU

Grab your coffee, a pen and a notebook because you are going to want to take notes. We are giving you money!! The RSA Board has very generously agreed to fund Territorial Representatives' events to a total of £7500. There are individual grants of £500 available to 10 Ambassadors, 3 Branch Chairs and 2 Section Chairs. This is for the calendar year 2020. Of course, the event has to have a regional focus and support and grow the RSA member network in your area. The first thing to do is read the Territorial Representatives Event Funding Policy so please [email me](#) for a copy and an event proposal form.

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NEW LOGOS

At the Santiago conference we unveiled the new-look RSA logos. We have them in a selection of colours and styles so please [email me](#) for a logo for your forthcoming events. It will of course take time to phase out the old logo and phase in the new one. Many of you will have supplies of RSA marketing materials, brochures and pamphlets bearing the old logo – please do not dispose of these. Simply use up your old stock and [contact me](#) to obtain new stock bearing the new logo.



WHERE ARE YOU HIDING?

In our recent member survey RSA members clearly said they wanted their Territorial Representative to be more visible. So now you know - they want to hear from you! One member said they would like the Territorial Representative to come to their University to give a presentation - could you set this up? Another member suggested the Terri Rep could notify events and opportunities of regional interest on a regular basis - do you have a system to contact the local members monthly or quarterly? Maybe you could use Bravo! as your reminder to do this. As always, please [contact me](#) or [Alex Holmes](#) (social media guru) if you need help with this.

YOUR EVENTS

IDA MUSIALKOWSKA, RSA AMBASSADOR TO POLAND

The RSA Ambassador to Poland, Ida Musialkowska is also part of the Regional Studies Association's [Research Network on EU Cohesion Policy](#). The Research Network is organising a workshop on Theoretical Reflections on EU Cohesion Policy in September 2020 and would love your contributions. Please [email Ida](#) for more information and disseminate this around interested people in your networks.



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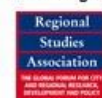
POST-CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION SCENARIOS WORKSHOP

The RSA Ambassador to Egypt, [Yehya Serag](#), invites you to a workshop in Cairo on post-conflict reconstruction strategies. He predicts that the coming years will see a significant focus on post-conflict reconstruction projects in the middle east, and in particular in Iraq and Syria. During the five-day workshop you will select a damaged city from the region and develop an appropriate reconstruction strategy for it. For more information please contact Information@apocor.org or Yehya directly at yehya_serag@eng.asu.edu.eg.



**Post-Conflict Reconstruction Scenarios
Application to the Middle East**

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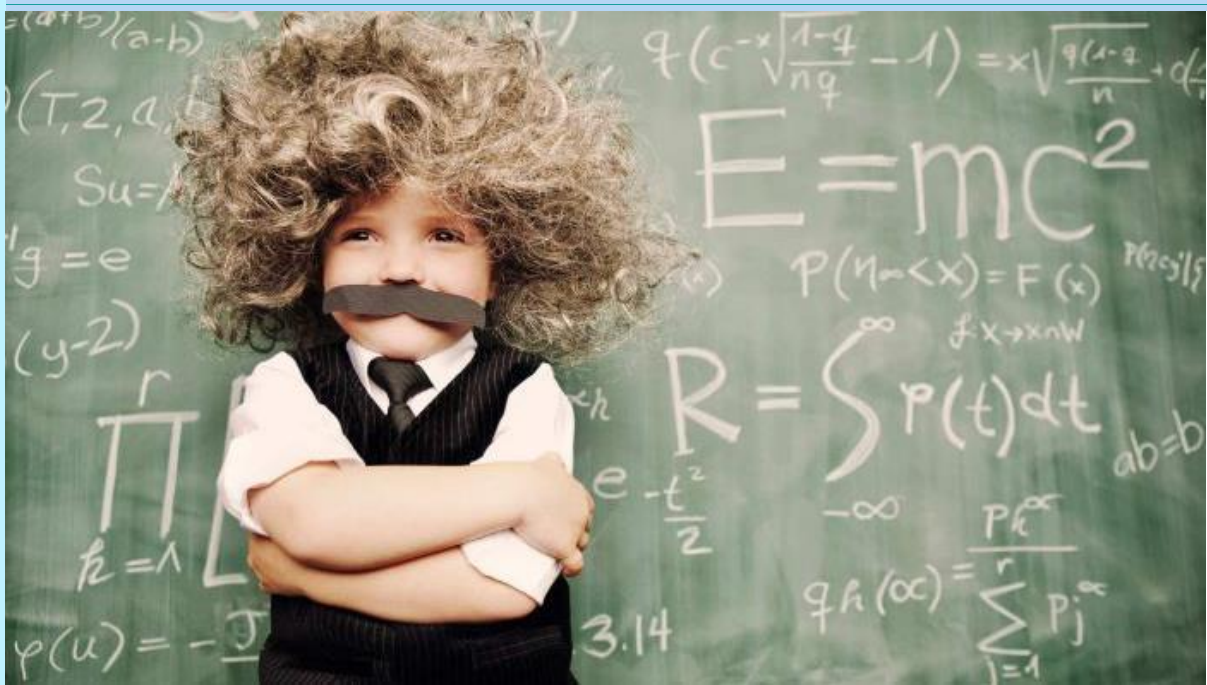
Forthcoming professional workshop
Cairo - 2019



PEOPLE AND PRACTICE

CALL FOR BOOK CHAPTERS

Abeer El Shater, our Ambassador to Egypt and Editor of the forthcoming book "Reconstructing Urban Ambiance in Smart Public Places" would like to invite researchers from broad disciplines to submit proposals for chapters in the book on topics. Authors are invited to contribute to a multitude of topics that advance the understanding of urban ambiances while underscoring ideas related to the introduction of smart technologies in public places. More information can be found [here](#) or by emailing [Abeer](#).



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR TEACHING POSITIONS

Elita Jermolajeva invites you to teach courses (or parts of courses) in Daugavpils University, Latvia from the 2020/2021 academic year. The 4 year (8 semester) course will be a new Professional Bachelor Program entitled "Management of Economic Processes". Elita is seeking expressions of interest from academics from abroad and also suggestions for other study courses you could teach. For more information please [contact Elita](#).

AND FINALLY ...

THE RSA TEAM

For those of you who have not met us, here is a selection of our staff so you can put faces to names. From left to right: me (the person who sends you all the emails); Sally Hardy (CEO and boss woman); Lesa Reynolds (Event Manager and all round Legend) and Katharina Burger (Event Manager and newest star).



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