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## Foreword from the President



Dear Members,  
Dear Colleagues,

There is only one month left to the start of our Annual Congress in Lyon. A very promising program gathering over 900 participants is currently being finalised by the Local Organising Committee.

I also want to highlight ERSA participation at the EURegionsWeek next October. We are very pleased to be co-organisers of the high-quality University program (Master Class and University Sessions). We are also proud to have members of the RSAI-ERSA Community presenting there. If your agenda allows it, do not hesitate to register and be part of this unique international platform at the heart of Europe.

I would like to end this message on the sharing of research, which is essential to move forward. Recently we invited our members to inform us about their freshly published books. We are happy to present to you the first one from Silvia Cerisola, member of the Italian Section (AISRE), see below the details.

We are very impatient now to meeting you at the great ERSA Congress of Lyon!

Yours,  
André Torre  
President of ERSA

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## Congress Highlights



### Policy session

The OECD and the Local Organising Committee are happy to invite you to attend the Policy Session organised during the Congress in Lyon. It will take place on Thursday, 29 August 2019, 16:30 – 18:00. The topic of the panel is “**Opportunities and risks of disruptive transport innovations in cities and regions**”. The panel discussion will gather local, regional and international policy makers and researchers, who will also be in open discussion with the audience.

Participants

Moderator: Alexander C. Lembcke (OECD)

Panelists:

- TBD (Vice-president, Metropolitan Area of Lyon)
- TBD (Region/Department & Transpolis, TBD)
- Véronique Feypell (Policy Analyst, International Transport Forum)
- TBD (TBD, Västra Götaland County)
- Rudiger Ahrend (Head of Economic Analysis, Statistics and Multi-level Governance Section; OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Cities and Region)

### Prizes at ERSA Congress 2019



Philip McCann



Isabelle Thomas



ERSA Epainos Prize 2019

### Prizes at ERSA Congress 2019

ERSA Congress Platform is also the place to congratulate proven scholars for their contribution to Regional Science and to the development of our Community and also to reward promising young scientists. The Prizes will be given during the Closing Ceremony, Friday 30 August 2019, 16.30-18.00

**Philip McCann**, University of Sheffield, Uk, Member of the British and Irish Section (RSAI-BIS), will receive the ERSA Prize in Regional Science 2019

**Isabelle Thomas**, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium, Member of the French Speaking Section (ASRDLF), will receive the Prize for her election as RSAI Fellow 2019.

**Epainos Prize 2019** will be given to the best presentation of a young scientist during the Epainos Sessions organised during the Congress.



**Join us in Lyon!** It is still possible to register as an attendee.

[Congress website](#)

Follow the event on Twitter [@ersa2019Lyon](#)  
[#ersa2019Lyon](#) and [#LyonIwillbethere](#)

## Recently published book!



### **Cultural Heritage, Creativity and Economic Development**

Silvia Cerisola, Post-Doc Researcher, Architecture, Built Environment and Construction Engineering (ABC) Department, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Edward Elgar Publishing, 2019

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You are member of the ERSA Community and you have recently published a book, grasp this opportunity to inform us about it. We are looking for

- Books published in 2018-2019
- Written in English

Send an email to [ersa.member@ersa.org](mailto:ersa.member@ersa.org)

## Upcoming Events' Agendas

### On ERSA Agenda

**Registration is OPEN!**



**17th European Week of Regions and Cities  
7-10 October 2019, Brussels, Belgium**

[#EURegionsWeek](#)'s aim is to foster an exchange of views, lessons learnt or new concepts in the field of regional and urban policies, between academics, practitioners, EU officials and other interested participants.

We are delighted to be co-organisers of the Master Class dedicated to Ph.D Students and early-career researchers, as well as the University Sessions organised within the framework of the EURegionsWeek. See below the details of the topics 10 University Sessions included in the programme.

## The University Sessions are now scheduled!

- Territorialising EU Cohesion Policy to bring it closer to citizens
- Shrinking Rural Regions and Spatial Justice
- Co-creation of Public Services: Challenges and Opportunities in Theory and Practice
- Circular Economy Transitions in European Regions and Cities
- Transforming cities into arenas for healthy ageing
- Global Talents, Immigration Policy and Regional Innovation
- Citizen Entrepreneurship: Towards involvement, inclusion and integration of citizens in entrepreneurial Europe
- The importance of networks in regional economic smart specialisation policies
- The regional socio-economic impact of the 4th industrial revolution
- Maximising the Contribution of Universities to Regional Innovation – Lessons and Toolkits for Policymaking

Learn more about these sessions [here](#)

**Secure your place for the sessions you are interested in.** Register now!  
Registration deadline: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019.



### 3rd REGIO-ERSA Academic Lecture 2019

24 October 2019, Brussels, Belgium

Topic: **Regional (resilient) labour market**

Speaker: **Jouke van Dijk**, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Discussant: **Maria Abreu**, Department of Land Economy, University of Cambridge, UK

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## On ERSA Sections' Agendas



### Italian Section

#### A. I. S. Re XL Annual Scientific Conference

Beyond the crises: Renewal, reconstruction and local development

16-18 September 2019, L'Aquila, Italy

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**Hungarian Section: 7th Central European**



HUNGARIAN REGIONAL  
SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

## Conference in Regional Science

Flows of resources in the regional economy in the  
age of digitalisation

**09-11 October 2019, Sopron, Hungary**

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## 2019 Barcelona Workshop on Regional and Urban Economics

Regional economic modelling and policy impact  
assessment

**24-25 October 2019, Barcelona, Spain**

Paper Submission Deadline: 6 September 2019

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de ciencia  
regional

## Spanish Section: XLV International Conference on Regional Science

Tackling with societal, technological and climate  
changes in peripheral territories

**20-22 November 2019, Castelló, Spain**

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

## German speaking Section: Winter Seminar 2020 of the Gesellschaft für Regionalforschung 15-22 February 2020, Matrei in Osttirol, Austria

Abstract Submission Start: 1 October 2019

Abstract Submission Deadline: 15 November 2019

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To Keep up-to-date with all events on the agenda,  
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