



Join us at our 41st Annual Conference
USQ, TOOWOOMBA, 6-8 DECEMBER 2017

***"FOSTERING REGIONAL RESILIENCE,
ENGAGEMENT AND INNOVATION"***

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

For just over 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 41st 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 Institute for Resilient Regions at the University of Southern Queensland. The venue is the Toowoomba campus of USQ, the heart of a rapidly growing region with key enabling infrastructure. To register, and for more information on the conference, visit the ANZRS AI website at:

www.anzrsai.org



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INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT



This year is the 41st annual ANZRSAI Conference and so I am thrilled we are meeting in the vibrant regional city of Toowoomba.

ANZRSAI has teamed up with the Institute for Resilient Regions at the University of Southern Queensland to host the conference at the University's main campus in Toowoomba. 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 and practice.

The core theme of our conference is *Fostering Regional Resilience, Engagement and Innovation*. In Australia, New Zealand and around the world, regions and the diverse communities who live and work in them face a landscape of rapid change. The concept of resilience captures the idea that communities in place are able to navigate change confidently. As regional researchers, we seek to engage with the dynamics of regions and work with regional communities to spark new sources of innovation.

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 Jim Cavaye and Greg Jones. 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 2017.

Robyn Eversole
ANZRSAI President, 2017

TIMETABLE

16 October 2017	Final date for submission of abstracts and proposals for themed panels or special sessions on particular topics.
31 October 2017	Final date for early bird registration.
3 November 2017	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.
10 November 2017	Final date for conference registration for paper presenters, for their paper to be confirmed in the programme.
24 November 2017	Final programme published on the conference website.
6 December 2017	Conference opens on Wednesday morning at 9.00am.

THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Our 41st annual conference will have a full programme of special sessions and keynote speakers. The special sessions include a session chaired by Professor Bob Stimson on the New South Wales regional economic development programme (including discussion of its *Regional Economic Growth Enablers* report) and a workshop on Local Economic Development organised and hosted by Professor Jim Cavaye. We are also delighted that the following five high profile regional scientists have confirmed that they will present at our conference.

DR CARLO GIANELLE

(INSTITUTE FOR PROSPECTIVE TECHNOLOGICAL STUDIES, SPAIN)



Carlo Gianelle is a member of the Smart Specialisation Platform at the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS), which is one of seven institutes of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission. He holds a PhD in economics from the University of Siena, Italy, and studied at the University of California Berkeley, specialising in labour economics and development. Carlo has been involved in the implementation of the Smart Specialisation policy of the European Commission from its inception in 2011 and he has contributed in particular to the methodological development of the activities of the Smart Specialisation Platform.

DR EVELYN V. COLINO

(NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF RIO NEGRO, ARGENTINA)

Dr Evelyn Colino is Director of CIETES (Interdisciplinary Centre for Studies on Territory, Economy and Society) at the National University of Rio Negro, Argentina. She is a CONICET Fellow (Fellow of the National Research Council of Argentina). She previously worked with the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. CIETES is a Regional Research Centre that focuses on problems of local and regional development in the Northern Patagonia region. Recent projects include “The social and solidarity economy as a catalyst for territorial development: An empirical analysis of San Carlos de Bariloche.” Evelyn is a leader in the Sustainable Regions Applied Research Network (SRARN) that links Regional Research Centres in Australia, Chile and Argentina.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR BUDY RESOSUDARMO
(AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, CANBERRA)



Associate Professor Budy Resosudarmo is a member of the Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University. He is an economist working on the economy-wide impact of economic and environmental policies on household incomes, analysing the impact of fiscal decentralization policies on local economies, and investigating the political economy of natural resource utilisation. Budy is President of the Regional Science Association International. His address will be on the topic of “Lagging regions in Asia and the Pacific: How regional science can contribute to address the issue”.

PROFESSOR JOHN ROLFE
(CENTRAL QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY, ROCKHAMPTON)

John Rolfe is Professor of Regional Economic Development at CQ University at Rockhampton. He is a resource economist, and has extensive experience with environmental, resource and development issues across Queensland and Australia. John has led more than 40 major research projects over the last ten years and is the past Editor-in-Chief for the *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. He is involved in a number of technical and policy committees, and is currently the Independent Chair of the Science Panel for the Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership. Professor Rolfe will speak on ‘Factors affecting workforce mobility in regional Australia’.



PROFESSOR ROBYN EVERSOLE
(SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, MELBOURNE)



Professor Robyn Eversole is Deputy Director of the Centre for Social Impact at Swinburne University of Technology. She is the author of *Knowledge Partnering for Community Development* (2015) and *Regional Development in Australia* (2016), both published by Routledge. An anthropologist who studies regional and local development, Robyn is involved in practical development work in Australia, Asia, and Latin America. She is a leader in the Sustainable Regions Applied Research Network (SRARN) that links Regional Research Centres in Australia, Chile and Argentina, and a Board member of the Council on Australia–Latin America Relations. Professor Eversole is President of ANZRSAL.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The ANZRS AI 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 Thursday 7 December, at which the following awards will be made.

- The John Dickinson Memorial Award for Best Paper in *AJRS*
- The ANZRS AI Award for Best Conference Paper
- The ANZRS AI 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 3rd of November will be double-blind peer reviewed for publication in formal conference proceedings on the ANZRS AI 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-2017/>

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 *Fostering Regional Resilience, Engagement and Innovation*. Please note: Abstracts must be submitted by **16 October** and early bird registration ends on 31 October.

CONFERENCE TRAVEL

Toowoomba is a city of 165,000 people, 150kms west of Brisbane. It is easily accessible:

Fly Direct: Regular direct flights from Sydney (Qantaslink), Melbourne, Townsville and Cairns (Airnorth) to Toowoomba's Wellcamp Airport. Taxis, rental cars and shuttles are available from the airport.

Fly to Brisbane and Drive via the Ipswich Motorway and Warrego Highway (2 hours drive). Regular inexpensive bus services are also available from Brisbane airport and city.

CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATION

The USQ campus in Toowoomba is located at Darling Heights in the southern suburbs of the city. It is a short shuttle bus or car drive from the centre of the city. The conference organisers are arranging a shuttle at the beginning and end of each conference day. There is a wide range of accommodation available in the city and at university hostels. A separate sheet will be available with more details shortly on the conference website at www.anzrsai.org.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The 41st annual Conference of ANZRSAI will open at 9:00am on Wednesday 6 December. This will be followed by 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.

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 2018.

There are two social events: a cocktail reception at the Inbound Brasserie on the evening of Wednesday 6 December and the ANZRSAI Awards Dinner (sponsored by the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics) at the Encores Restaurant on Thursday 7 December.

	Fees
Early Bird Standard Registration (paid before 31 October)	\$600.00
Standard Registration for full conference (paid after 31 October)	\$700.00
Student or Emeritus Registration for full conference	\$325.00
Registration for one day of the conference	\$325.00
Conference Cocktail Reception (Wednesday 6 December, 6.00pm)	\$30.00
ANZRSAI Awards Dinner (Thursday 7 December, 7.00pm)	\$120.00

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Queries about the conference can be sent to the ANZRSAI Executive Officer **Paul Dalziel** (AERU, Lincoln University, New Zealand) at his email address: Paul.Dalziel@lincoln.ac.nz.