



Join us at our 40th Annual Conference
RMIT, MELBOURNE, 5-7 DECEMBER 2016

***TOWARDS THE FUTURE:
EMERGING PRIORITIES IN
REGIONAL POLICY AND PRACTICE***

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

For forty years, the Australia and New Zealand Regional Science Association has brought together researchers across academic and policy fields to explore the cutting edge of regional development and regional analysis in Australia, New Zealand and around the world. If your work involves regions, you are cordially invited to join us for our 40th Annual Conference. ANZRS AI welcomes proposal for contributed papers, for themed panels, or for special sessions, on any topic related to regions.

This year's conference is hosted by the European Union Centre at RMIT and the RMIT Centre for People, Work and Organisation. The venue is the City campus of RMIT on Swanston Street at the heart of the City of Melbourne. More information on the conference and other relevant material is available from the ANZRS AI website at www.anzrsai.org.



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INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT



This year is the 40th Annual ANZRS AI Conference and so I am thrilled we are returning to the City of Melbourne for this landmark event. ANZRS AI has teamed up with the European Union Centre at RMIT and the RMIT Centre for People, Work and Organisation (with the RMIT Social Change Enabling Platform) to host the conference in the university's superb Swanston Academic Building in the heart of Melbourne. We are delighted they are helping us host this conference. It promises to be a very exciting programme, with something for everyone with an interest in regional policy or practice.

The core theme of our conference is *Towards the Future: Emerging Priorities in Regional Policy and Practice*. On both sides of the Tasman, and indeed in many parts of the world, the future of regions, and how regions can be strengthened with well-designed regional policy and well-executed regional practice, remain hotly contested topics.

I want to acknowledge the hard work of Professors Bruce Wilson and Peter Fairbrother at RMIT, who are the convenors for our 40th conference. I also want to thank the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics in the Federal Government's Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. BITRE are a long-standing supporter of this annual event, which we greatly appreciate.

Among other publication opportunities, participants are welcome to submit their paper presented at the conference for a forthcoming special edition of the *Australasian Journal of Regional Studies* on "Emerging Priorities in Regional Policy and Practice" to be edited by Bruce Wilson and Peter Fairbrother. This will therefore be an exciting conference.

I hope that both the conference programme and its location will be an irresistible temptation to join us in December 2016.

Robyn Eversole
ANZRS AI President, 2016

TIMETABLE

30 September 2016	Final date for submission of abstracts and proposals for themed panels or special sessions on particular topics.
24 October 2016	Final date for early bird registration. Draft conference programme on website.
31 October 2016	Final date for submission of full paper by authors wanting their contribution to be peer reviewed for the conference proceedings or considered for the best paper Awards.
11 November 2016	Final date for conference registration for paper presenters, for their paper to be confirmed in the programme.
25 November 2016	Final programme published on the conference website.
5 December 2016	Conference opens on Monday morning at 9.00am.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The ANZRSAI Council invites contributions from academics, practitioners and policy advisors on any aspect of regional science for presentation at the conference. The programme will include *PowerPoint presentations*, *academic papers* (which may be peer reviewed), *themed panels* and *special sessions* on topics in regional science theory, regional development practice or regional planning policy. The conference includes an Awards Dinner on Tuesday 6 December, at which the following awards will be made.

- The John Dickinson Memorial Award for Best Paper in *AJRS*
- The ANZRSAI Award for Best Conference Paper
- The ANZRSAI Award for Best Conference Paper by a Student

The programme committee welcomes contributions that are a PowerPoint presentation, an academic paper, or a themed panel or special session made up of three presentations. Papers that are submitted in full by the 31st of October will be double-blind peer reviewed for publication in formal conference proceedings on the ANZRSAI website. Papers submitted to the conference may also be submitted to the Association's journal, the *Australasian Journal of Regional Science*, ranked as a tier B journal by the Australian Business Deans Council. Suitable papers may be submitted for inclusion in a Special Edition of the Journal.

The first step is to submit an *Abstract* giving a brief introduction to the content of the contribution or proposed special session. The abstract should be no more than 150 words, explaining the topic of the contribution and its main points or conclusions. The abstract should make clear that the topic is suitable for a conference of people engaged in regional science theory, practice or policy. Decisions will be confirmed within **two weeks** of receipt.

To submit an abstract, please go to the following website:

<https://www.anzrsai.org/conference/conference-2016/>

The programme committee welcomes submissions on any aspect of regional studies, but is particularly interested in research or case studies connected to the conference's core theme of *Towards the Future: Emerging Priorities in Regional Policy and Practice*. Please note: Abstracts must be submitted by 30 September and early bird registration will end on 24 October.

CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATION

RMIT, Melbourne, is located in the heart of the central business district of Melbourne. There is a wide range of accommodation available within close walking distance of the venue. RMIT has ongoing connections with some reasonably priced hotels nearby; these details will be provided in the second call for papers and made available on the conference website at www.anzrsai.org.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The 40th Annual Conference of ANZRSAI will open in the morning on Monday 5 December. There will be three days of stimulating plenary addresses, panels of expert speakers and parallel sessions of submitted papers.

This is an opportunity for ANZRSAI members and others interested in regional issues to share experiences and network with each other, to keep up-to-date with latest developments in regional research and to address important issues in regional planning.

At the time of issuing this first request for papers, the programme of plenary speakers is still being finalised. Once this is finalised, details will be published on the conference website at www.anzrsai.org.

Registration for the conference includes morning tea, lunches and afternoon tea as well as admission to all plenary and parallel sessions. It also includes complimentary membership of ANZRSAI for 2017.

There are two social events: a cocktail reception at the conclusion of the first day on the evening of Monday 5 December and the ANZRSAI Awards Dinner on Tuesday 6 December.

	Fees
Early Bird Standard Registration (paid before 24 October)	\$600.00
Standard Registration for full conference (paid after 24 October)	\$700.00
Student or Emeritus Registration for full conference	\$325.00
Registration for one day of the conference	\$325.00
Conference Cocktail Reception (Monday 5 December, 6.00pm)	\$30.00
ANZRSAI Awards Dinner (Tuesday 6 December, 7.00pm)	\$120.00

To register for the conference, please go to:

<https://www.anzrsai.org/conference/conference-2016/>

Queries about the conference can be sent to the ANZRSAI Executive Officer at the e-mail below:

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