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## **REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018**

A World of Flows: Labour Mobility, Capital & Knowledge in an Age of Global Reversal & Regional Revival

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Università della Svizzera Italiana

Lugano, Switzerland

**Deadline for Special Session proposals submissions: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

### **CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSION PROPOSALS**

The organisers welcome proposals for special sessions, themed workshops and innovative forms of networking and collaboration. If you would like to organise or offer a session to the conference, please complete this form and send it to Wanda Miczorek at [wanda.miczorek@regionalstudies.org](mailto:wanda.miczorek@regionalstudies.org).

Note: there are two types of Special Sessions:

1. Open Special Session – the session organiser proposes the topic and provides a short description (below) for a special session. Delegates can submit their abstracts for this session when they register for the conference.
2. Closed Session – the session organiser proposes the complete session including all speakers. Other delegates may not submit their abstracts for this session.

Both sessions are open to all delegates to attend as audience.

**Session Title: Cross-border metropolitan regions – Opportunities and challenges**

**Session Organiser: ROREP – Swiss Knowledge Network for Spatial Development and Policy**

**Open/Closed Session: Closed Session (Policy Tuesday!)**

**Description (with speakers listed if a closed session):**

Metropolitan regions are generally seen as drivers for territorial development in the national context, as well as drivers for economic, social and cultural development on a European and global scale. They are seen as the nodes in a globalising world of flows. With the liberalisation of the European borders, the development has been dynamic in many border areas, in particular in metropolitan cross-border regions. Many border regions dispose of specific potentials but also specific barriers for a cross-border metropolitan development, for example in terms of infrastructure, labour mobility, governance etc. Against this backdrop, this session pursues two main goals. First, it aims at identifying potentials, opportunities and challenges of cross-border metropolitan regions by comparing three case study regions (Regio Insubrica, Basel area, Luxemburg). Second – by discussing the findings in a policy panel – it aims at generating evidence on the expectations, aspirations, fears, perspectives and strategies of decision-makers in cross-border metropolitan regions.

Anyone interested in participating in the session should register for the conference before

**28<sup>th</sup> February 2018** by visiting <http://www.regionalstudies.org/conferences/conference/rsa-lugano-2018>

### Keynote speakers:

- **Alberto Bramanti (confirmed):** Opportunities and challenges of the cross-border metropolitan region of Insubrica (Switzerland-Italy)
- **Christophe Sohn (confirmed):** Opportunities and challenges of the cross-border metropolitan region of Luxemburg
- **Tina Haisch (confirmed):** Opportunities and challenges of the cross-border metropolitan region of Basel (Switzerland-France-Germany)

### Policy panel with keynote speakers and policy makers:

- **Alberto Bramanti**, Università Bocconi, Milano (confirmed)
- **Christophe Sohn**, Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER) (confirmed)
- **Tina Haisch**, University of Applied Sciences, School of Business, Basel (confirmed)
- **Francesco Quattrini**, cantone Ticino (confirmed)
- **Frédéric Duvinage**, Trinational Eurodistrict of Basel (confirmed)
- **Klaus-Dieter Schnell**, Internationale Bodenseekonferenz (confirmed)

### Moderators:

- **Stefan Lüthi (confirmed):** Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts – IBR
- **Hugues Jeannerat (confirmed):** Université de Neuchâtel, Institut de sociologie – GRET

### Preliminary program:

Policy Tuesday : 5th June 2018	
10:00 – 10:20	Paper input on opportunities and challenges of the cross-border metropolitan region of Insubrica (Alberto Bramanti)
10:20 – 10:40	Paper input on opportunities and challenges of the cross-border metropolitan region of Luxemburg (Christophe Sohn)
10:40 – 11:00	Paper input on opportunities and challenges of the cross-border metropolitan region of Basel (Tina Haisch)
11:00 – 12:00	<p><b>Policy panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alberto Bramanti, Università Bocconi, Milano (confirmed)</li><li>• Christophe Sohn, Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER) (confirmed)</li><li>• Tina Haisch, University of Applied Sciences, School of Business, Basel (confirmed)</li><li>• Francesco Quattrini, cantone Ticino (confirmed)</li><li>• Frédéric Duvinage, Trinational Eurodistrict of Basel (confirmed)</li><li>• Klaus-Dieter Schnell, Internationale Bodenseekonferenz (confirmed)</li></ul> <p><b>Moderation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stefan Lüthi, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts – IBR (confirmed)</li><li>• Hugues Jeannerat, Université de Neuchâtel, Institut de sociologie – GRET (confirmed)</li></ul>

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