

## 48th Annual Conference - Stirling 5-7 July 2022



### Event Overview<sup>2</sup>

The British and Irish Section (BIS) of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI) announces the 48th Annual Conference, which will take place on 5-7 July 2022, in the form of an in-person event. The conference will take place in the same location as the 2020's conference, Stirling, Scotland, due to the cancellation of the previous conference that the public health concern of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic caused. Suggested themes for the conference are listed below, though quality papers in all areas of regional science are welcome.

- Spatial analysis of productivity and labor markets
- Higher education and the impact of universities on regional economies
- Migration, refugees, and integration
- Spatial analysis of voting behavior and political outcomes
- Regional science in business (retail and geo-demographics)
- Transportation networks and their regional economic impact
- Regional disparities in health and well-being outcomes
- Spatial analysis of marine economies and renewable energy
- Scottish devolution, the UK, and Brexit
- Urban futures (and sustainable cities)
- Inequalities in subjective wellbeing
- Social welfare assistance and reform

The deadline for submission of abstracts is the 31st of January 2022. Submission of abstracts of approximately 300 words is welcomed online at <http://www.rsai-bis.org/online-abstract-submission.html>. Authors will be notified of the committee's decision in February 2022. The authors should also indicate if they wish the paper to be considered for the early career-best paper and/or best presentation awards.

The traditional early-career colloquium will take place in an online format before the conference. This provides a great opportunity for Ph.D. students and early career researchers (within 3 years of their Ph.D.) to present and discuss their work with experienced academics in their field. The organizers welcome students at any stage of their Ph.D., and particularly first-year Ph.D. students are strongly encouraged to apply and may present research plans or work in progress. Attendance at the colloquium is free for accepted presenters and existing RSAI-BIS members. Early career presenters included in the program, and who are not currently members, will also receive free membership of RSAI-BIS for 2021/22, thanks to a generous donation from one of the RSAI-BIS members. The free membership entitles them to discounted rates at RSAI-BIS, ERSA, and RSAI events, as well as free access to RSAI publications. A panel of judges will award prizes for the best paper and the best presentation. Prize winners will receive a certificate and will be entitled to attend the 2022 annual RSAI-BIS conference (in Stirling, Scotland), for free. The prize covers fees, accommodation, and economy-class travel costs. Shortlisted candidates will also receive a certificate and their first drink at the 2022 annual conference.

More details on the themes of the conference, and important dates, can be found on the conference webpage <https://www.rsai-bis.org>.

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