



Regional Science Association International

British and Irish Section

44th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dublin, Ireland
17th to 18th August 2015

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The RSAI British & Irish Section invites the submission of abstracts to be considered for the 2015 Annual Conference. Suggested themes for the conference are listed below, though **quality papers in all areas of regional science are welcome.**

Regional Growth and Productivity	Migration and Regional Labour Markets	Regional Policy in Ireland and the UK
Differential Regional Impacts of the Current Economic Crisis	Regional Impacts of Education Policy and Institutions	European Regional Policy
Sustainable Regional Development	Spatial Analysis and Geodemographics	Transport and Infrastructure
Regional Energy Use and Environmental Impacts	Innovation and Competitiveness	Rural Economies and Communities

The **SPATIAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS LECTURE** will be delivered by Professor **MORTON O'KELLY**, director of the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis at the Ohio State University.

A **KEYNOTE LECTURE** will be given by the renowned Irish macroeconomist Professor **KARL WHELAN** of University College Dublin and formerly of the Central Bank of Ireland and the Federal Reserve Board.

The RSAI-BIS is also organizing a **DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM** for doctoral students in regional science on the day before the annual conference. Details are below.

During the Annual Conference, there will be Special Sessions for early career/doctoral students with prizes for the best conference paper and the best conference presentation by early career researchers. Early career researchers are those engaged in or having recently completed PhD study in regional science. Those applying for the best presentation must be at a stage prior to a PhD viva date. Applicants for the best conference paper must be within 3 years of their PhD viva. If you are eligible and wish to be considered for these prizes please select these tracks when submitting your abstract online.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is March 31st 2015. Please submit abstracts of approximately 300 words online at <http://www.rsai-bis.org/online-abstract-submission.html>. Authors will be notified of the committee's decision in April 2015.

DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

For the fifth time, a Colloquium for Doctoral Students in Regional Science will be organised in conjunction with the Annual Congress of the Regional Science Association International – British and Irish Section. The 2015 Colloquium will take place on August 16th, just before the Annual Conference.

The Colloquium is particularly aimed at Doctoral Students in the first two years of their studies **but all delegates attending the main conference are welcome to attend the colloquium as well.** The Colloquium aims to provide an opportunity for doctoral students in Regional Science to present aspects of their research and outline some 'work in progress' with experienced researchers in the field. There will also be opportunities for doctoral students to interact informally both with each other and with more experienced regional scientists.

The doctoral colloquium is an opportunity for students to get advice about, or to discuss, problems or challenges that they are facing in their research. In this sense the colloquium offers a different opportunity to the main conference where the focus is typically on presenting a single paper. Issues discussed by colloquium presenters can be specific to one aspect of their thesis or can be recurring problems throughout different parts of their thesis. Students should therefore use these sessions as a chance to identify challenges, explain any solutions they have identified, and use the audience as a sounding board to get feedback on their suggested approach or to suggest alternative approaches.

Attendance at the colloquium is free for doctoral students who are attending the annual conference. All participating doctoral students are also required to register for the Annual Conference and are strongly encouraged to present full papers at the conference (even if they are unfinished!). They are also eligible to apply for consideration for the early career researchers prizes.

Doctoral students who wish to attend the Colloquium should indicate this when submitting abstracts for the conference. They should submit a 100 word abstract describing the issues they wish to discuss in their colloquium presentation. Doctoral students who apply for the doctoral colloquium will be notified by email if they have secured a presentation slot.

If invited to present at the doctoral colloquium, students will be required to submit a Research Summary (approximately 4 pages) to the RSAIBIS Secretary (email address below) by July 11, 2015. The summary should include, for example, the expected contribution, the research question(s) and its location within the literature, a brief overview of related work, the methodological approach, research conducted to date and results so far. This is necessary to enable us to allocate a suitable discussing for your work, and allows your discussant to gain some familiarity with what you are doing before your presentation.

For any further information regarding the conference and/or colloquium please contact the Secretary: Dr Kristinn Hermannsson, Secretary RSAI:BIS, School of Education, University of Glasgow, St Andrews Building, 11 Eldon Street, Glasgow, UK.

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