

ANNOUNCEMENT

Regional Studies Association Research Network

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Varieties of Neoliberalism and Alternative Regional and Urban Strategies

We have received funding from the Regional Studies Association to establish a new Research Network focused on varieties of neoliberalism and alternative regional and urban strategies. The Research Network will be holding two workshops in order to explore a number of key contemporary problems and issues.

The first network meeting (Glasgow, summer 2010) will aim to develop the theoretical insights from the literature on neoliberalism and neoliberalisation by exploring specific regional and urban examples of these processes. In so doing, the aim is to consider how different regional and urban strategies have been affected by neoliberal imperatives and whether (and how) they have resisted neoliberal restructuring.

The second network meeting (Leipzig, summer 2011) will also consider the effects of neoliberal restructuring, but it will mainly focus on discussing alternative and emergent strategies for regions and cities. In particular, the meeting will consider the problematic effects of the current economic crisis and what socio-economic development strategies might ameliorate the impact of the neoliberal-induced financial crisis and help us move away from free market policies.

Call for papers:

If you are interested in presenting a paper at either workshop, or want some more information, then please get in touch with one of the organisers. We have a number of travel bursaries available for presenters and participants, especially for doctoral students, early career academics and non-academics. *Bursaries are restricted to members of the Regional Studies Association*; however, participants will get 20% off RSA territorial membership fees should they decide to join the association (please, claim you discount whilst applying at www.regional-studies-assoc.ac.uk/join/territorial.asp.)

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