



35th Annual Conference of the Australia and New Zealand Regional Science Association International

The Brassey of Canberra, Australia, 6-9 December 2011

ANZRSIA is pleased to announce it has confirmed the following five keynote speakers at its 35th annual conference on the theme *Building Adaptive Regions*.

Professor John Tomaney *Place-based Approaches to Regional Development*



John Tomaney is Professor of Regional Development and Director of the Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies (CURDS), Newcastle University; Professor of Regional Studies at Monash University, Melbourne; Associate Director of the UK Spatial Economics Research Centre (SERC) and is an Academician of the Academy of Social Science (UK). Professor Tomaney will speak on his recent report on *Place-based Approaches to Regional*

Development prepared for the Australian Business Foundation (available at www.abfoundation.com.au/research_knowledge/research/294).

John Daley *Investing in Regions: Making a Difference*

John Daley is the Chief Executive Officer of the Grattan Institute, Melbourne and co-author of the recent Grattan Report, *Investing in Regions: Making a Difference*. John has 20 years experience at the intersection of the public sector, private enterprise, and academia. Previous roles include the University of Melbourne, the University of Oxford, the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet, consulting firm McKinsey and Co, and most recently ANZ. John Daley will speak on his Grattan report (available at www.grattan.edu.au/pub_page/086_report_regional_development.html).



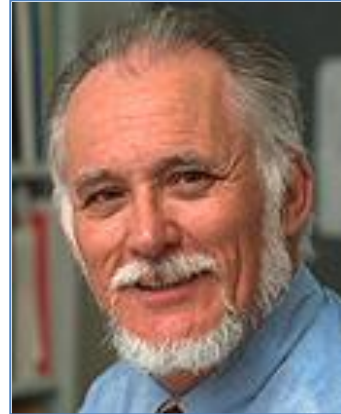
Professor Caroline Saunders *Regional Development Before and After an Earthquake*



Caroline Saunders is Professor of Trade and Environment and Director of the AERU at Lincoln University, New Zealand (www.lincoln.ac.nz/aeru). She has over 100 publications specialising on sustainable economic development and was awarded the NZIER Economics Prize in 2007. She was the lead author of the Canterbury Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS) in September 2009, twelve months before a series of three devastating earthquakes destroyed large parts of the central business district of the region's largest city, Christchurch. Caroline will speak on this experience.

Professor Bob Stimson *Introduction to AURIN*

Professor Bob Stimson is Director, Australian Urban Research Infrastructure Network (AURIN), University of Melbourne and Professor Emeritus at the University of Queensland. He is an analytical human geographer and regional scientist, specialising in urban and regional analysis, development and planning and research into human spatial behaviour. Bob was elected a Fellow of the Regional Science Association International in 2010. Professor Stimson will make a presentation on the AURIN project and the e-research capability it is building.



Richard Walker *Regional Development: Comments*



Richard Walker is Chief Executive Officer of Economic Development Australia. A geologist by profession, he switched careers two decades ago when he was appointed Business Manager for Unisearch Ltd, a six-year stepping stone for his subsequent role as Executive Director of Macquarie Research Limited overseeing annually more than 400 research, consulting and training projects with an annual turnover of \$12 million. From 2004 to 2006 he managed a major sustainability project at the Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering. Richard will provide comments on the two presentations by John Tomaney and John Daley.

The committee is inviting contributions from academics, practitioners and policy advisors on any aspect of regional science for the contributed papers sessions at the conference. The programme will include *academic papers* (which may be peer reviewed), *PowerPoint presentations* and *special sessions* on topics in regional science theory, regional development practice or regional planning policy.

Please note: Abstracts must be submitted by 2 September and early bird registration ends on 23 September.

The home page for the 2011 conference is hosted at the Association's own home page at www.anzrsai.org. There are two separate websites available to submit an abstract and to register, as follows:

A. To submit an abstract, please go to:

<https://www.conferenceonline.com/index.cfm?page=booking&object=abstract&forceHB=1&id=223>

B. To register for the conference, please go to:

<https://www.conferenceonline.com/index.cfm?page=booking&object=conference&id=16160&categorykey=A42368C5%2D17FD%2D4404%2D9C2A%2DFAD1AAA8F96B&clear=1>