



# RSA Annual Conference 2025

## Navigating Regional Transformations

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025, University of Porto  
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### Draft Conference Programme

#### Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025

- 10.00-16.00 Board Meeting (invitation only)
- 10:00-15:00 Technical Tours (Separate registration needed)
- 15:00-17:00 Conference registration
- 18.00-20.00 **Welcome Reception** (separate registration needed)

#### Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025

- 08.00-17.30 Conference registration
- 08.45-09.00 Welcome to the conference (Porto representative and RSA representative)
- 09.00-10.30 **Opening Plenary – Navigating Regional Transformation**
- Speakers:**
  - Elisa Ferreira, European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms, EU**
  - Pedro Conceição, United Nations Development Plan**
  - Michaela Tripl, University of Vienna, Austria**
  - Early Career Speaker: Zhiwu Wei, University of Cambridge, UK**
- Chair:** **Mário Vale, University of Lisbon, Portugal**
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00-12.45 Parallel Workshop Sessions 1
- 12.45-14.00 Lunch Break
- 12.45-14.00 Territorial Ambassadors Meeting (invitation only)
- 14.00-15.30 Parallel Workshop Sessions 2
- 15.30-16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.00-18.00 Parallel Workshop Sessions 3

#### Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

- 08.30-17.00 Conference registration
- 09.00-10.30 **Plenary 2 – The Future of Regional Policy**
- Speakers:**
  - Duarte Rodrigues, Portuguese Agency for Development and Cohesion, Portugal**
  - TBC**
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- Chair:** **John Bachtler, European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde, UK**
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00-12.45 Parallel Workshop Sessions 4
- 12.45-14.00 Lunch Break
- 14.00-15.30 Spotlight Session
- 15.30-16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.00-17.30 Parallel Workshop Sessions 5
- 19.30-22.30 **Conference Dinner** (separate registration needed)



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### Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

- 08.30-17.30 Conference registration  
09.00-10.30 Parallel Workshop Sessions 6  
10.30-10.50 Coffee Break  
10.50-12.20 Parallel Workshop Sessions 7  
12.20-13.15 Lunch  
13.15-14.15 **Closing Plenary – Knowledge for Regional Transformation**  
**Speakers:** Louise Kempton, Newcastle University, UK  
Maribel Guerrero, Arizona State University, USA  
**Chair:** Joana Resende, University of Porto, Portugal  
14.15-14.30 Conference Close  
14.30-17:30 Technical Tours (separate registration needed)

### Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025

- 08.30-15.00 Post-Conference Tour/s