

2024 JOINT ANZRSAI/RSA CONFERENCE**INCLUSIVE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

47th Australian and New Zealand Regional Science Association International,
and the 5th Regional Studies Association Australasian Conference
2-3 December, ANN HARDING CONFERENCE CENTRE, Canberra, Australia

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

The conference this year will go back to the general theme of development with a particular focus of being inclusive. The theme hopes to cover a wide range of topics from the understanding of development, various indicators such as economic activity, income and wealth, the fulfilment of housing, transport, infrastructure, the role of technology and artificial intelligence and various other factors such as government and governance. In trying to capture the inclusiveness of development within and between people, space and place, the conference will also look at topic such as Urban-Rural Divide, Cultural, Community and Intergenerational issues.

This conference is convened jointly by the Australia and New Zealand Regional Science Association International (ANZRSAI) and the Regional Studies Association (RSA). The two associations bring 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. The event will be hosted by the University of Canberra on 2-3 December 2024. It will be a hybrid conference so on-line presentation and attendance will be available.

Proposals for contributed papers, for themed panels, or for special sessions, will be welcomed on any topic related to regional development.

For those who can attend in person, the venue is the Ann Harding Conference Centre at University of Canberra. More information on the conference and other relevant material will be available from the University Canberra (UC) Event, RSA and ANZRSAI websites at:

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University of Canberra, is located in the west of Canberra at the central business district of Belconnen. There is a wide range of accommodation available with [Mercure Belconnen](#) and [Abode Belconnen](#) less than 2km (walking distance) from the venue. The University also has short term accommodation available on campus. Please contact csm.campuswest@unilodge.com.au with any enquiries.

Special offer on accommodation will be added to our conference page at <https://www.anzrsai.org/conference/conference-2024/>

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

This joint Regional Studies Association (RSA) and ANZRSAI conference will start with informal welcome event on the evening of Sunday 1 December 2024 (place & time TBC) and be followed by two days of stimulating plenary addresses, panels of expert speakers and parallel sessions of submitted papers.

This is an opportunity for Regional Studies Association members and 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.

Once the programme of plenary speakers is finalised, details will be published on the conference partners' websites.

Registration for the conference includes morning and afternoon tea as well as admission to all plenary and parallel sessions.

	Fees
Early Bird Standard Registration (paid before 31 October)	\$350.00
Standard Registration for full conference (paid after 31 October)	\$400.00
Student or Emeritus Registration for full conference	\$150.00
ANZRSAI Awards Dinner (Monday 2 December, 7pm)	\$125.00

To register for the conference, please visit: <https://www.anzrsai.org/conference/conference-2024/reg>

Queries about the conference can be sent to:

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INVITATION FROM THE ANZRSAL AND RSA LEADERS



Our two regional studies organisations, the Regional Studies Association (RSA) and ANZRSAL, are delighted to be able to jointly host a conference bringing together regional researchers globally. The theme of this year's conference, "Inclusive Regional Development", covers a wide range of topics from the understanding of development, its indicators, its determinants and more importantly how to make it more inclusive within and between people, space and place, including in terms of Urban-Rural Divide, Cultural, Community and Intergenerational issues. Therefore, we encourage the participation of those working to enhance wellbeing, including scholars, policy makers and people involved in advocating and delivering various programmes to the communities.

We are delighted that the Faculty of Business, Government and Law will host the conference in Canberra. Bringing the conference to the Australian Capital and the seat of government will provide an ideal venue for the interaction between scholars, policy makers and community workers to discuss how to bring development to everyone. This is also reflected by the range of keynote speakers for this conference. We are confident this conference will have a wide appeal for those working in regional studies and science and for related policy makers.

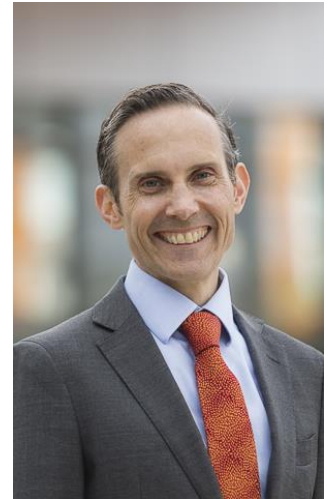
We, thank BCARR – the Bureau of Communications, Arts and Regional Research – in the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, for their financial support as the Conference's chief sponsor. This is a significant contribution to regional studies and science in Australia

Among other publication opportunities, participants are welcome to submit papers presented at the conference to the *Australasian Journal of Regional Studies* or to any of the RSA's six journals – *Regional Studies*; *Spatial Economic Analysis*; *Territory, Politics, Governance*; *Regional Studies*, *Regional Science*; *Area Development and Policy* and finally the new start journal *Finance & Space*.

Yogi Vidyattama, ANZRSAL, and Alan Kinder, RSA

The Keynote Speakers

Andrew Leigh is the Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury, and Federal Member for Fenner in the ACT. Prior to being elected in 2010, Andrew was a professor of economics at the Australian National University. He holds a PhD in Public Policy from Harvard, having graduated from the University of Sydney with first class honours in Arts and Law. Andrew is a past recipient of the Economic Society of Australia's Young Economist Award and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Social Sciences. He has many publications with the latest books include, *Reconnected: A Community Builder's Handbook* (with Nick Terrell) (2020), *What's the Worst That Could Happen? Existential Risk and Extreme Politics* (2021) and *Fair Game: Lessons From Sport for a Fairer Society & a Stronger Economy* (2022).



Kirsty Leslie is currently the Director of the Regional Workforce Assessments team at Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA). This team plays a key role in drawing together labour market and skills data analysis and insights at a regional level and is leading the work towards JSA producing a Regional Jobs and Skills Roadmap. Kirsty holds a Bachelor of Science in Statistics. Kirsty has an established career of over 25 years working across Government in senior statistical roles at Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA), the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and the departments of Education and Employment. Kirsty was the director of labour statistics at the ABS for many years and was recognised as an international expert in this field. Kirsty has a long history in statistical concepts and data strategies, survey management, and data integration across labour, education and



training and health areas.

Rebecca Vassarotti MLA is a Member for the seat of Kurrajong, elected in 2020. A member of the ACT Greens, she is the ACT Minister for the Environment, Heritage, Homelessness and Housing Services; and Sustainable Building and Construction (2020-2023). Rebecca earned her Bachelor of Arts (with majors in Anthropology and Political Science) and her Masters in Environmental Law from the Australian National University. Rebecca has extensive experience in the community sector, having held the positions of Executive Director at YWCA Canberra, Deputy CEO of the Australian Council of Social Service, and Executive Director of the International Network on Hepatitis and Substance Use. Rebecca has been a long term advocate for social justice and equality. Throughout her career, she has taken a keen focus to addressing issues like gender equity, homelessness, affordable housing, gambling reform and drug harm reduction.





Professor Jacki Schirmer is the director of the Centre for Environmental Governance, Lead of the WellRes research unit and Chair of the Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Research Network at the University of Canberra. Jacki's own research focuses on understanding the social dimensions of natural resource management and resilience to extreme climatic events, particularly how people's access to and use of natural resources affects their health and wellbeing. She leads the Regional Wellbeing Survey, an annual survey examining the views of 15,000 rural, regional and urban Australians about the liveability and resilience of their community, and their own wellbeing and resilience.

Dr Liz Allen is a demographer and senior lecturer at ANU Centre for Social Policy Research, where she researches population dynamics and teaches research methods. She is a member of ANU Council and an advocate for inclusive and accessible higher education. Liz was named among the ABC Top 5 Humanities and Social Sciences academics in Australia in 2018, and a woman to watch by the Australian Financial Review in 2023. Dr Allen is a member of the National Foundation of Australian Women social policy committee, and a regular media commentator for all things demography. Her book, *The Future of Us* (2020), is a call to action to build a stronger Australia through fairness and equality.



Conference committee:

Associate Professor Yogi Vidyattama, University of Canberra
Professor Delwar Akbar, Central Queensland University
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