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Foreword from the President



Dear Members,
Dear Colleagues,

Just coming back from the 59th ERSA Congress of Lyon where we had [a very rich-content Programme](#) last week. I would like to thank once again the Local Organising Committee for the success of this huge event of high-value for

the entire regional science community.

And last but not least, a big thank you to all participants at #ersa2019Lyon. This success is above all yours!

Yours,
André Torre
President of ERSA



[See the photos of the Congress](#)
and posts on social media
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>> Award Recipients at ERSA2019

ERSA Congress platform is also the place where ERSA and RSAI congratulate young and proven regional scientist for their contribution in regional science and the community.

Award Winners @ERSA2019

- **Philip McCann**, ERSA European Prize in Regional Science 2019, for his outstanding contribution in regional science and his researches in the academic circle.
- **Eduardo Ibarra-Olivo**, ERSA Epainos Prize Winner 2019, for his paper, "Outward Foreign Direct Investment and the Skill Composition in Mexican Regions", presented during an Epainos Session at the Congress.
- **Isabelle Thomas**, RSAI Fellow 2019, for her outstanding contribution to Regional Science
- **Roberta Capello**, Hirotatada Kohno Award 2018 (RSAI), for her outstanding support to RSAI.
- Martin Beckmann Prize 2019 Tobias **D. Ketterer** and **Andrés Rodríguez-Pose**, for the paper with title "Institutions vs. 'first-nature' geography: What drives economic growth in Europe's regions?" and **Wen Chen, Bart Los, Philip McCann, Raquel Ortega-Argilés, Mark Thissen and Frank van Oort** for the paper with title "The continental divide? Economic exposure to Brexit in regions and countries on both sides of The Channel", for the award of best papers published in PiRS. [more](#)



>> Keynote presentations shared by our outstanding Speakers' line-up!

Maryann Feldman > Platform Capitalism & Regional income disparities: the power of monopolies & finance (Opening Session, Tuesday 27 August) [Download](#)

Jacques François Thisse > About the Origin of Cities (Opening Session, Tuesday 27 August) [Download](#)

Susan Parnell > South Africa experiences in the context of urban world challenges (Plenary Keynote Session, Wednesday 28 August) [Soon available](#)

Roberta Capello > Regional development theories and formalised economic approaches: an evolving relationship (Keynote Session, Wednesday 28 August) [Download](#)

André Torre > Is there a smart development for rural areas? (PiRS Keynote Session, Wednesday 28 August) [Download](#)

Yannis Psycharis > The new landscape of regional inequalities in the European Union in the aftermath of economic crisis: analysis and policy challenges for the programming period post-2020 (RSPP Keynote Session, Thursday 29 August) [Download](#)

Philip McCann > The Geography of Discontent: Different Narratives, Different Perspectives and Different Evidence [Download](#)

>> Handing over of the ERSA flag to Bolzano



The Closing Ceremony concluded with the handover of the ERSA flag to Bolzano, City host of the 60th ERSA Congress to be held from 27-30 August 2020.

The preparations have already started. We wish the Bolzano Local Organising Committee and ERSA Italian Section AISRE a lot of success.



Territorial futures

is the central topic of our ERSA 2020 Congress
Key dates are already available. Stay informed with updates and See you in Bolzano !
[more](#)

Join us at #EURegionsWeek



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.

Reminder Registration deadline is 27 September!

Registration is free but mandatory.

10 University Sessions are on this year's agenda!

- 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 and registration [here](#)



Election of Councillor at RSAI Council

The election of one councillor-at-large for the period 2020-2022 will take place electronically by RSAI members during the month of September 2019.

A position of councillor is open in the RSAI council. Members will receive electronic ballots for vote soon. Please seriously consider voting for European candidates for this election in order to strengthen our position at the international level.

To Keep up-to-date with all events on the agenda, visit our [upcoming events page](#) on our website.

