



Join us at our 44th Annual Conference
RMIT MELBOURNE, 6-7 DECEMBER 2021
AND ON-LINE THROUGH MICROSOFT TEAMS

***RISK! THE CHALLENGE OF MANAGING
RISKS TO REGIONAL FUTURES***

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

The ANZRS AI Council was disappointed to postpone our Annual Conference last year because of the COVID-19 outbreak, but is delighted that the European Union Centre at RMIT has offered to host the conference in December. This will be a hybrid conference, with options to attend in person or on-line through Microsoft Teams. If your work involves regions, please join us for our 44th Annual Conference at RMIT, Melbourne. ANZRS AI welcomes proposals for contributed papers, for themed panels, or for special sessions, on any topic related to regions.

For those who can attend in person, the venue is the City campus of RMIT on Swanston Street in the heart of the City of Melbourne. More information is available at:

www.anzrsai.org



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INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT



After the disappointment of having to postpone our annual conference last year, ANZRS AI is delighted to be returning to RMIT in Melbourne for our 44th conference.

The core theme of our conference is *Risk! The Challenge of Managing Risks to Regional Futures*. The importance of this theme at the current time is obvious to everyone.

I am very grateful to Professor Bruce Wilson and his colleagues in the European Union Centre at RMIT for offering to host a hybrid conference in Melbourne, with the options of people participating in person or on-line. I am confident this will be a conference with something for everyone with an interest in regional policy and practice.

I also thank BCARR – the Bureau of Communications, Arts and Regional Research – in the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications, for their financial support as the Conference’s chief sponsor. This is a significant contribution to regional science in Australia. I particularly thank Karen Malam and Lucy Williams for their ongoing support for our annual conference.

Among other publication opportunities, participants are welcome to submit their paper presented at the conference to the *Australasian Journal of Regional Studies*.

I hope the conference program and its choice between participation in Melbourne or on-line through Microsoft Teams will be an irresistible temptation to join us in December 2021.

Rolf Gerritsen
ANZRS AI President, 2021

TIMETABLE

31 October 2021	Final date for submission of abstracts and proposals for themed panels or special sessions on particular topics.
31 October 2021	Final date for early bird registration. Draft conference program on conference website.
1 November 2021	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.
8 November 2021	Final date for conference registration for paper presenters, for their paper to be confirmed in the programme.
22 November 2021	Final program will be published on the conference website.
6 December 2021	Conference opens at 9am on Monday.

THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Our 44th annual conference has four keynote speakers, two on each day of the conference.

PROFESSOR LAUREN RICKARDS (RMIT UNIVERSITY)



Lauren Rickards is a Professor in the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, where she is Director of the Urban Futures ECP and co-leader of the Climate Change Transformations research program. A human geographer and ecologist by training, she now works on climate change futures and related questions about the urban-rural and human-nature relationship. She is a Lead Author with the Intergovernmental Panel in Climate Change (IPCC) chapter on Australasia.

PROFESSOR ROBERT HASSINK (KIEL UNIVERSITY)

Robert Hassink is Professor of Economic Geography at Kiel University in Germany and Visiting Professor in the School of Geography, Politics & Sociology at Newcastle University, UK. He has worked at several research institutes and universities in the Netherlands, Germany, Norway and South Korea. Over the years he has carried out various research projects on regional innovation policies, industrial restructuring, regional economic adaptation and creative industry clusters in Western Europe and in East Asia, particularly in China and South Korea.



DR SKYE AKBAR (UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA)



Dr Skye Akbar is a researcher and educator in UniSA's Business School who applies her experience with a focus on supporting the wellbeing of local peoples through improved understanding of how best to achieve self-determined sustainable community economic development. Originally from the Eyre Peninsula, Skye is of the Waljen group of the Wongutha Peoples. She works to support evidence-based decision making that can nurture context and culturally inform local solutions to local problems.

PROFESSOR FIONA HASLAM MCKENZIE (UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA)

Fiona Haslam McKenzie is Co-Director of the Centre for Regional Development at UWA. Her background is in political geography, researching the socio-economic impacts of the restructuring of the agricultural industry. Fiona has extensive experience in population and socio-economic change, housing, regional economic development and analysis of remote, regional and urban socio-economic indicators. She has undertaken work for the corporate and small business sectors, as well as conducting work for all three tiers of government.



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 program 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. Presentations can be made in person, or on-line in two parallel sessions.

The conference includes an Awards Dinner on Monday 6th 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

Papers submitted in full by the 1st 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.

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-2021/>

The program 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 *Risk! The Challenge of Managing Risks to Regional Futures*.

Please note: Abstracts must be submitted by **31 October**, which is also the final date for early bird registration.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The 44th Annual Conference of ANZRS AI will open at 9am on Monday 6th December 2021. There will be two days of stimulating plenary addresses, panels of expert speakers and parallel sessions of submitted papers, presented in person at the City Campus of RMIT in Swanston Street, Melbourne, or on-line through Microsoft Teams.

This is an opportunity for ANZRS AI 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 and afternoon tea as well as admission to all plenary and parallel sessions. It also includes complimentary membership of ANZRS AI for 2022.

The ANZRS AI Awards Dinner will be held on Monday 6th December.

The Council has agreed that the conference fees should be reduced for this year, recognising that the conference will take place over two days (rather than three), and we will not be inviting any international visitors to be physically present. Thus, the fees are half their normal level. There is a small discount for anyone who can attend for just one day.

The fee is the same for those who are present and for those who join the conference on-line.

	Fees
Early Bird Standard Registration (paid before 31 October)	\$300.00
Standard Registration for full conference (paid after 31 October)	\$350.00
Participation in one day of the conference only	\$250.00
Student or Emeritus Registration for full conference	\$150.00
ANZRS AI Awards Dinner (Monday 6 th December, 7pm)	\$120.00

To register for the conference, please go to:

<https://www.anzrsai.org/conference/conference-2021/>

Queries about the conference can be sent to the ANZRS AI Executive Officer:

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