



## Conference

# REGIONAL POLICY IN SCOTLAND AFTER BREXIT

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 9.15am – 5pm

Court-Senate Suite, Collins Building, Richmond Street,  
University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

This conference is taking a fresh, evidence-based look at regional and local development in Scotland and what kind of regional policy responses are required. This includes research evidence on places and interventions where European Structural Funds have been effective.

The Conference is being organised by the Scottish Government in partnership with the Regional Studies Association (Scottish Branch), the European Policies Research Centre (University of Strathclyde) and the ESRC Centre on Constitutional Change (University of Edinburgh).

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 8.30 Registration & coffee/tea
- 9.15 **Welcome:** Professor Sir Jim McDonald, Principal & Vice-Chancellor, University of Strathclyde
- 9.30 **From cohesion to shared prosperity: regional policy in Scotland after Brexit**  
Professor John Bachtler, European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde

### Session 1: Territorial challenges in Scotland and the United Kingdom

Chair: Hilary Pearce, Scottish Government

- 9.45 **Understanding regional economic inequalities in the UK and Scotland pre and post-Brexit**  
Dr Mairi Spowage and Professor Graeme Roy, Fraser of Allander Institute, University of Strathclyde
- 10.05 **Spatial inequality, measurement and regional policy**  
Professor David Bell, Stirling Management School, University of Stirling
- 10.25 Discussion
- 11.00 Coffee/tea

### Session 2: UK Government policymaking and shared prosperity in Scotland

Chair: Professor Peter McGregor, Department of Economics, University of Strathclyde

- 11.30 **UK regional development policies in Scotland: principles and prospects**  
Rebecca Hackett, Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland

- 11.50 **City Region Deals in Scotland: an effective governance mechanism for regional development?**  
Dr Arno van der Zwet, School of Media, Culture & Society, University of the West of Scotland
- 12.10 Discussion
- 12.40 Lunch

### **Session 3: The political economy of regional policy in Scotland**

Chair: Dr Micaela Mazzei, Yunus Centre for Social Business & Health, Glasgow Caledonian University

- 13.30 **The politics of regional development**  
Professor Mike Keating, School of Social Sciences, University of Aberdeen
- 13.50 **Re-creating a domestic territorial cohesion policy post Brexit: alternatives and risks**  
Dr Serafin Pazos-Vidal, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA)
- 14.20 Discussion
- 14.50 Coffee/tea

### **Session 4: Priorities and instruments of future policy: possibilities and limits**

Chair: Richard Cairns, West Dunbartonshire Council

- 15.20 **Regional policy and peripherality in Scotland: EU legacies and future prospects**  
Linda Stewart, University of the Highlands & Islands
- 15.40 **Regional inclusive growth policies in Scotland post Brexit: lessons learned & path dependencies**, Dr David Waite, School of Social & Political Sciences, University of Glasgow
- 16.00 **Regional development policy in Scotland & State aid control: post Brexit regulatory disorder?**  
Professor Fiona Wishlade, European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde
- 16.20 Discussion
- 16.50 **Closing remarks:** Professor David Bell and Professor John Bachtler
- 17.00 **Regional Studies Association Reception:** Committee Room 1
- 18.00 Close

## **ORGANISATION**

The conference will be held at the University of Strathclyde in the Court-Senate Suite, Collins Building, 22 Richmond Street, Glasgow. A map is [here](#). The venue is c.10 minutes' walk from Queen Street station.

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