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Word from the President



Dear ERSA members, colleagues and friends,

Let me first wish you a Happy New Year! Personally and for your professional wishes.

I am very honored and enthusiastic to start my term as President of ERSA.

I would like first, on behalf of ERSA, to express my gratitude to my predecessor Jouke van Dijk for his substantial achievements for the Association. The recent good developments of ERSA result to Jouke. He has been involved in many activities in front and behind the scenes, attending many events organized by our Sections, exchanging with key persons of our global network, but also strengthening our relationships and collaboration with international Institutions. He will be a hard act to follow and I want to continue to seek Jouke's advice when needed in the future.

In short, in my five-year term as President, I will continue efforts to strengthen the position of ERSA as an essential and recognized scientific key player at the European level and worldwide. We must also enhance our interactions and collaborations with Institutions in order to increase our impact on evidence based regional and territorial policies.

My ambition is also to make ERSA an even stronger supportive body for all its members at both the Section and the individual levels. With the ERSA Office directed by Maristella Angotzi I want to seek closer interactions with our Section Representatives but also our individual Members. I am also very eager to working closely with the ERSA board, which includes our new young and talented Vice-President Eveline van Leeuwen.

Our Annual Congress takes places in Lyon this year, and I hope to have the opportunity to exchange with many of you during this unique platform gathering regional scientists from across the globe, the largest event in Regional Science worldwide. I will also visit various events like our Summer school in Katowice, or congresses and seminars in different countries Sections in order to meet you and to discuss about future and possible improvements of our unique relation for the sake of ERSA.

André Torre
ERSA President

see interview of André Torre [here](#).

Keynote Sessions highlight



The Local Organising

Committee is very honored and very pleased to welcome in Lyon 5 eminent scholars from across the world and with different background and research fields: The speakers' line up include:

Roberta Capello, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Maryann Feldman, University of North Carolina, USA

Susan Parnell, University of Cape Town, South of Africa

Yannis Psycharis, Panteion University, Greece

Jacques François Thisse, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium

[more](#)



Call for Submissions REMINDER

Only one month left.

Now is the time to prepare your participation for ERSA2019! We expect 1000 participants from across the globe in Lyon! Don't miss this unique opportunity to be part of the biggest platform in the field of regional science.

Call for Submission Deadline: **28 February 2018**. [more](#)

Join us on Twitter

Participate in our Campaign #Lyonwillbethere and start networking with fellow participants from around the world

Twitter [@ersa2019Lyon](#) [#ersa2019Lyon](#) and [#Lyonwillbethere](#)



1st ERSA-REGIO Academic Lecture 2019



Academic Lecture



1st ERSA-REGIO Academic Lecture 2019 7 February 2019, Brussels, Belgium

Speaker: Prof. **Enrique López-Bazo**, AQR-
University of Barcelona, Spain

Topic: **Innovation and the region's context**

Discussant: Dr. **Michaela Backman**, Jönköping International
Business School, Sweden



Registration is free but mandatory! Deadline 1 February

Can't attend ? You are invited to follow the lecture via **web-streaming**. [more](#)

2nd ERSA Winter School : Great Success



The ERSA-OECD Winter School concluded in Trento last Friday 27 PhD Students and young researchers from Europe and beyond attended the 2nd ERSA Winter School in Trento (21-25 January).



See **final agenda and the lecturers' presentations** posted on the event website [more](#)

See key moments and exchanges of the event on Twitter [@ERSA_Org](#) [#ersawinterschool](#) [#spatialproductivity](#)

Section News



Türkish Section - Election

We are pleased to announce the re-election of **Tüzin Baycan** in the quality of President of the [Türkish National Committee of Regional Science](#)

We wish Tüzin and the new Board a lot of success!

Events Agenda 2019 Update



Association
de Science Régionale
de Langue Française

ASRDLF 2019 Doctoral Courses 4-6 February, Grenoble, France

These doctoral courses are aimed at doctoral students in the Human and Social Sciences (planning, economics, geography, management, history, political science, sociology, etc.) as long as their work focuses on territorial issues.

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GfR
Gesellschaft für Regional-
forschung
German speaking section of the
European Regional Science Association

German Speaking Section
2019 Annual Winter Seminar of the GfR
16-23 February 2019, Matrei in Osttirol, Austria
[more](#)



Society for Regional
Science and Policy

Slovak Section of
European Regional Science Association

9th Slovak Winter Seminar of Regional Science,
13th – 16th March 2019, Low Tatras, Slovakia
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HRVATSKA GOSPODARSKA KOMORA
CROATIAN CHAMBER OF ECONOMY

13th International Conference
Challenges of Europe
22-24 May 2019, Bol, Island Brac, Croatia

Special session co-organised by the ERSA-Croatian
section, EURA and RSA

Title: Monitoring systems for measuring progress in
spatial, urban and regional development – Case of
Croatia

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Turkish Section: Annual Congress
Topic (tbc)
2-4 May 2019, Gaziantep, Turkey

Save the date!

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Summer School

32nd ERSA Summer School
Cities and regions in the process of
transformation
16-22 June 2019, Katowice, Poland

Call for Application Deadline: **8 March 2018**
Target: PhD students and junior researchers with less
than 10 years of research experience. Places are limited
to 30 participants. [more](#)



APDR
Associação Portuguesa para o Desenvolvimento Regional

Portuguese Section: 26th APDR Congress
Evidence-based territorial policymaking:
Formulation, implementation and evaluation of
policy
4-5 July 2019, University of Aveiro, Portugal
Special Session Proposal Deadline: **29 February 2019**
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**French Speaking Section and Romanian Section:
The 56th Colloquium of the ASRDLF and the 12th
Conference of the Romanian Regional Science
Association**

**4-6 July 2019, "Al.I. Cuza" University of Iasi,
Romania**

Call for Abstracts Deadline: **20 February 2019**

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RSAI-BIS
50 Years of Regional Science

**RSAI British & Irish Section
47th Annual Conference
16-19 July 2019, Cambridge, United Kingdom**

Deadline for Abstract Submission: **22 February, 2019**

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AISRe

**Italian Section
A. I. S. Re XXXX Annual Scientific Conference
16-18 September 2019, L'Aquila, Italy**

Save the date! More info to be published shortly

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**Spanish Section
Annual Conference
20-22 November 2019, Castellón de la Plana,
Spain**

Save the date!

Vacancies

Looking for a new career opportunity?

- 10 Job opportunities at the University of Groningen, Faculty of Spatial Sciences
- Call for international Grants on Sustainable Urbanisation from NC, JPI Urban Europe network and Chinese funding agency NSFC
- Postdoc Research Fellow – Economic geography/Urban geography

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**CURRENT
VACANCIES**



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