

ASSA 2023 Annual Meeting June 14 -17 2023 | New Orleans, USA



Event Overview¹

The Regional Studies Association's Annual Conference 2023, also known as #RSA23, is a four-day event held in partnership with the School of Economics and Business, at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. It will take place from June 14 to 17, 2023, and will feature 500+ presentations, high-profile plenary speakers, several specially convened sessions, workshops, networking sessions, walking tours, and field trips. This four-day conference will bring together academics and policymakers to exchange news, views, and research findings from the fields of regional studies and science, regional and economic development, policy, and planning.

The social program will include the conference dinner and reception, side events, sports activities, exhibitor stalls, and post-conference tours to explore Slovenia.

The conference venue has the technology to facilitate a fully blended conference which will be supported through the "RSA Hub" app which is available to download for free from the app store. It is device-agnostic working on phones, tablets, laptops, and desktops. The RSA Hub App allows delegates to view the most up-to-date program, abstracts, and speakers, select a specific conference schedule, network with other delegates, and participate in the conference. Online participants can also access the app through the desktop version. All participants, whether in the room or taking part virtually, will be able to present, ask questions, and can join the debate. All sessions if possible, will be livestreamed including plenary, roundtable, and workshop sessions.

The conference offers different rates for online participants, members, and non-members and has tiered members' conference fees depending on the country's Band. Signing up as an RSA member will offer a discounted conference rate, so interested participants may consider registering as a member and then registering for the conference.

The draft conference program is structured as follows:

#RSA23 Draft Conference Programme	
Side event	
Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th June 2023	
	Young Scholars Academy on Regional Studies (free event, separate registration required)
Wednesday, 14th June 2023	
[10.00-16.00]	Board Meeting (invitation only)
[10.00-12.00]	City Walking Tour (separate registration necessary)
[13.00-17.00]	4th Networking Workshop for Early and Mid-Career Women in Regional Studies and Regional Science (free event, separate registration necessary)
[14.00-16.00]	Technical Tour 1: Architectural Walking Tour of Ljubljana (separate registration necessary)
[14.00-16.00]	Technical Tour 2: Exploring Urban Culture in Ljubljana - A Discussion on the Move (separate registration necessary)
[14.00-16.00]	Technical Tour 3: The Sustainable Mobility Good Practices Visit (separate registration necessary)
[15.00-17.00]	Conference Registration open at SEB
[18:30-20:30]	Welcome Reception – Ljubljana Castle

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Welcome Speech by Lilijana Madjar, MSc, Director of Regional Development Agency of Ljubljana Urban Region and President of the Western Slovenia Cohesion Region Prof. Dr. Gregor Majdič, Rector of the University of Ljubljana.

Thursday, 15th June 2023

[08.00-17.30] Conference registration

[08.45-09.05] Welcome to the conference

Prof Metka Tekavčič, Dean of the School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Neil Lee, Chair of RSA

[09.05-10.35] **Opening Plenary – Green Global Value Chains for Sustainable Regional Development**

Speakers:

Oliver Harman, IGC Oxford, UK

Riccardo Crescenzi, London School of Economics, UK

Marco Kamiya, Economist at UNIDO, United Nations

Anna Hammarberg, Business Sweden, Sweden

Chair:

Sandrine Kergroach, Head of Unit, OECD

[09.00-12.00] Finance and Space Editors Meeting (invitation only)

[10.35-11.15] Coffee Break

[11.15-12.45] Parallel Workshop Sessions A

[12.45-14.00] Lunch Break

[12.45-14.00] Territorial Representatives Annual Meeting and Lunch (invitation only) 14.00-15.30

Parallel Workshop Sessions B

[14.00-15.30] **Meet the RSA Editors I**

]15.30-16.00[Coffee Break

[16.00-17.30] Parallel Workshop Sessions C

[17.30-18.30] **New Member's Meet Up**

[17.30-19.00] **Professional Development Session**

Friday, 16th June 2023

[08.30-17.00] Conference registration

[08.45-10.15] **Plenary 2 - Finance and Space: Sustainable Financing and Unsustainable Debt**

Speakers:

Katherine Brickell, King's College London, UK

Vincent Guermond, Royal Holloway London, UK

Daniela Gabor, UWE Bristol, UK

Chair:

Sabine Dörny, Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research, Luxembourg

[09.00-12.00] Regional Studies Editors Meeting (invitation only)

[10.15-10.45] Coffee Break

[10.45-12.15] Parallel Workshop Sessions D

Meet the RSA Editors II

[12.15-13.15] Lunch Break

[13.15-14.45] **The Regional Studies Plenary 3 – Global Production Networks meets Evolutionary Economic Geography: What Common Ground Can the two Theories Find and what are the Implications for Regional Studies**

Speakers:

Henry Yeung, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Ron Boschma, Utrecht University, The Netherlands

Discussant:

Jessie Poon, University at Buffalo, USA Discussant: Lisa De Propris, University of Birmingham, UK

Chair:

Neil Lee, London School of Economics, UK

[14.50-16.20] Parallel Workshop Sessions E

[16.20-16.50] Coffee Break

[16.50-18.20] Parallel Workshop Sessions F

[16.30-18.00] Technical Tour 4: The Library of Things Visit (separate registration necessary)

[19.30-22.30] Conference Dinner (separate registration necessary)

Saturday, 17th June 2023

[08.30-12.30] Conference registration

[08.45-10.15] Parallel Workshop Sessions G

[10.15-10.45] Coffee Break

[10.45-12.15] **Closing Plenary – Territory Politics Governance Annual Lecture: What Does a more Sustainable Future Require? Strengthening Cooperation, Improving Governance, and Understanding the Politics of Systemic Change**

EC Speaker:

Alexander L. Q. Chen, Roskilde University, Denmark

Speakers:

Janez Potočnik, Co-Chair of UN International Research Panel

Discussant:

Virginie Mamadouh, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Chair:

Klaus Dodds, Royal Holloway, UK

[12.15-12.30] Conference Close

Klaus Dodds, RSA Board Member

[13.30-20:30] Post-Conference Tour: Slovenia: A Land of Bees and Honey (separate registration necessary)

[13.30-20.30] Post-Conference Tour to Lake Bled (separate registration necessary)

[15.00-17.00] Paddle Boarding Tour Ljubljana (separate registration necessary)

[15.00-17.00] Exploring Ljubljana by Bicycle (separate registration necessary)

Sunday, 18th June 2023

[08.30-15.00] Post-Conference Tour to Postojna Cave and Predjama Castle
(separate registration necessary)

For more details, the interested reader can visit the link:

<https://www.regionalstudies.org/events/2023rsaannualconf/>