

Minutes

RSAI COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 2021

Zoom

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At 14 pm CET RSAI President Eduardo Haddad opens the meeting, thanking attendees for their participation in previous meetings.

Apologies are received from Prof. Carlos Azzoni (LARSA Representative). The following RSAI Council members, ex officio members, LRPC members, and invitees join the meeting:

- Andre Torre (ERSA President)
- Andrea Caragliu (RSAI Executive Director)
- Briam Kim (PRSCO Representative)
- Daniela Luminita-Constantin (Councillor at large)
- Eduardo Haddad (RSAI President)
- Eveline Van Leeuwen (ERSA representsative)
- Francisco Carballo Cruz (ERSA Representative)
- Isabelle Thomas (Councillor at large)
- Jouke Van Dijk (Councillor at large)
- Kingsley Haines (LRPC)
- Lily Kiminami (PRSCO Representative)
- Martijn Smit (Newsletter Editor)
- Patricio Aroca (LARSA representsative)
- Rachel Franklin (PRSCO President)
- Rosella Nicolini (Councilor-at-large)
- Sandy Dell'erba (NARSC representative)
- Tomaz Dentinho (RSPP EiC)

1. Approval of the minutes of the Feb. 26, 2021 online meeting (Annex 2)

The minutes of the Feb. 26, 2021 meeting are unanimously approved.

2. Report on the Jul. 15, 2021 LRPC meeting (Roberta Capello)

Prof. Haddad reports on behalf of Roberta Capello, Chair of the LRPC, on the contents discussed during the Jul. 15, 2021 LRPC meeting. The LRPC discussed the composition of the Presidential Search Committee, and stressed the need for gender balance. For the LRPC, Andrés Rodrigues-Pose and Roberta Capello were proposed as members of the Presidential search committee.

During the LRPC, the second item discussed was the changing landscape in the publication open access.

Prof. Haddad also asked the LRPC suggestions to expand the association in Africa and the Middle East. LRPC members provided substantial guidance.

3. Report on the 2021 RSAI World Congress (Abdellatif Khattabi and Andrea Caragliu)

Andrea Caragliu explains that the World Congress caused a gross profit of 28,000€ for the Association. However, roughly 5,000€ have been left at the Mogador hotel as a deposit, and are at risk of not being redeemable. Prod. Dell'erba remarks this is a small sum. André Torre congratulates for the organization of the event.

4. Postponement of the NERSA/NARSC 2021 Summer School to 2022

The Executive Director reports that the LOC of the event in Cornell has decided to postpone the summer school to 2022 in order to maximize the chances to hold it in presence. The dedicated funding received from the RSAI will be frozen at Cornell.

5. Opening of new position as Councillor-at-large for 2022-2024 (end of Maria Abreu's term)

Andrea Caragliu reports that the elections of a new Councillor-At-Large to replace Prof. Abreu on the Council will be opened in October. In the meanwhile, candidatures for the possible elections are being received, open to all members.

6. Report and accounts of 2020 (Andrea Caragliu, Annex 3)

Andrea Caragliu reports about the good financial state of the association and proposes to do some free thinking about its future use. Prof. Dentinho says that, on the basis of financial regulations in Portugal, the profits of the association are going to be smaller because the RSAI will have to report the fees for the 2020 edition of the World Congress. Account are unanimously approved.

7. Election of Executive Director for 2022-2024 (Annex 4)

Andrea Caragliu leaves the room. The Council decides without Prof. Caragliu on Zoom, and agrees to approve his candidature for a second term as Executive Director. Andrea Caragliu is let back in Zoom, and the Council congratulates him on the re-election.

8. Selection of the Search Committee for the election of the incoming RSAI President, 2023-2024

Prof. Haddad introduces the topic of the selection of the Search Committee for the election of the incoming RSAI President, 2023-2024. He clarifies the election will take place at the November meeting of the Council.

Prof. Franklin stresses it should be crystal clear that by tradition the next President will come from ERSA. André Torre proposes to open the call for candidatures, and then close it at the end of October 2021.

The Council agrees to nominate the following members: Eduardo Haddad (President), Mark Partridge (Immediate Past President), Andrés RodríguezPose and Roberta Capello (LRPC members), Elizabeth Mack (NARSC representative), André Torre (ERSA representative), Carlos Azzoni (LARSA representative), and Brian Kim (PRSCO representative). Patricio Aroca proposes to approve the composition representative; Sandy Dell'erba seconds. The Council approves the composition of the Search Committee. Andrea Caragliu will notify its members of the next steps.

9. Organization of the 2023 RSAI World Congress

Eduardo Haddad explains the management discussed with Chinese colleagues the possibility to organize the next world congress. Rachel Franklin makes a request to minimize the number of Regional Science conferences; she also suggests the World Congress to be joined with another international Regional Science event. Isabelle Thomas agrees on the topic. Rosella Nicolini adds she agrees, and she also advises to recover the proposal from Buenos Aires. Rachel Franklin suggests to consider joining the World Congress with PRSCO. Eduardo Haddad agrees with the need to limit the number of events, but he also adds World Congresses are crucial in expanding new sections. Isabelle Thomas adds the RSAI should somehow reinvent itself. Jouke Van Dijk remarks there is no reason why world congresses should not be merged with

supranational events. Rachel Franklin adds that the RSAI should be at the forefront of the discussion, rather than lagging behind. Kingsley Haynes replies that the mixed approach could be split in two sub-parts, one in remote, and one, before or after, in presence. Sandy Dell'erba agrees that could be a good idea.

Eduardo Haddad summarizes this way: the Council suggests to merge the event with a supranational event. Kingsley replies this could be asked the LRPC. Eveline Van Leeuwen adds it would be great to find places that are strategic to both institutions. André Torre says financial issues may arise, but Rachel Franklin replies that NARSC has a long-standing tradition in this respect. Tomaz Dentinho proposes to have the next two World Congresses in China and Africa. RSAI may learn from the pandemic experience. In Portugal events have been split into mixed in presence-in remote and this helped younger scholars join.

André Torre reports that 80% of ERSa attendees were under 40. Isabelle Thomas replies that this implies that members over 40 were thus discouraged from joining online. Kingsley Haines adds that the decision is more complicated than how it has been presented. The decision to organize World Congresses is also meant to strategically create new sections.

10. Selection of new RSAI Newsletter Co-Editor (Martijn Smit, Annex 5)

Martijn Smit explains that Graham Clarke has stepped down from co-editing the RSAI Newsletter. A call for a co-editor was released with deadline in August. Two candidatures were received: one from Don J. Webber (University of Sheffield) and another from Mina Akhavan (Politecnico di Milano). André Torre asks details, and Martijn Smit provides a detailed discussion of the two candidatures. Jouke Van Dijk suggests that given the amount of work to be done three editors could be conceived, but Martijn Smit replies that coordination costs would become relevant. A selection committee made up of Martijn Smit (RSAI Newsletter Editor) and Andrea Caragliu (RSAI Executive Director) was approved in the previous meeting of the council, and after reviewing the selection criteria the committee proposes to select Dr. Akhavan. Her candidature is unanimously approved by the Council.

11. Call for applications for the new Editor-in-Chief of Papers in Regional Science, 2022-2024

Andrea Caragliu explains that a public call for candidatures will be open within mid September. Patricio Aroca asks whether Roberta Capello can be renewed for another term and whether any criterion must be followed (such as geographical origin). Andrea Caragliu reports that Prof. Capello reached the maximum number of terms she can be renewed.

12. PiRS Report 2020 (Roberta Capello, Annex 6)

Rosella Nicolini, member of the PiRS editorial board, explains that the journal did great over the past academic year. It turns out the journal is top ranking among Regional Science journals, with only one with a higher ranking. The IF of the Journal went up to 2.866, from 2.2 in 2020. Submissions increased substantially (700 so far for 2021). The rejection rate is about 80%. She adds that these good numbers will be crucial in re-negotiating the contract with Wiley. Eduardo Haddad congratulates Roberta Capello and the whole editorial team for these last 9 years.

13. RSPP Report 2020 (Tomaz Dentinho, Annex 7)

Tomaz Dentinho explains that RSPP's strategy was to increase the numerator and denominator of the IF. Presently the simulated IF is equal to 1.5, hoping to reach 2 next year. Lots of citations were received in 2021 and good special issues guest-edited. Plans are still to have more successful special issues. André Torre congratulates Tomaz Dentinho for his great job. Prof. Dentinho replies submissions from North America and Europe may increase.

14. RSPP Proposal of a YouTube Channel (Annex 8)

Andrea Caragliu explains the proposal to activate a YouTube Channel for Regional Science Policy & Practice. Tomaz Dentinho adds that the editorial team is happy about the idea, but also suggests to be cautious. Prof. Dentinho advises to try and see how things will evolve in one year. Francisco Carbalho adds it is good to be

creative and try. Francisco Carballo proposes to approve the creation of the channel; André Torre seconds the proposal. The Council unanimously agrees.

15. Proposed composition of the incoming RSAI dissertation award

Andrea Caragliu explains that the award committee has served many years, and its Chair, Prof. Laurie Schintler, has resigned. She has provided several suggestions for possible replacements: these include Sarah Low, Yuri Mansuri, Isabelle Thomas, Ana Maria Bonomi Barufi, Soushi Suzuki, Daniela L. Constantin, Alan Murray, Kara Kockelman. Eduardo Haddad suggests to get in touch with these members to ask their willingness to serve. Tomaz Dentinho also suggests Nij Tintsin and Sumana Banerjee. Sandy Dell'erba suggests instead to make an open call. The Council agrees and decides to organize one to canvass bottom-up candidates within the end of September.

Rachel Franklin suggests to set up a protocol: send email to all national sections to suggest names, to make the process more transparent. Sandy Dell'erba adds that, on the basis of his experience on the diversity committee for NARSC, data are crucial, and that information on age and gender should be collected upon registration. Prof. Franklin agrees, but stresses that privacy rules could differ between the EU and the UK.

16. Activation of diversity, honors, and communication committees

Eduardo Haddad reminds the Council that after the previous council meeting the management would expect suggestions from Council members on the rules and composition of the new committees to be activated, so that they can be made working as of 2022. Andrea Caragliu adds suggestions should come within a month.

17. AOB

A suggestion by Sandy Dell'erba is to have a report on the web site a continuously update list of webinars on Regional Science that people could consult. Sandy Dell'erba asks about the open access paradigm, and suggests to get in touch with colleagues from other disciplines. Tomaz Dentinho adds that the association has 4,500 members, and this is really a remarkable achievement. For RSPP, Prof. Dentinho says increasing issues (up to 12 per year) could be a viable strategy for further strengthening the journal.

18. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in November, around the period of the NARSC Congress (Nov. 8-11, 2021).

With no more points to discuss, at 4 pm CET Andrea Caragliu adjourns the meeting.

Annex 2

Minutes

RSAI COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 2021

Zoom

Feb. 26, 2021, 12-2 pm (CET)

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At 12.05 pm CET RSAI President Eduardo Haddad opens the meeting, thanking attendees for their participation in previous meetings, and welcoming new Council members. He also explains his motivation as incoming President, and praises Mark Partridge for his help in the transition.

He also notifies the Council that he and Andrea Caragliu will get in touch with Presidents of Supranationals for enhancing mutual relations. Prof. Haddad further explains that the purpose of today's meeting is to activate three new committees.

The following RSAI Council members, ex officio members, LRPC members, and invitees join the meeting:

- Andre Torre (ERSA President)
- Andrea Caragliu (Executive Director)
- Carlos Azzoni (LARSA Representative)
- Daniela Luminita-Constantin (Councillor at large)
- Eduardo Haddad (RSAI President)
- Francisco Carballo Cruz (ERSA Representative)
- Isabelle Thomas (Councillor at large)
- Jouke Van Dijk (Councillor at large)
- Lily Kiminami (PRSCO Representative)
- Mark Partridge (Immediate Past President)
- Peter Batey (LRPC and RSAI Archivist)
- Peter Stenberg (NARSC Representative)
- Rachel Franklin PRSCO President)
- Roberta Capello (PIRS EiC)
- Tomaz Dentinho (RSPP EiC)

1. Apologies (Annex 1)

- Rosella Nicolini (Councillor at large)
- Eveline Van Leeuwen (ERSA representative)
- Serena Erendira (LARSA representative)
- Patricio Aroca (LARSA representative)

2. Approval of the minutes of the Nov. 18, 2020 online meeting (Annex 2)

Item 2: Jouke Van Dijk says he is not sure about the outcome of the decisions on the LRPC.

Mark Partridge explains he eventually did not write the LRPC to summarise the discussion. Peter Batey adds that in the November meeting he took notes of the discussion itself, on what regional science is, and what the LRPC can do. Notes were not circulated. Eduardo Haddad proposes a joint meeting with himself, Prof. Partridge, and Prof. Batey.

Prof. Partridge asks Prof. Van Dijk what the exact question is on. Roberta Capello stresses that the LRPC is in the Constitution, and described that its role is precisely described. André Torre asks whether the LRPC met before. Eduardo Haddad replied they met on Monday, Feb. 22, 2021.

Prof. Partridge explains that the gist of the letter from the President to the LRPC was to elicit strategic advice. He also requests a modification for point 9: involvement of general membership as suggested by the strategic planning committee.

André Torre seconds the minutes. Minutes are unanimously approved.

3. Activation of diversity, honors, and communication committees (Annex 3)

Eduardo Haddad explains he and the Executive Director went through notes, minutes, and rules. Eventually they came up with a proposal for rules, goals, and ways of electing members. They also came up with proposals of potential members for both the three new committees, as well as regular ones for this year.

Andrea Caragliu explains the proposal. He explains that the goal of the diversity committee should be promoting the presence of a balanced composition of members in the RSAI activities; stimulating candidatures to RSAI awards by different members whenever appropriate; and to draft a list of recommendations to guide future developments of the Association. Members of this committee should remain in charge for two years. For the first term, two members will remain in charge for three years, in order to guarantee historical memory. The RSAI Council would nominate five members of the committee, one for each supranational plus the RSAI President. These members would report to the RSAI Council whenever necessary.

As for the communication committee, its goals would be promoting the branding of the Association and the marketing of its activities all over the world; guaranteeing an effective and active presence of the Association on the main social media. Members would remain in charge for two years. For the first term, two members will remain in charge for three years, in order to guarantee historical memory. The RSAI Council would nominate five members of the committee, one for each supranational plus the RSAI Executive Director. Committee members would report to the RSAI Council whenever necessary.

Lastly, as for the honors committee, its goals would be guaranteeing the smooth and timely constitution of the awards committees; proposing the RSAI Council names for all award committees; playing the role of support during the whole period of activities of each award committee, verifying that deadlines are met and procedures are followed according to the rules; and proposing the RSAI Council possible amendments of existing award rules if appropriate. Members would remain in charge for two years. For the first term, two members will remain in charge for three years, in order to guarantee historical memory. The RSAI Council would select five members of the committee, one for each supranational plus RSAI President and Executive Director, and Committee members would refer to the RSAI Council whenever needed.

Rachel Franklin suggests that a committee could actually deal with diversity, inclusion, and equality. She is also worried that the committee won't be heard. The Council should draft a statement on what it believes our policy should be. Eduardo Haddad replies that the goals of the committee could be left as they are, and then let the committee ask the Council to promote a statement. Mark Partridge adds that the work seems to go the right direction. Rachel Franklin replies that a two-sentences statement from the Council may guide the work of the Committee.

André Torre claims materials came in too late. Moreover, boundaries of committees' powers should be clarified. Rachel Franklin proposes to approve the committees today and open its membership to non-Council members. Jouke Van Dijk supports the choice of exact goals. Relations should be structural. André Torre agrees to postpone their activation and think about the goals, the structure, and proposition of each committee. Roberta Capello adds that these are important issues, but we still have to start from something. To be practical, she suggests to provide suggestions starting from what is already being proposed, bearing in mind that all suggestions must be consistent with the Constitution. Francisco Carballo-Cruz reminds that minutes say that (point 3) there are a number of suggestions from the strategic committee.

Jouke Van Dijk asks if there are other committees. Rachel Franklin stresses that rules should be changed. Eduardo Haddad replies that the Honors committee can make proposals to change rules. Rachel Franklin says that membership of these awards adds visibility to their members.

Tomaz Dentinho asks to add a member of the RSPP editorial board among Peter Nijkamp award committee members.

Rachel Franklin proposes the RSAI opens nomination to committees to all active RSAI members. Perhaps they should ask to be nominated by their supra-regional, if we want those to play a role.

The final decision about the activation of the new committees is postponed to the next meeting. Council members agree they will send the President and Executive Director suggestions for possible modifications on the rules and composition of the committees before the Council meets.

4. Composition of 2021 awards committees (Annex 4)

The President makes the following proposal for activating the 2021 awards committees:

- Hirotada Kohno award:

Eduardo Haddad (RSAI President); Serena Erendira (Council member); Roberta Capello and Bob Stimson (Past Presidents)

- Peter Nijkamp award:

Mark Partridge (Immediate Past President, Chair); Juan Cuadrado-Roura and Anna Nagurney (Fellows); PiRS board member (ask PiRS Editors: Julie Le Gallo)

- Martin Beckmann award:

PiRS – to be decided in Spring by the PiRS Editorial Board

- Jean Paelinck award:

Chair: member of the LRPC (Budy Resosudarmo). Four members from the Fellows (two stay on board only for one edition, Jouke Van Dijk and Michael Batty, two more stay for four years, Janet Kohlase and Isabelle Thomas, (two editions); then they rotate.

5. Updates on the 2021 RSAI World Congress (Abdellatif Khattabi and Andrea Caragliu)

Andrea Caragliu explains that at the date of the meeting 262 abstracts have been received and the organization of the online congress is proceeding smoothly.

André Torre supports the congress. He praises the idea to involve members from developing Countries. He also adds the online congress is a great opportunity to attract people from all over the world. Eduardo says he can guarantee additional funding for the congress.

6. Change in the composition of the RSPP Editorial Board (Tomaz Dentinho)

Tomaz Dentinho explains his proposal to enlarge the Board by involving Jian Wang and Abdul Shaban. Roberta Capello asks how many editors RSPP has. The board is moving from 13 to 15. Roberta Capello asks whether this is not an excessive number. Roberta Capello also suggests to check that Prof. Wang belongs to the RSAC, China's national section.

Rachel Franklin that gender balance is a complicated issue and while attracting good women from Europe and North America is easy, Asian and Latina American women are way less represented.

Rachel Franklin proposes to hold a conversation on the rules. Jouke Van Dijk expresses distress with the proposal and argues for a change in the rules.

Votes: Rachel Franklin votes against.

Abstains: André Torre, Jouke Van Dijk, Isabelle Thomas, Lily Kiminami, Daniela Constantin.

All other members approve the new editorial board. The new composition is approved by majority.

7. 2021 RSPP award (Tomaz Dentinho)

Tomaz Dentinho explains the way winners of the RSPP 2021 have been selected.

8. AOB

Roberta Capello explains that the LRPC met as usual. If the Council feels, the LRPC may produce a report to be presented at the Council. Eduardo Haddad adds that he plans to enhance the Council-LRPC relations and get useful advice. Peter Batey reports that he's happy to go ahead with the call with two LRPC members, Immediate Past President, and Current President.

9. Next meeting

Will be held either around the world congress, or around the ERSA Congress if no urgent matter is to be discussed.

With no more item to be discussed, at 2.15 pm CET the meeting is adjourned.

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RSAI Report and Accounts

2020

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Note from the Executive Director in 2020

During 2020, four RSAI Council Meetings have been held, all online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The first meeting involved a consultation of RSAI Council members concerning the election of members of the various RSAI Awards committee. Three additional meetings took place on the Zoom platform, on July 20, 2020; Aug. 31, 2020; and Nov. 18, 2020. For all meetings, detailed minutes are available on the RSAI webpage. Let me stress that this practice should not be taken for granted: to the best of my knowledge this does not happen in similar Learnt Societies representing our benchmark.

In 2020, the RSAI Council composition changed as follows:

- Eveline Van Leeuwen stepped in as ERSA representative in place of Jouke Van Dijk;
- Patricio Aroca replaced Jaime Bonet as LARSA representative.
- Carlos Azzoni replace Eduardo Haddad as LARSA representative.
- Daniela Luminita-Constantin stepped in as Councillor-At-Large in place of Laurie Schintler.
- Eduardo Haddad stepped back on the Council as President Elect.

The RSAI has maintained, and possibly improved, its positioning in terms of scientific publications. *Papers in Regional Science* has further increased its impact factor from 2.22 (2019) to an astonishing 2.858 (2020), further strengthening its positioning with respect to other leading Regional Science Journals. *Regional Science Policy and Practice* published 6 issues in 2020, achieving substantial improvements across most indicators on Scimago (absolute number of citations; citations per paper; number of citable products; etc.). Last but not least, Martijn Smit edited two issues of the RSAI Newsletter, published and distributed online by the RSAI in May and November 2020.

COVID had of course a vast impact on the activities of the association. The most visible example is the decision to postpone the 13th World Congress of the RSAI, to be held in Marrakech, in June 2020, to 2021, due to the unsafe global health conditions.

Despite COVID-19, the Association help up tight and maintained its policies and support to global research and learning activities on our discipline. However, some problems were felt. One instance is related to the number of RSAI members, which bounced back from the all-time high of 4,448 in 2019, to 3,905 in 2020. This is due to the economic contraction that hit many Countries, as well as to the reduced intensity of activities in many national sections, for some of which the main source of revenue is the organization of a national congress that, at least in regular form, was not possible throughout 2020. However, given the rather peculiar time, and the tough situation, I consider a 12% decrease in the number of members as a success. This is in my view due to the efforts made by all RSAI members and national associations to keep up the organization of workshops, congresses, and events despite the difficulties of smart working, social distancing, and economic difficulties.

Along the same lines, i. e. despite the COVID-19 pandemic, as in previous years the RSAI committed relevant efforts in acknowledging the best work of regional scientists. In particular, with the Nurturing Talent programme the following initiatives have been approved for financial support:

- 33rd ERSA Summer School 2020, “Regions in transition, what implications for tourism and manufacturing?”, 15-19 June 2020, University Campus of Sion, Switzerland

- 17th PRSCO Summer Institute, “Emerging Technologies in Regional Development”, 29-31 July, 2020 at RMIT University in Vietnam.
- Workshop “Regional Development Effects of the Use of Ocean Goods and Services”, 8 July, 2020, Angra do Heroísmo, Azores, Portugal
- Intensive program for nurturing the future generation of researchers in Regional Science - Black sea Basin, 13 – 15 May 2020, Centre for European Studies of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași
- The 3rd Annual Intensive Course Program in Urban, Transport, and Environmental Economics, January 13th – February 7th 2020, Department of Economics FEB UI, Kampus UI Depok, Indonesia
- Workshop for young scientists, Methods in Regional Science: Data science, machine learning and BigData, 1-2 June, 2020, Marrakech, Morocco
- Workshop “Resilience” Studies in Regional Science: Methods and Approaches, Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology, Ahmedabad Or India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
- Summer Workshop “Spatial Agent-Based Modeling”, June or July 2020, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2020 AERUS meeting (Applied Economics, Regional and Urban Studies) at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (UIUC).

However, as the COVID-19 pandemic struck, not all such initiatives did take place. In particular, one event was canceled; three did take place, either before the COVID-19 pandemic struck, or by moving the event online; and the remaining five were postponed. The Association thus maintained, or was refunded, roughly 40 per cent of total funds allocated to Nurturing Talent initiatives, which will tentatively reinvested for future similar events.

Lastly, in 2020 the net balance on the Association’s bank account increased to 449,087.48 € € as of Dec. 31, 2020, up from 369,513.94 € in January 2019.

To conclude, I would like to thank the whole RSAI Council and Long Range Planning Committee for their continuous support of RSAI activities. Despite objective difficulties we all acted towards the greater benefit of the Association, and as I write these words, and the pandemic is not over, I feel like such difficulties are actually making the RSAI stronger, rather than weaker, and making us further understand how interesting being part of the Association is.

Andrea Caragliu

RSAI Executive Director in 2020

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1. RSAI Council Members

Table 1. –RSAI Council Members in 2020

	Name	Member	Period	Email
1	Mark Partridge	President	2019-2020	partridge.27@osu.edu
2	Eduardo Haddad	President Elect	2019-2020	ehaddad@usp.br
3	Rachel Franklin	PRSCO President	2019-2020	rachel.franklin@newcastle.ac.uk
4	Lily Kiminami	PRSCO Representative	2018-2020	kiminami@agr.niigata-u.ac.jp
5	Brian Kim	PRSCO Representative	2019-2021	briankim66@snu.ac.kr
6	Neil Reid	NARSC Executive Director	2018-2020	neil.reid@utoledo.edu
7	Peter Stenberg	NARSC Representative	2019-2021	nordacad13@gmail.com
8	Sandy Dall'Erba	NARSC Representative	2019-2021	dallerba@illinois.edu
9	Andre Torre	ERSA President	2019-2022	andre.torre@wanadoo.fr
10	Francisco Carballo Cruz	ERSA Representative	2017-2022	fcaballo@eeg.uminho.pt
11	Eveline Van Leeuwen	ERSA Representative	2020-2022	eveline.vanleeuwen@wur.nl
12	Serena Serrano	LARSA President	2018-2020	sesohi@hotmail.com
13	Patricio Aroca	LARSA Representative	2020-2022	patricio.aroca@uai.cl
14	Carlos Azzoni	LARSA Representative	2020-2022	cazzoni@usp.br
15	Amit Batabyal	Councillor at large	2018-2020	aabgsh@rit.edu
16	Sumana Bandyopadhyay	Councillor at large	2018-2020	sumona_bm@yahoo.com
17	Rosella Nicolini	Councillor at large	2018-2020	Rosella.nicolini@uab.cat
18	Maria Abreu	Councillor at large	2019-2021	ma405@cam.ac.uk
19	Daniela Constantin	Councillor at large	2020-2022	dconstan@hotmail.com
20	Andrea Caragliu	Executive Director	2019-2021	andrea.caragliu@polimi.it

Table 2. –RSAI Council Members in 2019

	Name	Member	Period	Email
1	Mark Partridge	President	2019-2020	partridge.27@osu.edu
2	Eduardo Haddad	Vice President	2019-2020	ehaddad@usp.br
3	Rachel Franklin	PRSCO President	2019-2020	rachel_franklin@brown.edu
4	Lily Kiminami	PRSCO Representative	2018-2020	kiminami@agr.niigata-u.ac.jp
5	Brian Kim	PRSCO Representative	2019-2021	briankim66@snu.ac.kr
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9	Andre Torre	ERSA President	2019-2022	andre.torre@wanadoo.fr
10	Francisco Carballo Cruz	ERSA Representative	2017-2019	fcaballo@eeg.uminho.pt
11	Jouke Van Dijk	ERSA Representative	2015-2019	jouke.van.dijk@rug.nl
12	Serena Serrano Oswald	LARSA President	2018-2020	sesohi@hotmail.com
13	Jaime Bonet	LARSA Representative	2017-2019	jbonetmo@banrep.gov.co
14	Eduardo Haddad	LARSA Representative	2017-2019	ehaddad@usp.br
15	Amit Batabyal	Councilor at large	2018-2020	aabgsh@rit.edu
16	Sumana Bandyopadhyay	Councilor at large	2018-2020	sumona_bm@yahoo.com
17	Rosella Nicolini	Councilor at large	2018-2020	Rosella.nicolini@uab.cat
18	Maria Abreu	Councilor at large	2019-2021	ma405@cam.ac.uk
19	Laurie Schintler	Councilor at large	2017-2019	lschintl@gmu.edu
20	Andrea Caragliu	Executive Director	2019-2021	andrea.caragliu@polimi.it

2. RSAI Publications

RSAI Journals - 2020 Financial Statement

Papers in Regional Science and Regional Science Policy and Practice

2020 Forecast

	2019	2020
	GBP (£)	GBP (£)
Online Only	6,569	6,124
Subscribed Content	60,856	55,719
All Journals Licence	56,774	64,081
Subtotal: Subscription	124,198	125,924
Online Open	7,917	8,154
Subtotal: Open Access	7,917	8,154
Rights	16,667	17,167
Backfiles	2,921	2,629
Article Sales/Pay Per View	1,003	1,023
Subtotal: Other	20,591	20,819
Total Revenue	152,706	154,897
Royalty Calculation		
Royalty-bearing Revenue	152,706	154,897
Royalty Percent	35.0%	35.0%
Income to the RSAI	53,447	54,214
Advance to be Paid in January 2020 (85% of Royalty)		46,082
		*(EUR53,344)

N.B.

- Licenced income will grow marginally and income from title-by-title subscriptions will have a small attrition
- Income from Rights fluctuates year on year
- Income from OnlineOpen fees can also fluctuate year on year but for this forecast, we have projected 3% growth
- *The exchange rate used on 29 October 2019 is £1 = €1.15759

RSAI Newsletters

Edited by Martijn Smit and Graham Clarke, two issues were published.

A change in the editorial team: co-editor Graham Clarke is retiring and leaves the editorial team after many, many years of being a pillar of support.

2020 November



2020 May



3. RSAI Awards

The Hirotada Kohno Award



Congratulations to **David A. Plane** who was the winner of the 2020 Kohno Prize. David A. Plane, a Professor Emeritus of the University of Arizona, has been a lifetime contributor to regional science. His research focuses on population geography and regional science, U.S. migration and settlement patterns, the role of the life course in affecting mobility, and methods for modeling activity patterns and temporal change in spatial interaction systems.

The Martin Beckmann RSAI Annual Award

The winner of the Martin Beckmann Prize 2020 was the article [Quality of government and regional resilience in the European Union. Evidence from the Great Recession](#), by [Roberto Ezcurra](#) and [Vicente Rios](#), published in Volume 98, Issue 3, June 2019, Pages 1267-1290.

Jury: Janet Kohlhase, Dan Rickman and Jouke van Dijk.

Motivation: Through an elegant scientific approach, the paper examines the relationship between quality of government and regional resilience in the European Union during the Great Recession. The results show that the quality of government is an important factor when shaping the regional reaction to the crisis. The analysis clearly demonstrates that higher quality of government is associated with greater regional resilience over the Great Recession. The paper gives emphasis to the role played in this context

by spatial spillovers induced by the quality of government in neighbouring regions, which turn out to have an important role.

The Peter Nijkamp Research Encouragement Award



Yi Niu, from Capital University of Economics and Business, Beijing, China, received the 2020 Peter Nijkamp RSAI Research Encouragement Award for a Mid-Career Scholar from a Developing Country.

RSAI Dissertation Award

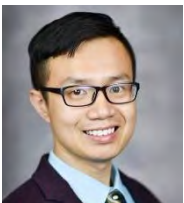


In 2020 the winner of the RSAI dissertation prize was Daria Denti for his Thesis entitled "Essays on the Economic Geography of Oppressive Violent Deviant Behaviours". She was supervised by Professor Alessandra Faggian (GSSI), and Professor Simona Iammarino (London School of Economics and Political Science). Congratulations!

The Jean Paelinck RSAI Award

Not awarded in 2020.

Czamanski Dissertation Award



Sicheng Wang was the 2020 Czamanski Dissertation Award for his dissertation entitled "Travel behavior of ridesourcing: A data-driven analysis".

RSAI Fellows

In 2020 the following RSAI Fellows have been elected:



Jouke Van Dijk
University of Groningen,
THE NETHERLANDS



Juan Cuadrado-Roura
University of Alcalà, ~
SPAIN

RSPP Annual Paper Award

The winners of the RSPP Annual Paper Award 2020 was:



Luc-Normand Tellier and Jérémy Gelb (2018) - [An urban metric system based on space-economy: Foundations and implementation](#). Regional Science Policy & Practice (10) 3, 145-160.

AND



Patrícia C. Melo and Daniel J. Graham (2018) - [Transport-induced agglomeration effects: Evidence for US metropolitan areas](#). Regional Science Policy & Practice 10 (1), 37-47.

RSAI Founder's Medal



Prof. **Geoffrey Hewings**, Emeritus Director of REAL, has been awarded the 2020 Founder's medal!

The proposal, made by the committee Mark Partridge (President); Lily Kiminami (PRSCO); Andrés Rodrigues-Pose and Philip McCann (ERSA); and Dan McMillen (NARSC), was approved as suggested by the award rules by the previous winners of the same award.

4. RSAI Membership

Table 3. –RSAI Members by year

Year	Members
2008	3100
2009	3043
2010	3550
2011	3535
2012	3955
2013	3978
2014	4288
2015	4364
2016	4255
2017	4434
2018	3726
2019	4448
2020	3905

5. RSAI Accounts of 2020

In 2020 RSAI achieved a net surplus of 81 786,54 € (Net profit for the exercise).

There are sections that do not have enrolled members in 2020 due to the pandemic; there are sections that have relatively few members relative to the population of the respective areas of influence.

The Costs with the program NURTURING NEW TALENT INITIATIVE in 2020 was only 17,502.08€, because of the Covid-19, some events were postponed to 2021 and some move to online and they return the remain (not used) support.

The bank account evolved from 369,513.94 € in December 2019 to 449,087.48 € in December 2020.

Table 4. Accounts from January 2020 till December 2020

Bank account in Euros		
1	Balance brought forward from 2019 (01-01-2020)	369 513,94 €
2	Closing Balance carried forward (31-12-2020)	449 087,48 €
3=(2-1)	Margin of 2020	79 573,54 €

Accounts from January 2019 till December 2019			
Description	Revenues	Costs	NET PROFIT
General	- €	8 610,71 €	-8 610,71 €
ACCOUNTING	- €	3 322,95 €	-3 322,95 €
WEBSERVER, NEW WEBSITE AND CONGRESS SYSTEM	- €	- €	- €
RSAI SECRETARIATE	- €	5 000,00 €	-5 000,00 €
OTHERS (credit card system charges and other bank charges)	- €	287,76 €	-287,76 €
Others	- €	- €	- €
Deposit cash money from 2020	- €	- €	- €
Refund VAT 2019 from State	- €	- €	- €
Return transfer	- €	- €	- €
Executive Directorate	- €	207,79 €	-207,79 €
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EXPENDITURES	- €	207,79 €	-207,79 €
Editorial Activity	-€	19 555,22 €	-19 555,22 €
RSAI NEWSLETTER PAYMENT	-€	158,53 €	-158,53 €
RSAI NEWSLETTER PRINTING	-€	- €	- €
PIRS EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	-€	7 500,00 €	-7 500,00 €
PIRS EDITORIAL FOR EDITORS	-€	1 896,69 €	-1 896,69 €
RSPP EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	-€	5 000,00 €	-5 000,00 €
RSPP EDITORIAL FOR EDITORS	-€	5 000,00 €	-5 000,00 €
ARQUIVIST	-€	-€	-€
REGIONAL SCIENCE RESEARCH	-€	-€	-€
Wiley - Blackwell	75 231,00 €	- €	75 231,00 €
PIRS AND RSPP 2019 PROFIT SHARE	21 245,00 €	- €	21 245,00 €
PIRS AND RSPP ADVANCE ON EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES 2020	53 986,00 €	- €	53 986,00 €

RSAI Report and Accounts of 2020

RSAI Awards	-€	-€	-€
MARTIN BECKMANN AWARD (500€) - CASH 2020	- €	- €	- €
DISSERTATION AWARD - CASH 2020	- €	- €	- €
PETER NIJKAMP AWARD - CASH 2020	- €	- €	- €
RSPP ANNUAL PAPER AWARD - CASH 2020	- €	- €	- €
PLAQUES	- €	- €	- €
RSAI Support	6 063,33 €	37 041,76 €	-30 978,43 €
NURTURING NEW TALENT 2019	- €	2 530,00 €	-2 530,00 €
NURTURING NEW TALENT 2020	6 063,33 €	23 565,41 €	-17 502,08 €
BULDING BRIDGES 2020	- €	10 946,35 €	-10 946,35 €
Memberships	32 635,02 €	- €	32 635,02 €
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS	619,40 €	- €	619,40 €
MEMBERSHIP ARGENTINA SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP ARMENIA SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP ARSC SECTION	1 540,00 €	- €	1 540,00 €
MEMBERSHIP AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SECTION	430,00 €	- €	430,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BALTIC SECTION	280,00 €	- €	280,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BANGLADESH SECTION	73,45 €	- €	73,45 €
MEMBERSHIP BRAZIL SECTION	817,51 €	- €	817,51 €
MEMBERSHIP BRITISH AND IRISH SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP BULGARIAN SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP CHILEAN SECTION (waiver for 2020)	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP CHINA SECTION	930,00 €	- €	930,00 €
MEMBERSHIP COLOMBIAN SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP CROATIA SECTION	300,00 €	- €	300,00 €
MEMBERSHIP DUTCH SECTION	1 130,00 €	- €	1 130,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ECUADORIAN SECTION (from 2019)	85,24 €	- €	85,24 €
MEMBERSHIP FRENCH SECTION	1 730,00 €	- €	1 730,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GERMAN SECTION	2 410,00 €	- €	2 410,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GREEK SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP HUNGARIAN SECTION	970,00 €	- €	970,00 €
MEMBERSHIP INDIA SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP INDONESIAN SECTION	425,70 €	- €	425,70 €
MEMBERSHIP ISRAEL SECTION	320,00 €	- €	320,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ITALIAN SECTION	2 510,00 €	- €	2 510,00 €
MEMBERSHIP JAPANESE SECTION	4 710,00 €	- €	4 710,00 €
MEMBERSHIP KOREAN SECTION	270,00 €	- €	270,00 €
MEMBERSHIP MEXICAN SECTION (2019 and 2020)	860,30 €	- €	860,30 €
MEMBERSHIP MOROCCAN SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP NARSC SECTION	5 370,00 €	- €	5 370,00 €
MEMBERSHIP NORDIC SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP POLISH SECTION	810,00 €	- €	810,00 €
MEMBERSHIP PORTUGUESE SECTION	1 600,00 €	- €	1 600,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ROMANIAN SECTION	385,00 €	- €	385,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SLOVAKIA SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP SPANISH SECTION	3 480,00 €	- €	3 480,00 €
MEMBERSHIP THAILAND SECTION	23,42 €	- €	23,42 €
MEMBERSHIP TURKISH SECTION	555,00 €	- €	555,00 €
RSAI WORLD CONGRESS 2020	71 676,88 €	40 617,21 €	31 059,67 €
Travels - Keynote Speakers	- €	320,82 €	-320,82 €
Registration fees	71 676,88 €	- €	71 676,88 €
Refund Registration fees	- €	40 296,39 €	-40 296,39 €
TOTAL	185 606,23 €	106 032,69 €	79 573,54 €

Jose Antonio Ribeiro

STATUTORY AUDITOR'S REPORT

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Qualified Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Regional Science Association International - RSAI, registered in Portugal with the fiscal tax number 509754090, which comprise the balance sheet as at 12/31/2020 (showing a total of 467.136,64 € and a total of equity funds of 451.183,87 €, including a net profit of 81.786,54 €), the income statement by nature, and the management RSAI Report and Accounts of 2020. In my opinion, except for the effects of the situations described in the section below "Basis for the qualified opinion", the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the financial position of the Entity as at 12/31/2020, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards for Non-Profit Entities adopted in Portugal under the Portuguese Accounting System.

Basis for the qualified opinion

(1) As contingent expenditure, the amount paid in the year 2018 to lawyers outside of Portugal keeps generating contingencies of 1,613.39 €, (2) the value of the initial booking deposit of the Hotel in Marrakech for the 2020 World Congress in the amount of 5.069 € was considered as a cost in the previous year of 2019, but it should have been deferred to 2021 when the World Congress took place, even in online version, (3) revenue accruals were wrongly accounted for as cost accruals in the previous year of 2019, and it keeps misclassified with impact of 889 €, (4) in the revenues it was accounted in the year 2020, the amount of 21.245 € of the PIRS and RSPP royalty final income which was of the year 2019, despite the fact that it was only debited in March 2020, and again in March 2021 the final income of the PIRS and RSPP royalty of the year 2020 in the amount of 14.993,77 € wasn't accounted in the year of 2020, with the net effect of 6.251,23 €; (5) the net income of the registrations for the World Congress 2020, which took place online in 2021, in the amount of 33.286 € were not deferred for the year 2021, as well as an expense of 320,82 €, with a net effect of 32.965,18 €, and (6) an expense with digital papers that was deferred to 2020, in the amount of 479,70 €, was not imputed to costs in the year 2020, and kept incorrectly deferred; and, consequently the net effect of these 6 situations was overvaluing the profit of the period of the year 2020 in 39.696,11 €, and also overvaluing the equity funds in 14.106,50 €.

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and further technical and ethical standards and guidelines as issued by Ordem dos Revisores Oficiais de Contas (the Portuguese Institute of Statutory Auditors). My responsibility under those standards is further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section below. I am independent of the Entity in accordance with the Ordem dos Revisores Oficiais de Contas code of ethics.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified opinion.

Responsibilities of management and the supervisory board by the financial statements

The management is responsible for:

- the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view of the Entity's financial position, financial performance in accordance with the Accounting and Financial Reporting Standard for Non-Profit Entities adopted in Portugal under the Portuguese Accounting System;
- the preparation of the management report in accordance with applicable laws and regulations;
- designing and maintaining an appropriate internal control system to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- the adoption of accounting policies and principles appropriate in the circumstances; and
- assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, and disclosing, as applicable, the matters that may cast significant doubt about the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The supervisory body is responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My responsibility is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered materials if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient

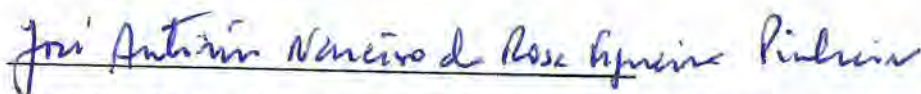
and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;

- obtain an understanding of the internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the propose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control;
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management;
- conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern;
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation;
- communicate with those charged with governance, including the supervisory body, regarding among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during the audit.

My responsibility also includes verification that the information contained in the management's report and accounts of 2020 is consistent with the financial statements.

**Report on other legal and regulatory requirements
About the management's report & accounts of 2020**

In my opinion, the management's report & accounts of 2020 was prepared in accordance with the applicable legal and regulatory requirements and the information contained therein is consistent with the audited financial statements and, having regard to my knowledge and assessment over the Entity, I have not identified any material misstatements.
Angra do Heroísmo, August 19, 2021



José António Narciso da Rosa Figueira Pinheiro (Auditor number 1107)

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REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL - RSAI

Valores em EURO

Página 1

RÚBRICAS	NOTAS	31 Dez 2020	31 Dez 2019
ATIVO			
Ativo não corrente			
Ativo corrente			
Clientes		14 993,77	1 020,00
Capital subscrito e não realizado		2 565,69	2 166,69
Diferimentos		479,70	479,70
Outros ativos correntes		10,00	10,00
Caixa e depósitos bancários		449 087,48	369 169,94
		467 136,64	372 846,33
Total do ativo		467 136,64	372 846,33
CAPITAL PRÓPRIO E PASSIVO			
Capital próprio			
Capital subscrito		176 588,39	176 588,39
Reservas		192 808,94	185 305,54
		369 397,33	361 893,93
Resultado líquido do período		81 786,54	7 503,40
Total do capital próprio		451 183,87	369 397,33
Passivo			
Passivo não corrente			
Passivo corrente			
Diferimentos		15 053,77	2 550,00
Outros passivos correntes		899,00	899,00
		15 952,77	3 449,00
Total do passivo		15 952,77	3 449,00
Total do capital próprio e do passivo		467 136,64	372 846,33

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Tax Pay: 509754090 509754090

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Income Statement at December 2020

Conta		Revenues and Expenditures	Notas	2020	2019
Pos	Neg				
71/72		Sales and services*		141 560,00	63 883,50
75		Operating subsidies			
785+792	685	Gains / Losses allocated to subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures		0,00	0,00
73		Inventory variation in production		0,00	0,00
74		Work for the entity itself		0,00	0,00
	61	Cost of goods sold and materials consumed		0,00	0,00
	62	Supplies and services		-25 029,02	-18 579,74
	63	Personnel expenses		0,00	0,00
7622	652	Impairment of inventories (losses / reversals)		0,00	0,00
7621	651	Impairment of receivables (losses / reversals)		0,00	0,00
763	67	Provisions (increases / decreases)		0,00	0,00
7623;7627/8	653;657/8	Impairment of Investments non-depreciable / amortizable (losses / reversals)		0,00	0,00
77	66	Increases / Decreases in fair value			
78...+791		Other income and gains		0,00	54 065,00
	69-685+69...	Other expenses and losses		-34 744,44	-91 865,36
		Profit before depreciation, financial costs and taxes		81 786,54	7 503,40
761	64	Expenditures / reversals of depreciation and amortization		0,00	0,00
7624/6	654/6	Impairment of depreciable / amortizable assets (losses / reversals)		0,00	0,00
		Operational results (before financial costs and taxes)		81 786,54	7 503,40
7915		Interest and similar income		0,00	0,00
	6911/21/81	Interest and similar expenses paid		0,00	0,00
		Profit before Taxes		81 786,54	7 503,40
	812	Taxes on profits		0,00	0,00
		Net profit for the exercise		81 786,54	7 503,40

Annex 4



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**DIPARTIMENTO DI
ARCHITETTURA,
INGEGNERIA DELLE
COSTRUZIONI E
AMBIENTE COSTRUITO**

Milan, Aug. 3, 2021

To the attention of
Prof. Eduardo A. Haddad
Chair
Search Committee
RSAI Executive Director

Dear Professor Haddad, dear Eduardo:

It is my pleasure to submit my candidature for Executive Director of the RSAI. This would be the second term for me on the Council, so hopefully my motivation letter will differ from the one I applied with three years ago.

Taking stock of the past three years

These past three years have been an amazing adventure for me. I personally learnt a lot from managing day-to-day operations of the Association, and while I leave it to the Council to decide whether these have been successful, I am happy here to report a few results achieved by the Association during the three years when I served as Executive Director.

Despite the recent difficulties linked to the COVID pandemic, the RSAI remained stably around 4,000 individual members. Some national associations suffered from the economic downturn due to the pandemic, or struggled to get stable funding due to the lockdown restrictions that made it impossible to organize national congresses, that for many sections represent the main source of income. Still, most sections held up tight and the association actually expanded to places where it was not present, or strong.

The Association's financial position remains remarkably strong. In this sense, I took over from the excellent job of my predecessor, Prof. Dentinho. During my three years as Executive Director, our bank account went up from a balance of € 354,888.50 in January 2019 to € 524,696.07 €, as of June 17, 2021. This signals a substantial capacity to spend for new initiatives meant to support research and teaching activities, to fund local workshops and summer schools, and more broadly to allow Regional Science to continue its global development.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Association kept supporting roughly 12 workshops per year, and managed, against all odds, to gather more than 500 scholars for the 13th World Congress, unfortunately postponed from 2020 to 2021 and moved from its initial venue (Marrakech) to an online platform. The congress further strengthened our positioning in Africa, where as you well know the only active section is Morocco's, and where I would love to invest as Executive Director in the next three years.



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Reasons for my interest in applying for a second term as Executive Director of RSAI

Building on prior achievements, I would love to follow up to my previous work and possibly further strengthen the Association's status.

A priority of my second term would be to further expand in terms of national sections in Africa and the Middle East. Building on the good feedback received from the 2021 World Congress, plans would be to host two/three more events in Morocco in 2022, one in Tunisia, and one in Ghana, with additional interest (to be confirmed) from Egypt and with more room for expansion in South Africa and Mozambique. We would hope these events to nurture local talents and attract young scholars to our discipline and themes, so that a national section can be eventually formed and allowed to join the global community. As for the Middle East, I am leveraging on good contacts among Iranian scholars, both working at home or abroad. In the area, Iran could play a major role in connecting the Armenian section with areas further in the core of Asia (e.g. Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh).

With plans to eventually detach a continental Asian supranational section from current PRSCO, this would further strengthen its composition. Ideally, during the next three years plans would be to also accomplish the restructuring of the Association's supranational sections, so as to better accommodate the many Asian national sections joining the RSAI over the past few years.

Our Association also faces major challenges from the current changing landscape in scientific publications. The past few years saw a major rise in Open Access publishing, and this is not yet reflected in the contract that the RSAI presently shares with its journal's publisher, Wiley. The next Executive Director term will also be dealing with the negotiations for renewing the contract, and I would be happy to support this important step by leveraging on my prior experience with the company.

Strategy in managing the day-to-day operations of the Association

The first term as Executive Director allowed me to prioritize chores and duties for the Association. I now have quite some experience in its yearly calendar, and managed, with the huge help from many members of the Council and LRPC, to make myself acquainted also with the needs of national and supranational sections. I am therefore confident I can provide a stable and steady flow of support for the daily operations of the Association. Of course, would the Council decide otherwise, I would be happy to transfer my knowledge to anyone taking on this important task after me.

For any doubt on my candidature please do not hesitate to write me at andrea.caragliu@polimi.it. Thank you very much in advance for considering my candidature,

Kind regards,

Andrea Caragliu

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Academic/Professional experience

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| July 13, 2018, in service from November 2, 2018 | Associate Professor of Regional and Urban Economics, Politecnico di Milano, ABC Department. |
| November 2, 2015 – November 1, 2018 | Assistant Professor, Regional and Urban Economics (With tenure: Ricercatore TD Senior), Politecnico di Milano, ABC Department. |
| July 1, 2013 – November 1, 2015 | Assistant Professor, Regional and Urban Economics (Ricercatore TD Junior), Politecnico di Milano, ABC Department. |
| January 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013 | Post-Doc fellow, Research Unit in Regional and Urban Economics, Politecnico di Milano, ABC Department. |
| September 29, 2009 – November 29, 2009; February 2, 2008 – July 5, 2008 | Visiting scholar, Free University Amsterdam, Spatial Economics Department |
| April 5, 2004 – December 31, 2006 | Economic consultant, Municipality of Alessandria, Italy. |
| July 11, 2001 – October 10, 2001 | Internship, International Trade Center (ITC), Geneva, Switzerland. |

Education

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|-------------------|--|
| October 8, 2015 | Ph.D. in Spatial Economics, VU University Amsterdam.
Title of the Final Dissertation: “The economics of proximity: regional growth, beyond geographic proximity”.
Promotor: Prof. Peter Nijkamp.
Co-Promotor: Prof. Roberta Capello. |
| February 25, 2010 | Ph.D. in Management, Economics and Industrial Engineering, Politecnico di Milano.
Full Ph.D. scholarship (Scuola Interpolitecnica).
Title of the Final Dissertation: “Innovation, territorial capital and regional growth”.
Supervisor: Prof. Roberta Capello.
The dissertation has been awarded the Merit Prize of the Italian Regional Science Association (runner-up for the Giorgio Leonardi Award) and the Merit Prize of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union. |
| June 30, 2005 | Master of Science in Economics, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy. |
| March 15, 2003 | First degree in Economics, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy. |

Professional service

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| Jan. 1, 2019-Dec. 31, 2021 | RSAI Executive Director |
| Jan. 1, 2018-Today | Deputy Coordinator, Master of Science Programme in Management of Built Environment, Politecnico di Milano, Italy |
| Jun. 1, 2017-Today | Member of the Board of the Ph.D. Programme in Architecture, Built Environment and Construction Engineering, Politecnico di Milano |

June 2019	Lecturer for the 2019 ERSA Katowice Summer School
July 2016	Member of the LOC and lecturer for the 2016 ERSA Milan Summer School
Jan. 1, 2016-Dec. 31, 2021	Book Review Editor, <i>Papers in Regional Science</i>
Sep. 1, 2013-Dec. 31, 2018	Co-Editor, RSAI Newsletter
2013-2016	Auditor, Italian Section of the RSAI (AISRe)

Awards

October 2017	Referee of the year award (<i>Regional Studies</i>)
December 2010	Merit prize of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union for the doctoral thesis competition “Local and regional authorities in the European Union”.
June 2010	Diploma of honor (runner-up) in the Giorgio Leonardi Prize for Best Doctoral Dissertation in the academic year 2009-2010 (Italian Association of Regional Science - AISRe).

Selected publications

Special issues edited

- Caragliu, A., and Graziano, M.. “The spatial dimension of energy transition policies, practices and technologies”, *Energy Policy*, September 2021 (forthcoming)
- Caragliu, A., and Del Bo, C. “Smart Cities: past achievements and future challenges”, *Scienze regionali –Italian Journal of Regional Science*, 17 (1): February 2018.
- Capello R., Caragliu A., and Fratesi, U. Special Issue “Advances in regional growth forecasting models”, *International Regional Science Review*. 40 (1): January 2017.
- Caragliu A., and Lenzi C. Special Issue “Territorial patterns of innovation: evidence from successful European case studies”, *Regional Science Policy and Practice*, 5 (4): November 2013.

Articles on refereed journals

- Capello, R. and Caragliu, A. (2021, forthcoming). Regional growth and disparities in a post-COVID Europe: A new normality scenario”, *Journal of Regional Science*, online first. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/jors.12542>.
- Caragliu, A. (2021). “Energy efficiency-enhancing policies and firm performance: Evidence from the paper and glass industries in Italy”, *Energy Policy*, 156, 112415.
- Capello, R. and Caragliu, A. (2021). “Merging macroeconomic and territorial determinants of regional growth: The MASST4 model”, *The Annals of Regional Science*, 66 (1), 19-56.
- Caragliu, A., and Del Bo, C. (2019). “Smart innovative cities: The impact of Smart City policies on urban innovation”, *Technological Forecasting and Social Change*, 142: 373–383.
- Capello, R., Caragliu, A., and Fratesi, U. (2018). “Compensation modes of border effects in cross-border regions”, *Journal of Regional Science*, 58 (4): 759–785.
- Capello, R., Caragliu, A., and Fratesi, U. (2018). “Breaking down the border: Physical, institutional and cultural obstacles”, *Economic Geography*, 94 (5): 485-513.
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- Capello R., and Caragliu, A. (2017). “Proximities and the intensity of scientific relations: synergies and non-linearities”, *International Regional Science Review*, 41 (1): 7–44.
- Capello R., Caragliu, A., and Fratesi, U. (2017). “Modeling regional growth between competitiveness and austerity measures: the MASST3 model”, *International Regional Science Review*, 40 (1): 38–74.
- Camagni, R., Capello R, and Caragliu, A. (2016). “Static vs. dynamic agglomeration economies: Spatial context and structural evolution behind urban growth”, *Papers in Regional Science*, 95(1): 133–158
- Caragliu A., De Dominicis, L., and de Groot, H. (2016). “Both Marshall and Jacobs were right!”, *Economic Geography*, 92 (1): 87–111
- Caragliu, A., and Nijkamp, P. (2016). “Space and knowledge spillovers in European regions: the impact of different forms of proximity on spatial knowledge diffusion”, *Journal of Economic Geography*, 16 (3): 749–774
- Capello R., Caragliu, A., and Fratesi, U. (2015). “Spatial heterogeneity in the costs of the economic crisis in Europe: Are cities sources of regional resilience?”, *Journal of Economic Geography*, 15 (5): 951–972.
- Caragliu, A., Del Bo, C., and Nijkamp, P. (2011). “Smart cities in Europe”, *Journal of Urban Technology*, 18 (2): 65-82.

Annex 5

Statement of Interest

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23-07-2021

Dear Prof. Martijn Smit,

I wish to apply to the position for RSAI newsletter. This position caught my attention since I am interested in editorial activities in general.

Currently, I am a Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Adjunct Professor at Politecnico di Milano (PoliMi)- Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DAStU), where I received my PhD degree in Spatial Planning and Urban Development (2015). I also hold a master's in Urban Planning and Policy Design (2011) from the same school. I also have a 5-year bachelor's degree in Architectural Engineering (at Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran 2007).

During the past few years of my academic life, I have been working with several international research teams on various topics ranging from port city studies, logistics, globalization, mobility studies, to sharing economy and new working spaces (such as coworking spaces). Regarding the latter, I am a member of the Italian management committee (MC) and a Working Group Leader of the COST Action (CA18214, 2019-2023) '*The Geography of New Working Spaces and the Impact on the Periphery*'. I have published my research findings in several peer-reviewed journals, books, and book chapters. Throughout these years of research work, I have actively participated in more than 20 national and international workshops and conferences (AESOP, ERSA, RSA, etc.) mainly as a presenter and as Chair and organizer of special sessions. I have also collaborated in organizing several seminars, conferences, and workshops. I am also active as a reviewer for numerous national and international journals. Since 2017, I am a member of the editorial board and English proofreader of the bi-lingual Journal of Urbanistica, which belongs to the National Institution of Planning in Italy (INU).

Please find enclosed my curriculum vitae. Looking forward to your feedback, I thankfully salute you to consider my application.

Yours sincerely,

Mina Akhavan

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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ORCID iD: <https://orcid.org/0000-0001-7965-3618>

Sex: Female

CURRENT POSITION and AFFILIATION

Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Adjunct Professor

Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASU), Politecnico di Milano (PoliMi). Italy

National Scientific Qualification for Associate Professor in Urban Planning

Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale alle funzioni di professore di 2 fascia nel settore concorsuale 08/F1 Pianificazione e progettazione urbanistica e territoriale (dal 03/06/2021 al 30/06/2030)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

01/ 2012- 03/ 2015

PhD in Spatial Planning and Urban Development (XXVII Cycle)

Politecnico di Milano (PoliMi)- Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASU)

Thesis title: 'Port Development and Port-City Interface Dynamics'

Supervisor: Prof. Ilaria Mariotti, DASU, Politecnico di Milano

Co-supervisor: Dr. Cèsar Ducuet, CNRS, Géographie-Cités, University of Paris-I Sorbonne

Principle subjects/ Main PhD courses: Research methodology; Bibliographic essay; Planning practices in a global perspective; Global cities: problems and policies; Transport policies

10/ 2009- 12/ 2011

M.Sc. in Urban Planning and Policy Design

Politecnico di Milano (PoliMi)- Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASU)

Thesis title: 'New Waterfronts in Changing Harbour Cities in Europe'

Supervisor: Prof. Patrizia Gabellini, DASU, Politecnico di Milano

Co-supervisor: Prof. Andrea Di Giovanni, DASU, Politecnico di Milano

Principle subjects/ Main courses: Urban design studio; Urban Policies Design Studio; Spatial Development Studio; Real Estate Market; Social foundations of Spatial Development; Urban and Regional Governance; Economic Assessment of Urban Transformations and Policies, Public Economics

12/ 2002- 07/ 2007

B.Sc. in Architectural Engineering

Shahid-Beheshti University- School of Architecture and Urban Planning (Tehran- Iran)

Thesis title: 'Architectural and Construction Design of a Housing Complex'

Principle subjects/ Main courses: Architectural Design Studio (five in total); Technical Design Studio; Human-Nature-Architecture; Statics; Surveying; Surveying of Historical Buildings; Management and Workshop Constitutions; Introduction to Basics of Fundamental Planning; Urban Spaces Analysis

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

 RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Research interest and activities

- 1- *During doctorate studies (2012) onward*: port-cities development issues; maritime infrastructures and logistics; global/world cities and network of flows – mainly commodity
- 2- *Since 2015 onward*: Sharing economy and new workplaces; more specifically, studying coworking spaces (CSs) in Italy; location determinant and urban effects of CSs in peripheral areas; policies that foster the development of CSs in peripheral areas; investigating the well-being and happiness of coworkers in CSs.
- 3- *Since 2016 onward*: Urban policy mobilities and transnational studies; tracking and analysing the transnational mobility of global production of architecture and urbanism in the period 1990-2015.
- 4- *Since 2017 onward*: Mobility studies; more specifically, focus on the mobility of the elderly population and its impact on their well-being and quality of life; capability approach.

07/ 2019 - 12/ 2019

Career break for maternity leave

11/ 2020 - current

Postdoctoral Research Fellow ('Assegno di Ricerca' in Italian)

Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DAStU), Politecnico di Milano (PoliMi), Italy

Research Project: **'HAPPY: Health, Accessibility, Public transport Policies for elderly'** (funded by *Fondazione Cariplo 2019-2021*)

This project aims to understand which suitable public transport policies could contribute to increase positive social connections and health conditions of the ageing population - the focus is on Varese and Milan (Lombardy) and Padua (Veneto).

Research team: Elena Maggi (Principal investigator, UNINSUBRIA) + Ilaria Mariotti (POLIMI) + V. Rebba (UNIPD) - [PoliMi-DAStU share of funding: 60,000 euro]

Main responsibilities/ duties: Developing and applying research ideas and methodologies (qualitative and quantitative), in collaboration with an interdisciplinary team; data collection and analysis; project write-ups, contributing to publications or disseminating research findings; collaborating in organizing disseminating events and meetings with academic colleagues, professionals, and stakeholders

06/ 2018 – 10/2020

Postdoctoral Research Fellow ('Assegno di Ricerca' in Italian)

Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DAStU), Politecnico di Milano (PoliMi), Italy

Research **Projects**: **'MOBILAGE. Mobility and Aging: Daily Life and Welfare Supportive Networks at the Neighborhood Level'** (funded by *Fondazione Cariplo 2018-2020*)

The project concerns about the older adults as a vulnerable population in an ageing society and the importance of mobility and accessibility on enhancing their well-being and quality of life.

Research team: Massimo Bricocoli (Principal investigator), Ilaria Mariotti and Fulvia Pinto (PoliMi-DAStU) + Aleid Brouwer (University of Groningen) + Lilli Gargiulo (University of Federico II, Naples)
[PoliMi-DAStU share of funding: 99,000 euro]

Main responsibilities/ duties: Developing and applying research ideas and methodologies (qualitative and quantitative), in collaboration with an interdisciplinary team; data collection and analysis; project write-ups, contributing to publications or disseminating research findings; collaborating in organizing disseminating events and meetings with academic colleagues, professionals, and stakeholders

09/ 2019 - current

Research Collaborator and Group Leader in the European COST Action

CA18214 - *The Geography of New Working Spaces and the Impact on the Periphery* (Chair: Ilaria Mariotti)
<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18214>

The Action involves 28 European countries, including USA, Canada, Israel and Lebanon (2019 - 2023)

Main responsibilities/ duties: Group leader of WG2, responsible for monitoring activities in WG2; organizing meetings and seminars; preparing tasks and deliverables

06/ 2020 - current

Research Collaborator and member of the "Leiden Delft Erasmus PortCityFutures programme"

PortCityFutures brings together a highly engaged research community of researchers from Leiden, Delft and Rotterdam universities, who are interested in the spaces, the governance, and the culture of port-city-regions

<https://www.portcityfutures.nl/research-0>

Research team: Collaborating in a multidisciplinary team in developing innovative ideas, proposal and projects as well as methodologies; contributing to publications or disseminating tasks

- 03/ 2015 – 01/2018 Research Collaborator at LaBELT (Laboratorio di Economia Logistica e Territorio)
Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASU), Politecnico di Milano (PoliMi). Italy
Director: Prof. Falvio Boscacci, co-director: Prof. Ilaria Mariotti:
Main responsibilities/ duties: Data collection and analysis; project write-ups; contributing to publications or disseminating research findings
- 02/ 2017 – 01/2019 Research Collaborator and member of the following research projects:
- **FARB research project: 'New Working Spaces. Promises of Innovations, Effects on the Economic and Urban Context'** - *Coordinator Prof. Ilaria Mariotti* [amount of funding: 28,000 euro]
Main responsibilities/ duties: theoretical framework, data analysis and project write-ups for conferences and publications
 - **FARB research project: 'New Methods for Studying Transnational Urbanism and Architecture'** - *Coordinator Prof. Davide Ponzini* [amount of funding: 28,000 euro]
Main responsibilities/ duties: Data collection and analysis; and project write-ups for conferences and publication; Mentoring and supervising the works of less experienced researchers of the team or students (either those conducting an internship period within the research team or those developing their thesis)
- 03/ 2018 - current Research Grant Preparation
Collaborative projects:
- **MOBILAGE. Mobility and Aging: Daily Life and Welfare Supportive Networks at the Neighborhood Level.** Funded by Fondazione Cariplo (2018-2020)
 - **'HAPPY: Health, Accessibility, Public transport Policies for Elderly'**. Funded by Fondazione Cariplo (2019-2021)
 - **'The Geography of New Working Spaces and impacts on the Periphery'**. Funded by the European COST Action 18214, (2019-2023) - Chair: Ilaria Mariotti
 - **'Milano Collabora'**. Funded by the Municipality of Milan (2019-2020). Partners of the project: Polimi-DASU + TRAILab, Università Cattolica di Milano
- Individual projects:
- Horizon 2020- **Marie Skłodowska-Curie** EU Individual Fellowship (at Delft University, Department of Architecture - supervisor Prof. Carola Hein,) Not funded - Evaluation: 90.20% (panel SOC threshold 93%) – awarded Seal of Excellence.
- 07/ 2016 - 11/ 2017 Collaborator and member of the research project:
'Learning from Gulf Cities'- *Coordinator Prof. Davide Ponzini*
A joint project with the New York University- Prof. Harvey Molotch
Main responsibilities/ duties: collecting data and analysis, organizing workshops and exhibitions; write-ups (a book chapter, see the section on publications)
Collaboration in organizing an exhibition in NYC Abu Dhabi Institute (13-14 November 2017)
- 11/ 2013 - 05/ 2014 Visiting PhD Researcher
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)- laboratoire UMR 8504- **Géographie CitésL'Université Sorbonne Paris I** (France)
Developing my PhD research project under the supervision of Dr. César Ducruet; collaborator in the project **'World Seastems' (European Research Council Starting Grant –FP7)**
- 01/ 2012 - 03/ 2015 Doctorate Thesis Research
DASU, PoliMi, Italy
Dissertation: 'Port Development and Port-City Interface Dynamics'
Supervisor: Prof. Ilaria Mariotti; co-supervisor: Dr. Cesar Ducruet

02/ 2011 - 12/ 2012 **Master's Thesis Research**
 DASTU, PoliMi, Italy
Dissertation: 'Public Spaces Along New Urban Waterfronts of the European Port Cities'
 Supervisor: Prof. Patrizia Gabellini; co-supervisor: Prof. Andrea di Giovanni

05/ 2011 - 07/ 2011 Intern - Research Assistant
 Rapu+ Research Laboratory, DASTU, PoliMi
 Developing the research: 'Framing common spaces. Survey and concept design within the contemporary city from Rho to Monza'
 Responsible: Prof. Andrea di Giovanni

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

10/ 2019- current Member of the European COST action Management Committee (MC) for Italy
 Working Group (WG) Leader in the project:
 CA18214 – *'The Geography of New Working Spaces and the Impact on the Periphery'* (Chair: Iaria Mariotti)
<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18214>, DASTU, PoliMi is the Action Grant Holder
 The Action involves 28 European countries, including USA, Canada, Israel and Lebanon.
 It is a four-year project (2019-2023) (130,000 euro each year)

01/ 2020- current Representative of postdoctoral researchers at the Board Council
 Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASTU), Politecnico di Milano (PoliMi)

UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor
 Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASTU), Politecnico di Milano (PoliMi). Italy, courses in:

S.Y. 2020-2021 2nd semester *'Environmental Economics and Sustainability'* (in Final Studio) - 44 students - B.Sc. in Architectural Design

S.Y. 2019-2020 2nd semester *'Urbanism'* (in Final Studio) 35 students – M.Sc. in Architecture and Urban Design

S.Y. 2018-2019 2nd semester *'Urbanism'* (in Final Studio) 39 students – M.Sc. in Architecture and Urban Design

S.Y. 2018-2019 1st semester *'Urban Design'* (in 'Architectural Design Studio'-) 42 students - M.Sc. in Architecture, Built Environment, Interiors

S.Y. 2017-2018 1st semester *'Urban Design'* (in 'Architectural Design Studio'-) 49 students - M.Sc. in Architecture, Built Environment, Interiors

Teaching Assistant /lecturer
 DASTU, PoliMi, Italy

Main duties: Gave a series of lectures within the framework of the course plan; regular supervision and assisting students while developing their projects and course assignments; assisted in evaluating the final projects; grading based on oral/written examinations.

Courses in:

S.Y. 2018-2019 1st semester *'Urbanism: issues and tools'* (Prof. Bertrando Bonfantini) - M.Sc. in Urban Planning and Policy design

S.Y. 2017-2018 1st semester

S.Y. 2016-2017 1st semester

S.Y. 2018-2019 1st semester *'Economia del territorio e dell'ambiente'* (Prof. Iaria Mariotti) - M.Sc. in Architecture

S.Y. 2017-2018 2nd semester *'Urban Planning'* (Prof. Corinna Morandi) – B.Sc. in Architecture

S.Y. 2016-2017 2nd semester

S.Y. 2015-2016 2nd semester

S.Y. 2017-2018 2nd semester *'Contemporary City: Description and Projects'* (Visiting professor: Prof. Joerg Knieling; Prof. Darko Radovic; Prof.

S.Y. 2016-2017 2 nd semester	Juan Luis de las Rivas Sanz) - M.Sc. in Urban Planning and Policy design
S.Y. 2015-2016 2 nd semester	
S.Y. 2016-2017 2 nd semester	' <i>Digital Cities- Urban Innovation and Planning</i> ' (Prof. Davide Ponzini) - M.Sc. in Urban Planning and Policy design
S.Y. 2016-2017 2 nd semester	' <i>Urban Planning Studio</i> ' (Prof. Davide Ponzini) - B.Sc. in Architecture
S.Y. 2016-2017 1 st semester	' <i>Urban Planning & Design Studio</i> ' (Professors Antonio Longo and Andrea Di Giovanni) - M.Sc. in Urban Planning and Policy design
S.Y. 2016-2017 2 nd semester	' <i>Master Plan Studio</i> ' (Professors Giuseppe Marinoni and Giulia Fini) - M.Sc. in Urban Planning and Policy design
S.Y. 2015-2016 2 nd semester	
S.Y. 2015-2016 1 st semester	' <i>Urban Planning & Design Studio</i> ' (Prof. Bertrando Bonfantini)- M.Sc. in Urban Planning and Policy design
S.Y. 2012-2013 2 nd semester	' <i>Urban Planning Tools</i> ' (Prof. Valeria Fedeli)- B.Sc. in Urban Planning

International Workshop Senior Tutor

Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASU), Politecnico di Milano. Italy

M.Sc. in urban planning and policy design

Main duties: Tutored a group of highly motivated international students in a two-week design workshop; part of the organizing team for the final exhibition and presentation of the workshop; assisted in evaluating and grading the students based on their project, group work and involvement class activities

- 01/ 2018 • '*Milan International Design Workshop (MIAW) 2018*' (Prof. Luis Basabe)
Topic: '*Living Periphery- Architecture as Public Space*'
- 02/ 2016 • '*Milan International Design Workshop (MIAW) 2016*' (Prof. Darko Radovic,)
Topic: '*Off Campus- The Future of Leonardo Archipelago*'

10/ 2013 - 06/ 2014 PhD School Tutoring Activity
Politecnico di Milano - PhD School

Activities related to preparation of information documents, providing logistical and didactic advice for the first year PhD students of the Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASU)

11/ 2018 - 05/ 2019 PhD student supervision
Co-supervisor of the visiting student *Parviz Aghaei* from Shahid Beheshti University (Tehran, Iran), Faculty of Earth Sciences during his 6-month period at DASU-Polimi

09/ 2017 - 03/ 2018 His PhD thesis: *Production and Reproduction of Space in the Second Order of Capital Accumulation*
Co-supervisor of the visiting student *Zeinab Adeli* - Tarbiat Modares University (Tehran, Iran) during her 6-month period at DASU-Polimi

Her PhD thesis: *Explaining the Dynamics of Making and Shaping of Places and Non-Places in Contemporary Urban Development*

Graduation date Thesis supervisor
DASU-Polimi

- 10/ 2020 *Ayda Khayyami* – M.Sc. dissertation: '*Exploring Coworking Spaces in Tehran: considering female-oriented spaces*'
- 07/2020 *Linda El Sahli* - M.Sc dissertation: '*Beirut Coworking Spaces: BDD in Depth Look*'
- 12/ 2019 *Snezana Bobic*- M.Sc dissertation: '*Towards a sustainable tourism strategy at the Mediterranean World Heritage Sites as popular destinations for cruise tourism*'
- 07/ 2019 *Pesic Tanja* - M.Sc dissertation: '*Allepo Revitalisation*'
- 07/ 2019 *Radovic Olga* - M.Sc dissertation: '*RE: BUILD ALEPPO - Reconstruction proposal for the Old City of Aleppo*'

- 12/ 2018 *Liu Ying, Jovanovic Miljana and Yang Yinfang- M.Sc dissertation: 'Aleppo Refresh: Urban and Architectural Redevelopment of Aleppo After the Civil War'*
Thesis co-supervisor
DASU-Polimi
- 09/ 2020 *Milad Abbasi Lakhani – B.Sc. dissertation: 'Proliferation of Coworking Spaces In Tehran: Towards a Decentralizing Model of New Workplaces'*
- 09/ 2019 *Eleftheria Exarchou- M.Sc. dissertation: 'The Impact of Global Terminal Operators on Port Infrastructure and Urban Development. The case of Dubai Ports World as a Trade Enabler.'*
- 07/ 2019 *Bruno Trapanese - B.Sc. dissertation: 'Il Ruolo Della Mobilità Urbana E Dell'offerta Di Serviziulla Percezione Della Qualità Della Vita Degli Anziani: Il Caso Di Tre Quartieri Periferici a Milano'*
- 07/ 2019 *Anna Pagani – M.Sc. dissertation: 'Mobilità Urbana E Accessibilità Ai Servizi- Quali Opportunità Per Gli Anziani Nella Città di Milano?'*
- 12/ 2018 *Anastasiia padenkova- M.Sc. dissertation: 'Urban modification through co-working spaces: Creation of local community. The case of Milan'*
- 07/2018 *Lucas Lorenzo Mattana- M.Sc. dissertation: 'The Transnational Patterns of Development. Investigating the urban effects of Dubai Ports World on port-hinterland and urban development'*
- 07/2018 *Apollonios Tsiatinis- B.Sc. dissertation: 'The Development of the Port-City Through the Free Trade Zone Policy: the cases of Dubai, Djibouti and Jeddah'*
- 10/ 2017 *Marina Giordano- B.Sc. dissertation: 'Nuovi Luoghi del Lavoro, Soddisfazione Professionale e Performance Economica. Il Caso dei Coworking Spaces in Italia'*

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

- 07/ 2017- current Member of the Editorial Board and English Proofreader
Journal of Urbanistica (INU)
- 2019 Guest editor
Special Issue 'Teaching the Contemporary City abroad' sullarivista *Territorio*, Issue 88/2019 (With Mario Paris)
- 2014 - current Ad-hoc Journal Reviewer/ Referee
Annals of regional science; European Planning Studies; Growth and Change: A Journal of Urban and Regional Policy; IJTE - International Journal of Transport Economics; Journal of Regional and City Planning; International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; Regional Studies; Territorio

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 03/ 2007- 08/ 2009 Architect and Urban Designer
Rahan Sazeh Consulting Engineers; Tehran (Iran)
Designer in architectural and landscape projects; Design assistant in urban projects; Assistant and supervisor in project reports and researching.
- 04/ 2006-02/ 2007 Intern- Design Assistant
Armon Sannat Construction Consulting Firm+ Nekas Firm (Tehran/Iran)
Design assistant in architectural and landscape projects; detailed designer and AutoCAD Aids
- 2004- current Freelance ESL Teacher +Translator
Professional English teacher
Language editor (English); translating professional texts: Farsi to English; English to Farsi; Italian to English; Italian to Farsi); Interpreter (Farsi, English and Italian)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- 2017 - CURRENT Associazione italiana di scienze regionali (A.I.S.Re) – Italian section of European Regional Science Association
- 2018 - current Regional Studies Association (RSA)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Farsi (Persian)	Native
English	Advanced/ Bilingual Proficiency
Italian	Full Professional Proficiency
French	Elementary Proficiency
Arabic	Elementary Proficiency
Social skills and competences	Open-minded; good interaction skills in social and technical events; highly interested to meet and interact with people from multi-cultural and interdisciplinary backgrounds; having good ability and capacity to respect the beliefs, practices, cultures, traditions, and positions of others
Organizational skills and competences	Commitment; leadership (coordinating people in projects developments) with sense of organization; self-motivated and strong sense of taking responsibility in both individual and team works; ability to work in teams and provide leadership qualities in challenging scenarios; Independent learning; excellent writing skills for publication; good verbal skill in presentation
Computer skills	Software Packages: Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign, MS Office, QGIS, R, STATA, Auto CAD

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

08/2020	Winner of the Best Poster Award 2020 at the annual conference of AISRe, the Italian Section of the Regional Science Association
06/2018- 12/2020	36-month Postdoctoral Fellowship- Politecnico di Milano, DASTU
03/2018	Winner of the conference bursary, <i>Regional Studies Association (RSA) Annual Conference 2018</i>
04/2016	Winner of the Best Paper Prize for Young Researchers, <i>The International Journal of Transport Economics, Genoa, Italy</i>
11/2013- 05/2014	Six-month grant, Erasmus Student Mobility Placement (provided by European Commission)-visiting PhD/researcher in Paris
11/2012	Winner of the Best Poster Prize, <i>The International Conference: Urban Change in Iran</i> . University College London, United Kingdom
08/2011-11/2011	Three-month grant, <i>Tirocini Erasmus: Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP)</i> , Politecnico di Milano-internship in a European based office

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS

1-8 July 2018	31st ERSA Summer School (<i>competitive selection process</i>) <i>Topic: 'Regional Policy: Analysis and Planning – Evaluation Theory and Practice'</i> University of Economics, Bratislava, Slovakia
20 February 2017	Learning from Gulf Cities Workshop <i>Topic: 'Architecture and Urban development in fast-developing countries of the Persian Gulf region'</i> DASTU, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
3-10 July 2016	29th ERSA Summer School (<i>competitive selection process</i>) <i>Topic: 'Space, Territory and Growth. Advances in Regional Science'</i> ABC, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
5-8 July 2014	AESOP PhD workshop (<i>competitive selection process</i>) <i>Topic: 'From control to co-evolution'</i> Faculty of Architecture of Delft University of Technology- The Netherlands
06/ 2012- 09/ 2012	Urban Design Workshop+ Sustainable Campus <i>Topic: 'Creative Sustainable Campus of Politecnico di Milano'</i> DASTU, Politecnico di Milano, Italy and ETH Zurich
11 -19 March 2011	The Athens Programme (<i>competitive selection process</i>)

Topic: 'Coastal landscape heritage planning and management'
 Universidad Politecnica de Madrid

ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 15 June 2021 Organized a (closed) Special Session at the RSA Annual Congress (ONLINE)
 "European Cost Action Project "The Geography of New Working Spaces and the Impact on the Periphery":
 findings, challenges and future perspectives"
Convenors: Mina Akhavan, Mina Di Marino, Grzegorz Micek
Speakers: Mina Akhavan, Mina Di Marino, Ilaria Mariotti and Grzegorz Micek
- 2021 (TBC) Part of the organizing team and scientific committee
 With Dr. Steve Harding, Birmingham City University + Dr. Bastian Lange, Leipzig / Vechta + Prof. Ilaria
 Mariotti, Politecnico di Milano.
The cycle of conferences 'The geographies of new working spaces and their effects on peripheries'
Sponsored by DFG (German Research Foundation), Maison des Sciences de l'Homme and Villa Vigoni
 Competitive selection process
 Postponed to September 2021 due to Covid-19 Emergences
- 06-24 July 2020 Part of the organizing team and scientific committee of the International Summer School on
 Workplace Management – SSWM2020 (ONLINE)
 Politecnico di Milano
Participants: About 50 International Master Students and PhD candidates
<https://www.rec.polimi.it/sswm/>
- 28 May 2020 Organized and moderated a Live WEBINAR
 "Gender issues and parents in smart-working due to the Covid-19 pandemic"
Speakers: Anita Fuzi (researcher and coworking expert), Julianne Becker (co-founder of Coconut), and
 Gosia Kramer (co-founder and CEO of The Luxemburg Office)
<https://www.facebook.com/COSTActionCA18214NeW.Sp/photos/a.104951537822602/141670050817417/>
 COST Action 18214
- 12-14 February 2020 Part of the organizing team of the COST Action 18214 MC Meeting
 Politecnico di Milano, Department of Architecture and Urban Studies
- 17-30 August 2019 Organized a Special Session at the 2019 ERSAs Congress
 "Transportation and Mobility in an Ageing Society. Perspectives, Trends and Drivers"
Convenors: Mina Akhavan and Aleid Brouwer
 Lyon, France
- 7 June 2018 Part of the organizing team of a one-day international seminar- part of the FARB Programme
 "New Working Spaces. Promises of Innovations and Effects on the Urban Context"
Speakers: Mina Akhavan; Simonetta Armondi; Stefano di Vita; Divya Leducq; Fabio Manfredini; Ilaria Mariotti;
 Corinna Morandi; Carolina Pacchi; Ivana Pais; Darja Reuschke; Stefano Saloriani; Veronique Schutjens
 Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASTU)- Politecnico di Milano
- 23 February 2018 Part of the organizing team of a one-day national seminar- part of the FARB Programme
 "Nuove produzioni e spazio urbano"
Speakers: Mina Akhavan; Simonetta Armondi; Stefano di Vita; Fabio Manfredini; Ilaria Mariotti; Corinna Morandi;
 Stefano Saloriani
 Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASTU)- Politecnico di Milano
- 20 February 2017 Part of the organizing team of a one-day international seminar
 "Learning from Gulf Cities"
Speakers: Mina Akhavan; Laura Lieto; Harvey Molotch; Michele Nastasi; Davide Pozini;
 Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASTU)- Politecnico di Milano
- 6 June 2014 Organized a one-day PhD International Seminar

“The Future of hub Port City Development? Opportunities and challenges of contemporary urban development in global port-cities”

Speakers: Mina Akhavan; Cesar Ducruet (CNRS- Paris); Markus Hesse (University of Luxemburg)
Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (DASTU)- Politecnico di Milano

INVITED LECTURER/
SPEAKER

- 26-27 May 2021 Two-day Event: Rural Coworking – European Coworking Assembly
Presentation title: ‘Rural Coworking Spaces in Italy’
- 12 October 2020 University of Groningen
Lecture of the for the course Entrepreneurship & Regional Development
Lecture title: ‘State-of-the-art Studies on Coworking Spaces’
- October 2020 Sharjah Architecture Triennial, Sharjah, Emirates
Podcast, ‘Architecture+ Infrastructure’ - <https://www.sharjaharchitecture.org/pages/podcasts/mina-akhavan>
- 29 April 2020 SOS School of Sustainability, Bologna, Italy
Lecture title: ‘Revisiting Urban Changes in Iran’
- 31 October 2018 City University, Tripoli, Lebanon
Lecture title: ‘Coworking Spaces and New Social Relations: a focus on Social Streets in Italy’
- 18-21 June 2018 Villa Vigoni, German Italian Centre for European Excellence (Italy), Como, Italy
Symposium Star Architecture, International Architectural and Planning Firms and the Urban Transformation of European Cities (II)
Presentation title: ‘The Spread of Bilbao-like Projects in European cities, 1990-2015.’
with Davide Ponzini
- July 2018 International Summer School on Workplace Management – SSWM2018, Politecnico di Milano- Italy
Lecture title: ‘The impact of new workplaces on the urban scale- coworking spaces in Italy’ with Ilaria Mariotti
- 24-27 November 2017 Villa Vigoni, German Italian Centre for European Excellence (Italy), Como, Italy
Symposium Star Architecture, International Architectural and Planning Firms and the Urban Transformation of European Cities (I)
Presentation title: ‘Transnational architecture firms and their strategies: explorations of the European space’

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Journal Articles

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- Mariotti I., Akhavan M. (2020). Exploring Proximities in Coworking Spaces: Evidence from Italy. *European Spatial Research and Policy*, 27(1). <http://dx.doi.org/10.18778/1231-1952.27.1.02>
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- Akhavan M., Mariotti I. (2018). ‘The Effects of Coworking Spaces on Local Communities in the Italian Context’, *Territorio* 87/2018, pp. 85-92, DOI:10.3280/TR2018-087014
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- Akhavan M. (2014). Social Impact of the Economic Development in Emerging Global Cities of Middle East: The Case of Dubai. *Spaces and Flows: An International Journal of Urban and ExtraUrban Studies*. 4(3), 13-25.

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- Akhavan M., Pinto F. (2018). 'Promoting Urban Mobility for an Ageing Society. Exploring Policies and Initiatives in the European Context'. Paper to be presented at the *XI Giornata Studio INU*, 14 December. Napoli, Italy.
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- Akhavan M., Mariotti I. (2018). 'Investigating the Forms of Proximity in the Performance of Coworking Spaces in Italy'. In the *A. I. S. Re. Italian Association of Regional Science- the XXXIX Annual Conference*, 17-19 September. Bolzano, Italy.
- Akhavan M., Astolfi L., Canevari A., Mariotti I. (2018). '**Coworking Spaces and New Social Relations: A Focus on Italy**'. In the *City Street³ Conference*, Notre Dame University Louaize (FAAD), 31 October, 3 November. Lebanon.
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Annex 6



Editorial Report on 2020 Activities

Summary

The positive trends encountered in 2020 continue. The positive aspects are the following:

1. The constant increase of IF. **This year it went from 2.22 to 2.856.** This result should not be read as something given for granted. The 2021 impact factor of PiRS has increased from 2.22 to 2.856, showing a decisive increase in the positive trend of the last few years. Interestingly enough, the strongest competitors of PiRS have all increased their impact factor, but are still below PiRS, apart from Regional Studies.
2. The **number of cited documents grew from 137 to 178**, while non cited ones went from 42 to 56.
3. According to Scimago, in 2020 the total citations grew from **323 to 494**, while the **per document citation went from 2.4 to 2.9**. PiRS keeps its position in the best quartile for what concerns both Environmental Science and Social Science (Geography, Planning and Development).
4. **The total number of submissions has grown from 438 to 668.** The rejection rate is around 79%, which is a strong signal of the seriousness and selectivity of the Editors in choosing high-quality contributions.
5. **No backlog exists any longer.**

1. Editorial Team and Editorial Board

In November 2020, Michael Lahr was elected by the RSAI Council as new Editor of Pirs, since Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen decided to leave her role of editor for an important appointment in the Government. I would like to thank Sharmistha for her professional work and welcome Mihael as a member of our team.

I take the opportunity also to thank my team for its brilliant contribution to the journal, witnessed by the positive results achieved also this year.

2. Editorial statistics

2.1. Number of submissions and rejection rates

Table 1 presents the number of submissions and rejection rates, together with pending manuscripts, i.e. papers that are in the website system at different stages.

Table 1. Number of submissions and rejection rates

Year	Submissions	Acceptance rate	Rejection rate	Pending manuscripts
2010	163	0,33	0,67	
2011	182	0,28	0,72	
2012	197	0,32	0,68	
2013	221	0,21	0,79	
2014	231	0,22	0,78	
2015	224	0,24	0,76	
2016	222	0,21	0,79	
2017	265	0,24	0,76	
2018	288	0,21	0,79	
2019	354	0,20	0,80	
2020	408	0,07	0,93	51

In 2020, **the number of submissions grew to more than 400**. The acceptance rate was in 2020 around 7%, but still some papers are in review (51). Figure 1 shows **the total number of submissions is driven by European scientists**. The share of authors (in author pages) from Americas is growing.

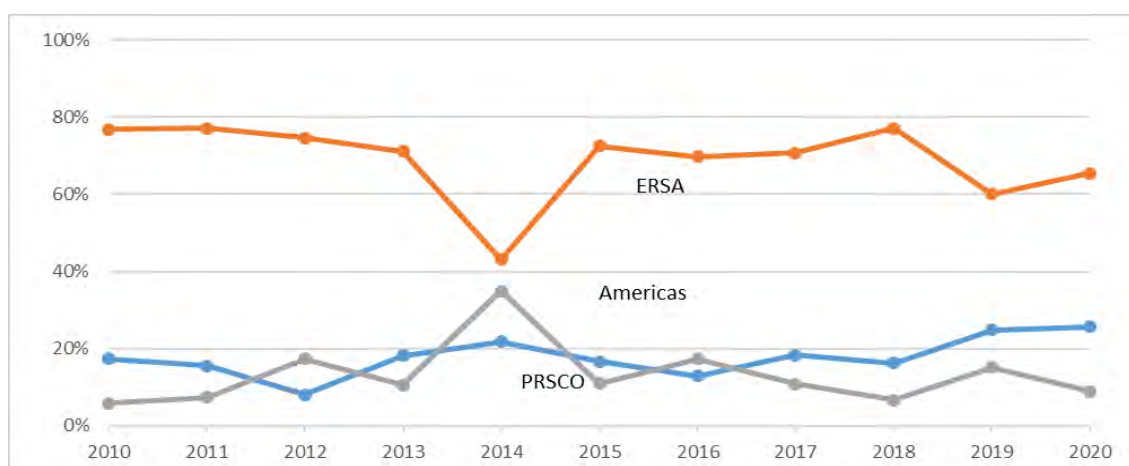


Fig. 1. Geographic distribution of authors in author pages (% per year and proportion), Vol. 89–99, 2010–2020

2.2. Decision making process and reviewers

The **good performance in terms of a decision process reached over the last 7 years improves** in all phases of the process to publication (Table 2). On average, the first decision takes place in one month, the second in around 2 months. Also the speed of publication after the final decision has improved, reaching less than 6 months. What is impressive is that it is now half of what it was in 2019. The positive effects of the solution to the backlog are still there.

Table 2. Manuscript processing in months

Year	First decision	Second decision	Third decision	Final decision of acceptance to Early View	Final decision to publication in issue
2010	3,2	2,9	1,3	2,6	9
2011	3,1	2,5	2	1,9	11,4
2012	3	2,6	1,2	3,4	4,9
2013	1,8	2	0,8	3,1	12,4
2014	1,7	0,6	0,4	3,2	15,8
2015	2,1	2,3	1,1	2,9	21,5
2016	1,9	1,9	1,1	2,3	18,9
2017	1,8	2,1	1,1	3,2	18,0
2018	1,9	2,1	1,1	2,1	18,1
2019	1,4	1,7	0,8	1,5	9,8
2020	1	1,9	0,8	1,8	5,8

The number of referees has diminished a little it, as Table 3 reports, reaching the total number of 408. The geographical distribution of referees has registered an increase in Europe and a decrease in the Americas and PRSCO.

Table 3. Number of reviewers and proportion of reviewers by supra region

Year	Reviewers	ERSA	Americas	PRSCO
2010	332	61%	23%	15%
2011	337	59%	25%	15%
2012	354	62%	22%	16%
2013	399	61%	26%	13%
2014	325	62%	25%	13%
2015	369	61%	22%	17%
2016	318	62%	26%	12%
2017	375	60%	25%	15%
2018	368	49%	38%	13%
2019	468	47%	45%	8%
2020	403	63%	31%	6%

2.3. Authors by geographical areas and by disciplines

Figure 2 presents the geographical distribution of submissions. **The trends show a drastic increase of authors from the Pacific area, probably as the result of the high number of Chinese papers submitted.** European submissions are therefore no longer the highest, while the Americas' shares remain stable. Interestingly enough, the increase in the total submissions are due to an increase in submission from PRSCO.

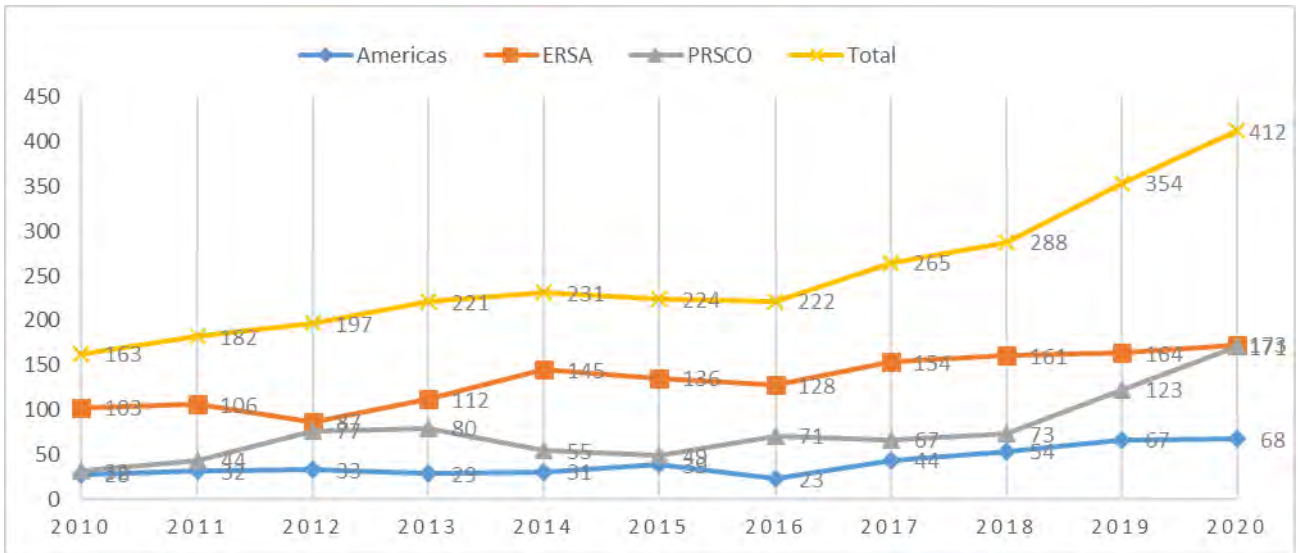


Fig. 2. Geographically detailed number of submissions, 2004–2020

Figure 3 reports the distribution of pages by discipline, where two areas seem to enlarge their share: economics, on the one hand, and miscellaneous on the other.

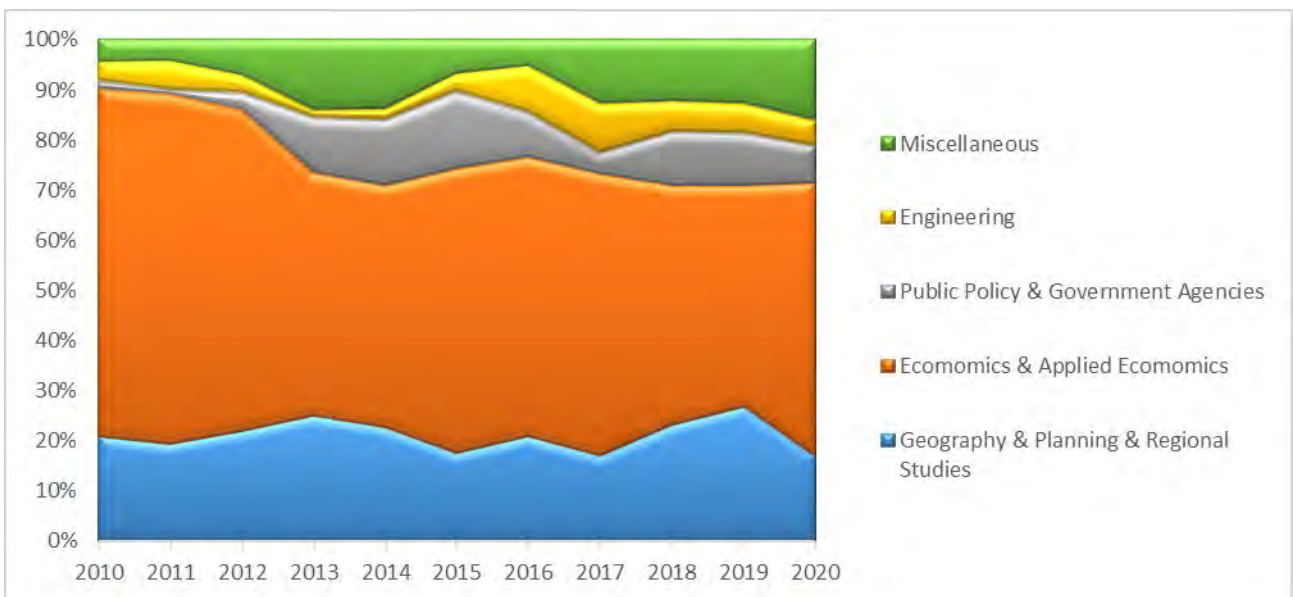


Fig. 3. Author pages by affiliation of the author(s), volume 83–96, 2004–2020

3. Impact Factor

The 2021 impact factor of PiRS has increased from 2.22 to 2.856, showing a decisive increase in the positive trend of the last few years. Interestingly enough, as Figure 4 shows, the strongest competitors of PiRS have all increased their impact factor, but are still below PiRS, apart from Regional Studies..

Figure 4. Impact factor from 2004 to 2020 for the most important regional science journals.

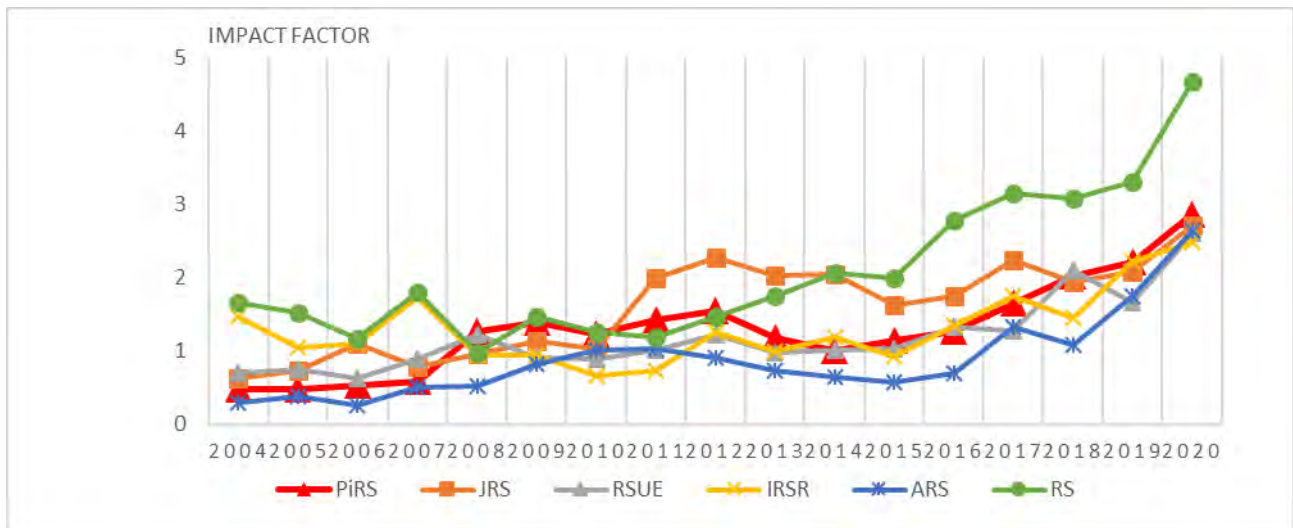


Fig. 4. Citation Impact Factor for various regional science journals, 2004–2020
 Notes: 2020 Impact Factor for *Papers in Regional Science* increased from 2,220 to 2,858.

In the figure, PiRS ranks second, after *Regional Studies*, and close to *International Regional Science Review* and *Journal of Regional Science*.

PiRS increased its position in Economics, and maintained its position in the other fields. In Economics it achieved 143/549 (Economics), compared to 99/363 in 2020. The journal went very close to move to the best quartile in Economics (Q1), which should remain the aim in the next years.

According to Scimago (30 June 2021), in 2020:

1. The **number of cited documents grew from 137 to 178**, while non cited ones went from 42 to 56.
2. According to Scimago, in 2020 the total citations grew from **323 to 494**, while the **per document citation went from 2.4 to 2.9**. PiRS keeps its position in the best quartile for what concerns both Environmental Science and Social Science (Geography, Planning and Development).
3. **The total number of submissions has grown from 438 to 668**. The rejection rate is around 79%, which is a strong signal of the seriousness and selectivity of the Editors in choosing high-quality contributions.

4 Editorial Policies

Given the good results, our recipe for the success of the journal remains the one of last year:

- 1) a good and efficient management of the journal, which guarantees a good and attractive image for the journal;
- 2) the launch of special issues on strategic topics. We have in the pipeline an interesting special issue on the development of regional science from different national perspectives;
- 3) a selection of papers to be published based on the novelty of the themes treated, together with scientific rigor.

5. Concluding remarks

After 9 years of editorship of the journal, it is for me time to leave to another colleague this effort. Just to remind to myself the road I did in leading the journal, I started in 2012, with an impact factor of 1,18, and I leave after nine years with an impact factor of 2,856. I am not at all fond of bibliometrics, since it is after from being a proxy for scientific quality. What it means to me is only that the journal has increased its visibility and is now more read than before. As an editor-in-chief, this is an important result.

During these years, I worked a lot for the journal, but I am totally sure that I received more than what I gave. I went through rather different “phases”; a phase of pessimism at the beginning related to the tough competition with other very well established journal, to positive feeling obtained when good achievements were reached through a thorough editorial strategy of special issues and selective issues. I was put in front of a lot of scientific and managerial challenges over these years, and I learnt a lot from them. My experience allows me to list the successful elements that one needs to lead a journal like *Pirs*, not necessarily in an increasing order of importance:

- a solid editorial team, with dedicated people, that are ready to work for the journal with seriousness and with modesty;
- a brilliant, professional and enthusiastic editorial manager. Elisabete Martins is a fundamental resource for running the journal in an efficient way;
- a bright publisher, with a long term business strategy. The change of contract with WB was in this respect a success. I could rely on a contract that was taking the cancelling of the backlog as a fundamental issue for the image of the journal. This was indeed one point of a success in increasing the number of submissions;
- right scientific ideas in the right moment. The Brexit special issue, anticipating other journals’ initiatives, was a success in terms of citations;
- the reinforcement of the foundations of regional science, that are at the basis of our academic legacy. Issues revising old theories like agglomeration economies in modern ways, or issues comparing the development of the discipline in different parts of the world were very much appreciated and cited.

I would like to thank my editorial board colleagues, who have done in these years a wonderful job. Elisabete Martins will remain my favorite editorial manager; without her constant support, I could not have made it over these 9 months. Last, but not let, I would like to thank RSAI for its trust in my capabilities to manage the flagship journal of the association for a long time. For one aspect I am pleased to leave my position of Editor in chief: I can start again submitting my own works to *Pirs*!

Good luck to the next Editor-in-Chief and his/her editorial team!

Roberta Capello
Editor-in-chief *Papers in Regional Science*

also on behalf of the other members of the Editorial Team
David Folch, Julie Le Gallo, Michael Lahr, Rosella Nicolini, John Winters, and Andrea Caragliu

Milan, Italy
1 July 2021

Annex 7



Editorial Report of Regional Science Policy and Practice

June 2021

SUMMARY

This report refers to the activity of RSPP during 2020. The number of papers grew from 77 in 2019 to 126 in 2020. The number of citations increased from 94 in 2019 to 213 in 2020; for 2021, the number of citations can be 350. In 2019 RSPP got 29770 downloads and in 2020 the number of downloads was 45140, with an increase of more than 50%. The estimated impact factor grew from 0.8 in 2019 to 1.5 in 2020. The estimated impact factor for 2021 can be above 2.0, which is achievable with a strong effort in the promotion of citations. The strategy to publish special issues on relevant themes will continue with volumes being prepared on China, the Global South, Ukraine, Post Pandemic Cities and Mediterranean dilemmas, beyond others already in the system.

1. INTRODUCTION

This report refers to 2020. In Section 2, we analyze the journal metrics, in Section 3 we highlight the aims and actions of the editorial team and in Section 4 we conclude.

2. EDITORIAL STATISTICS

2.1. Pages, Papers and Citations

The number of pages, articles and citations per year increased from 2017 - with 18 articles, 303 pages and 41 citations – to 2018 with 25 articles, 410 pages and 87 citations – to 2019 with 61 articles, 94 citations and 988 pages, and to 2020 with 126 articles, 213 citations and 1293 pages.

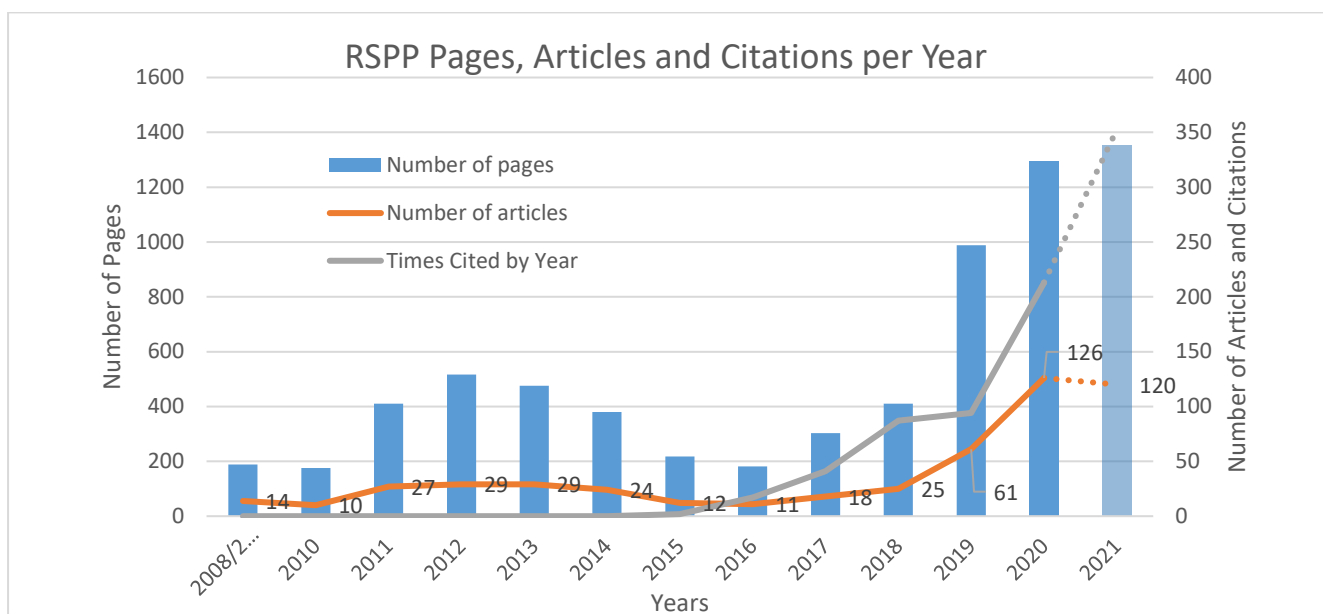


Figure 1: RSPP Pages, Articles and Citations per Year (RSPP Editorial Office)

For 2021, the number of articles and pages will stabilize around 210 and the same will happen with the number of pages. The good prospect is that the number of papers cited per year may increase from 213 to 350.

The geographical distribution of the authors, counted by the number of pages, indicate a relative recuperation of the contributions from the Americas, mainly from Latin America, compensated by a decrease in the papers coming from Europe and the maintenance of share of papers coming from other regions. The expansion of the editors to Asia will bring a Special Issue on the Global South that will bring a higher contribution from Asia and Africa.

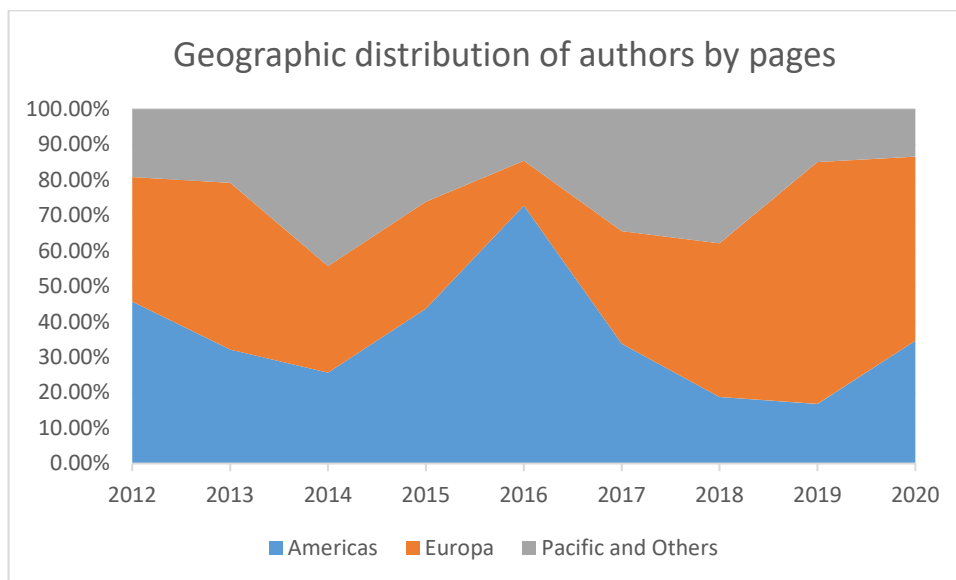


Figure2: Geographical distribution of authors by pages (RSPP Editorial Office)

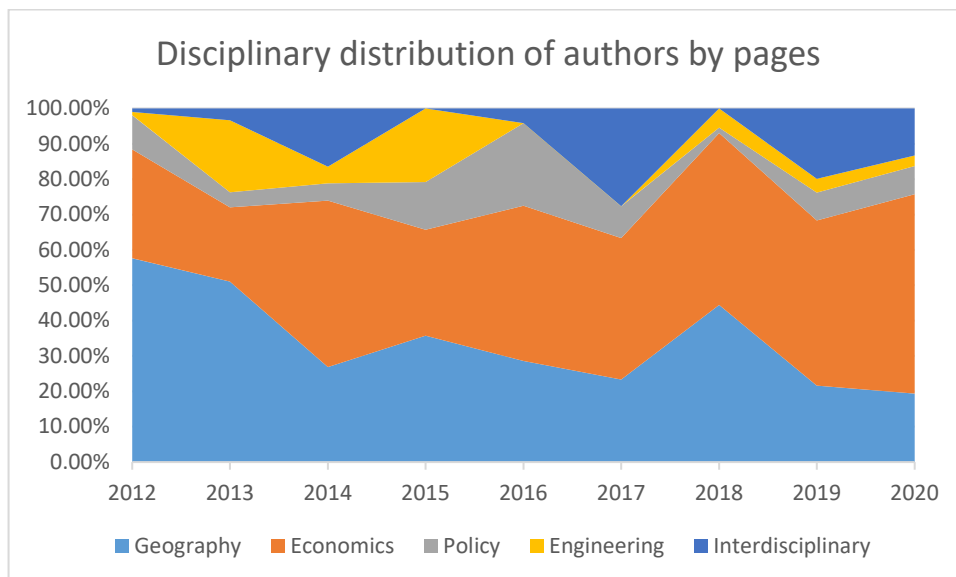


Figure 3: Disciplinary distribution of authors by pages (RSPP Editorial Office)

The disciplinary distribution of the authors' affiliation measured by the number of pages is increasingly concentrated in economics and some geography. Anyway, with the exception of 2018, it seem to have an asymptotic stabilization with 60% contributions from economists, 20% from geographers and 20% from others.

2.2. Decision making process and reviewers

The number of submissions increased from 2019 to 2020 and the rejection rate decreased from 67% to 58% (Table 1), but still have 54 articles from 2020 in revision without a final decision.

Table 1. Number of submissions and rejection rates

Year	Submissions	Acceptance rate	Rejection rate	Pending
2012	24	0,50	0,50	0
2013	27	0,63	0,37	0
2014	21	0,52	0,48	0
2015	16	0,31	0,69	0
2016	17	0,65	0,35	0
2017	87	0,53	0,47	0
2018	90	0,49	0,51	0
2019	166	0,33	0,67	6
2020	208	0,42	0,58	54

The number of reviewers increased from 2019 to 2020 associated with a move to a balanced distribution of reviewers between Europe and the Americas but a smaller weight from other regions in Asia and Africa.

Table 2. Number of reviewers and proportion of reviewers by supra region

Year	Reviewers	Europa	Americas	Others
2012	34	0,41	0,35	0,24
2013	15	0,47	0,33	0,20
2014	22	0,36	0,36	0,28
2015	13	0,38	0,38	0,24
2016	9	0,33	0,67	0,00
2017	147	0,46	0,25	0,29
2018	197	0,59	0,21	0,20
2019	228	0,54	0,32	0,14
2020	363	0,50	0,26	0,24

2.4. Performance Indicators

According to Google Scholar, citations on Regional Science Policy and Practice was 265 in 2017, 327 in 2018, 417 in 2019 and 638 in 2020.

The estimated impact factor grew from 0.8 in 2019 to 1.5 in 2020. The estimated impact factor for 2021 can be above 2.0, which is achievable with a strong effort in the promotion of citations.

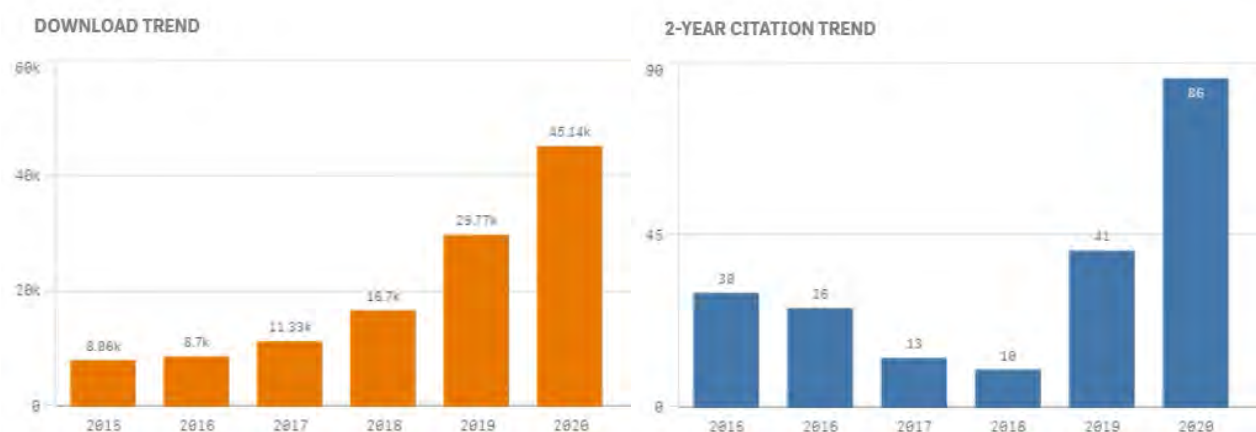


Figure 4: Downloads and Citations (Wiley, 2021)

Indicators collected by Wiley are also interesting (Figure 5). Downloads registered a steady increase since 2017 and, with a time lag of two years citations also begin to grow in 2019.

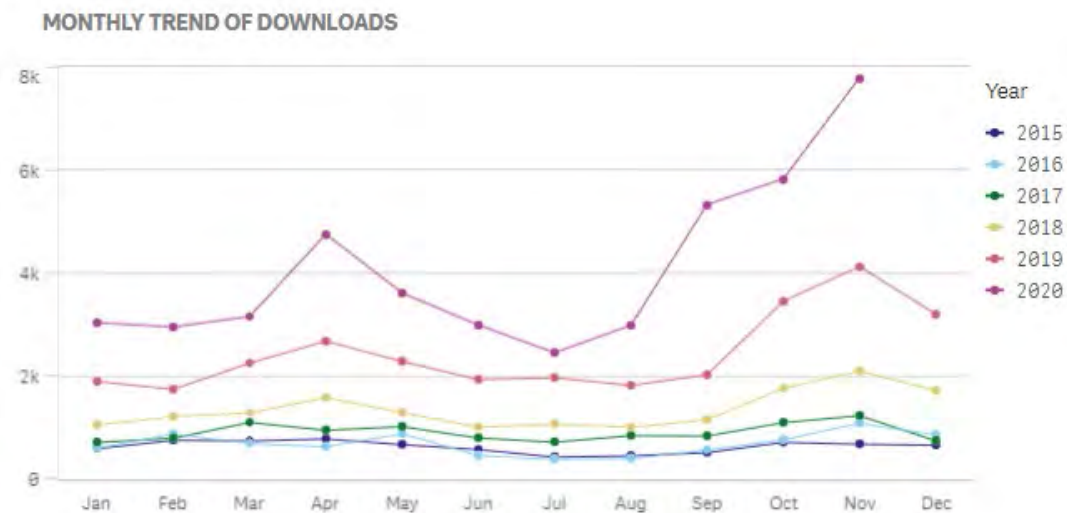


Figure 5: Downloads and Citations (Wiley, 2021)

The steady increase in the number of downloads reveals an intensification of seasonality with higher searches during lecturing periods in spring and autumn indicating the opportunity to publish papers pedagogically appealing.

Cite Scores estimated by Scopus indicate a general improvement in 2020 for all categories, after the decrease in 2019 explainable by the strong increase in the number of papers from 2018 to 2019. Since the number of papers is stable since 2020 it is expectable that the Cite Score will increase in 2021 and the percentile in the various categories.

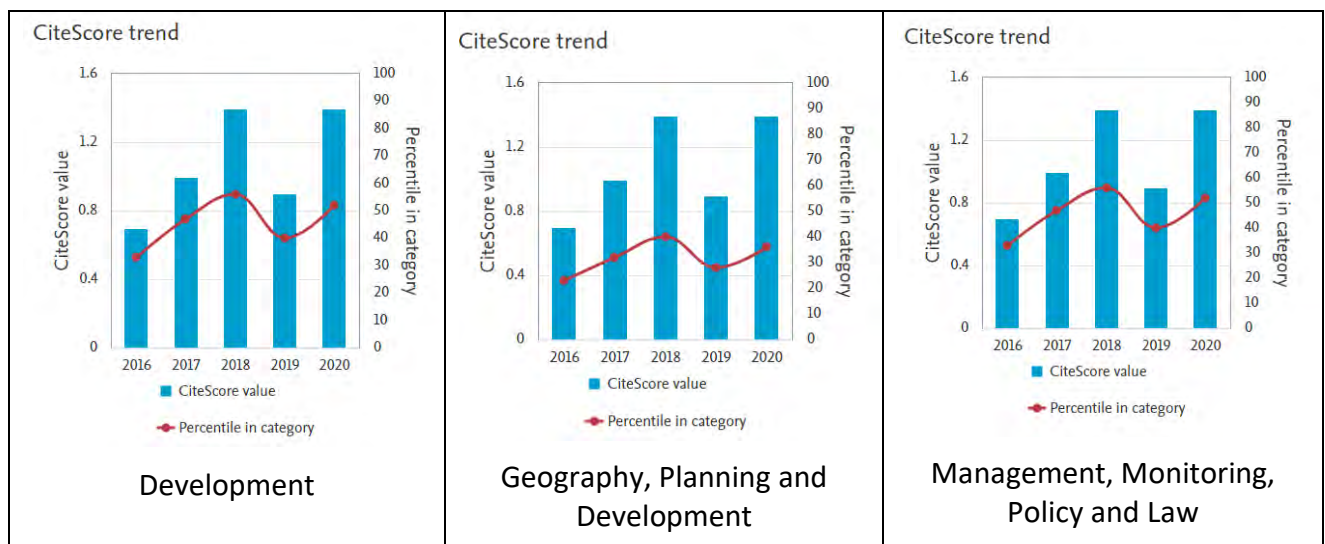


Figure 6: Cite Score Trend (Scopus, 2021)

3. AIMS AND ACTIONS

The aim for 2020 was to stabilise the number of articles of 2019 with six issues per year while increasing citations.

In 2020, the editorial team was further increase to include Abdul Shaban from India and Jian Wang from China. The editorial team has now 15 members, four from Asia, 6 from Europe and four from the Americas. The Editorial Board has 64 members, 17 from the Americas, 31 from Europe and 16 from Asia and

Africa.

The strategy to create special issues with thematic cover pages provided a distinguished image of every issue and an easier perception of the topics addressed by RSP (Figure 8).

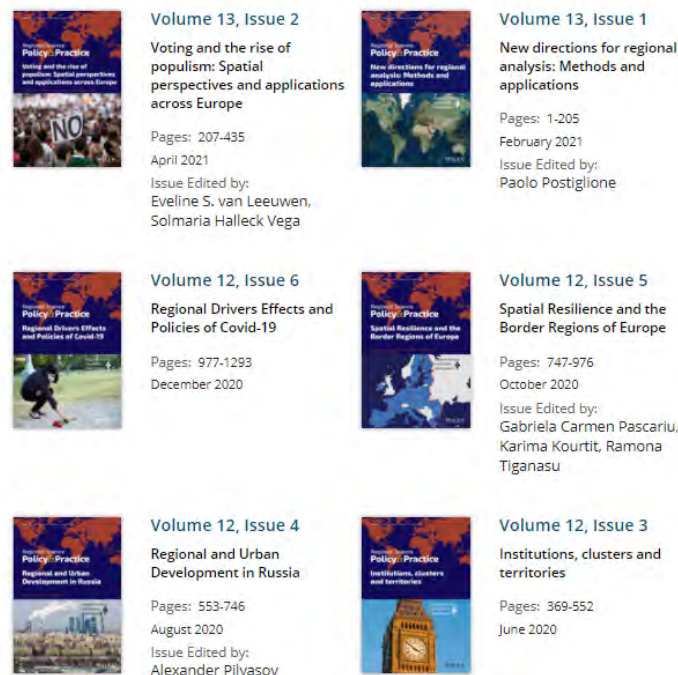


Figure 8: Special Issues with thematic Cover Page

In 2020, the Jury of the RSP Annual Paper Award composed by Gordon Mulligan, David Plane, Phillip McCann, Neil Reid and Tomaz Dentinho selected two papers (Figure 9).

<http://www.regionalscience.org/index.php/awards/rspp-annual-paper-award.html>

RSP Annual Paper Award

For the Best Paper in **Regional Science Policy and Practice**

Winners 2022



Gabriel Lyrio de Oliveira and André Luis Squarize Chagas (2020) - *Effects of a cash transfer programme on origin-destination migration flows*. *Regional Science Policy & Practice* 12(1), 83-104.

"Very thorough study using state-of-art regional science methodology to study effects of the Bolsa Familia programme in Brazil, showing an interesting and pedagogical method to analyse the regional redistribution of income with very good data and important results for policy makers. Spatial and social redistribution of public money is an important topic and a good exemplar of a RSP article."

AND



Kevin Credit (2020) - *Neighbourhood inequity: Exploring the factors underlying racial and ethnic disparities in COVID-19 testing and infection rates using ZIP code data in Chicago and New York*. *Regional Science Policy & Practice* 12(6),1249-1271.

"The paper focus a cutting-edge topic using a fine-grained neighbourhood modelling leading to interesting empirical findings as well as specific and focused policy recommendations tied to the study results. It is a very relevant demonstration that it is possible and advisable to get scientific evidences from emergent phenomena that can be useful for policy makers."

Figure9: RSP Paper Award based on article published in 2020

The money spent in 2020 (see Annex) was less than what was expected due to Covid-19. Nevertheless, RSP sponsored the participation of Andre Torre in a Congress of Portuguese Economists in Porto generating a few articles edited by Nuno Martins. RSP supported the participation of Bharat Dahiya in the Indian Regional Science Congress in Amity University of Kolkata in February 2020 that stimulated the submissions of papers by Indian colleagues. Finally, RSP advanced the payment to Alessandra Faggian, the RSP key speaker of the RAI World Congress in Marrakech postponed to 2021.

There are two issues published in 2021 and the other four are almost ready. The first part of 2022

has already committed issues and for the second part, we expect one issue edited by Abdul Shaban on the Global South, one by Jian Wang on China and, eventually, one on Ukraine, edited by Gabriela Pascariu and creating the context to launch one issue on Post Covid Cities and one on Mediterranean Dilemmas.

4. CONCLUDING REMARKS

RSPP achieved the goal established in 2017, to reach an impact factor above one in 2021. Nevertheless, according to Wiley, this is not enough to get official Impact Factor and a strong effort in citations and promotion of citable articles is due to secure that the estimated impact factor can grow from 1.5 in 2020 to above 2.0 in 2021.

Soon RSPP team will prepare a blog for the journal to diffuse scientific evidences in social media and boost citations.

June 2021

The Editorial Team

Abdul Shaban, Ana Vinuela, Budy Resosudarmo, Carlos Azzoni, Emmanouil Tranos, Eveline Van Leeuwen, Gabriela Carmen Pascariu, Isabelle Nilsson, Jian Wang, Katarzyna Kopczewska, Neil Reid, Patricio Aroca, Tiago Freire and Tomaz Dentinho

RSPP Accounts 2017			
Date	Description	Revenues	Expenses
08/09/2017	Lunchs and dinners - GRONINGEN (ERSA 2017)	- €	275,10 €
26/09/2017	RSPP EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR 2017 (from RSAI)	5 000,00 €	- €
09/11/2017	Travel Tomaz to VANCOUVER (NARSC 2017)	- €	747,95 €
20/11/2017	Lunchs and dinners - VANCOUVER (NARSC 2017)	- €	122,54 €
21/11/2017	Lunchs and dinners - Coimbra Symposium	- €	127,87 €
24/11/2017	Travel Abdellatif Khattabi to the Coimbra Symposium	- €	187,07 €
28/12/2017	Hotel, Lunchs and dinners - Coimbra Symposium	- €	286,30 €
28/12/2017	COMISSAO IMP SELO TRF - bank charges	- €	0,52 €
TOTAL		5 000,00 €	1 747,35 €
		Balance	3 252,65 €
		Retained for maintenance of expenses ACDA (5% of the Revenues)	250,00 €
		Closing Balance for 2017	3 002,65 €

RSPP Accounts 2018			
Date	Description	Revenues	Expenses
01/01/2018	Balance brought forward from 2017	3 002,65 €	
19/01/2018	RSPP EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR 2018 (from RSAI)	5 000,00 €	- €
09/02/2018	Travel Emmanouil Tranos - ABC/RSPP Meeting in Conventinho da Arrábida	- €	289,85 €
09/02/2018	COMISSAO IMP SELO TRF - bank charges	- €	0,52 €
19/02/2018	ABC/RSPP Meeting in Conventinho da Arrábida (dinner, coffee-break, room and accomodations)	- €	2 681,50 €
19/02/2018	COMISSAO IMP SELO TRF - bank charges	- €	0,52 €
21/02/2018	ABC/RSPP Meeting in Conventinho da Arrábida (dinner, coffee-break, room and accomodations)	- €	828,35 €
21/02/2018	COMISSAO IMP SELO TRF - bank charges	- €	0,52 €
23/02/2018	ACCOMODATION TRF CIUFFO BIAGIO BO r2/2018	84,00 €	- €
09/03/2018	Travel to lisbon - Vicente Royela	- €	252,31 €
09/03/2018	COMISSAO IMP SELO TRF - bank charges	- €	0,52 €
21/03/2018	REGISTRATION EDUARDO HADDAD RSAI CONGRESS	- €	150,00 €
12/09/2018	TRAVEL REIMBOURSEMENT - Eveline	- €	254,77 €
12/09/2018	COMISSAO IMP SELO TRF - bank charges	- €	0,52 €
30/10/2018	PGE0948000545616 - Dinner at NARSC 2018 Congress-	- €	1 795,22 €
30/10/2018	TRANSF CRED NAO-SEPA+ - bank charges	- €	30,35 €
TOTAL		8 086,65 €	6 284,95 €
		Balance	1 801,70 €
		Retained for maintenance of expenses ACDA (5% of the Revenues)	254,20 €
		Closing Balance for 2018	1 547,50 €

RSPP Accounts 2019			
Date	Description	Revenues	Expenses
01/01/2019	Balance brought forward from 2018	1 547,50 €	
30/01/2019	RSPP EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR 2019 (from RSAI)	5 000,00 €	- €
15/01/2019	TRAVEL MAROCCOS TOMAZ	- €	155,93 €
19/01/2019	TRAVEL MAROCCOS TOMAZ - TER-LIS	- €	49,19 €
21/02/2019	TRAVEL EMMANOUIL	- €	1 075,90 €
21/02/2019	TRAVEL EMMANOUIL - bank charges	- €	0,52 €
11/03/2019	TRAVEL MAROCCOS TOMAZ	- €	252,34 €
11/03/2019	TRAVEL MAROCCOS TOMAZ - bank charges	- €	0,52 €
12/04/2019	TRAVEL ITALY TOMAZ	- €	109,00 €
12/04/2019	TRAVEL Yannis Psychar	- €	560,00 €
12/04/2019	TRAVEL Yannis Psychar - bank charges	- €	0,52 €
13/04/2019	TRAVEL ROMENIA TOMAZ	- €	110,00 €
24/04/2019	TRAVEL ELISABETE SILVA India	- €	600,00 €
24/04/2019	TRAVEL ELISABETE SILVA India - bank charges	- €	0,52 €
26/04/2019	TRAVEL INDIA TOMAZ - TER-LIS	- €	87,99 €
27/04/2019	TRAVEL INDIA TOMAZ	- €	694,36 €
30/04/2019	TRAVEL Tschangho John Kim	- €	400,00 €
30/04/2019	TRAVEL Tschangho John Kim - bank charges	- €	30,35 €
06/05/2019	PRSCO REGISTRATION - TOMAZ	- €	139,64 €
06/05/2019	TRAVEL PRSCO - THAILAND - TOMAZ	- €	727,58 €
09/08/2019	SUPPORT Keynote RSPP at NARSC 2019	- €	500,00 €
09/08/2019	SUPPORT Keynote RSPP at NARSC 2019 - bank charges	- €	30,35 €
05/09/2019	TRAVEL JEAN-CLAUDE THILL India	- €	1 000,00 €
05/09/2019	TRAVEL JEAN-CLAUDE THILL India - bank charges	- €	30,35 €
08/10/2019	SUPPORT RSPP AECR 2019	- €	500,00 €
08/10/2019	SUPPORT RSPP AECR 2019 - bank charges	- €	0,83 €
29/11/2019	DINNER RSPP AT NARSC 2019	- €	101,00 €
29/11/2019	DINNER RSPP AT NARSC 2019 - bank charges	- €	0,83 €
14/12/2019	TRAVEL ANDRE TORRE TO PORTO	- €	30,99 €
TOTAL		6 547,50 €	7 188,71 €
		Balance	- 641,21 €
		Retained for maintenance of expenses ACDA (5% of the Revenues)	250,00 €
		Closing Balance for 2019	- 891,21 €

RSPP Accounts 2020			
Date	Description	Revenues	Expenses
01/01/2020	Balance brought forward from 2019	- 891,21 €	
08/01/2020	Support Bharat Dahiya (india 2020)	- €	300,00 €
08/01/2020	Support Bharat Dahiya (india 2020) - bank charges	- €	30,35 €
17/01/2020	RSPP EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR 2020 (from RSAI)	5 000,00 €	- €
27/01/2020	RSPP SUPPORT TRAVEL Alessandra Faggian	- €	500,00 €
27/01/2020	TRANSF CREDITO SEPA - bank charges	- €	0,83 €
07/02/2020	Taxi Andre torre	- €	50,00 €
07/02/2020	TRANSF CREDITO SEPA - bank charges	- €	0,83 €
23/11/2020	MEMBSRoshiniJayaweera - RSAI membership 2021 Roshini Jayaweera	- €	50,00 €
TOTAL		4 108,79 €	932,01 €
Balance			3 176,78 €
Retained for maintenance of expenses ACDA (5% of the Revenues)			250,00 €
Closing Balance for 2020			2 926,78 €

RSPP Accounts 2021			
Date	Description	Revenues	Expenses
01/01/2021	Balance brought forward from 2020	2 926,78 €	
21/01/2021	COMPRA ZOOM EUR - for webinars	- €	172,08 €
21/01/2021	2 0 COM SB E 1 COM SI - bank charges	- €	5,16 €
21/01/2021	IMPOSTO SELO S COMISS - bank charges	- €	0,21 €
03/03/2021	RSAI membership 2021 - Abdul Shaban	- €	50,00 €
15/03/2021	RSPP EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR 2021 (from RSAI)	5 000,00 €	- €
29/03/2021	RSAI CONGRESS - 3 REGISTRATIONS	- €	96,00 €
14/04/2021	RSAI CONGRESS - 7 REGISTRATIONS	- €	244,00 €
21/04/2021	REFUND RSAI CONGRESS - 1 REGISTRATION	52,00 €	- €
23/04/2021	RSAI CONGRESS - 1 REGISTRATION	- €	52,00 €
10/05/2021	RSAI CONGRESS - 1 REGISTRATION	- €	50,00 €
TOTAL		7 978,78 €	669,45 €
Balance			7 309,33 €
Retained for maintenance of expenses ACDA (5% of the Revenues)			250,00 €
Closing Balance for 2021 (June)			7 059,33 €

RSAI payment to RSPP is transferred to ACDA (www.acda.pt) that hires Eng. Elisabete Martins and takes and overheads of 5%.

Annex 8

Proposal for an RSAI/RSPP YouTube Channel

Introduction

The proposal is to launch a Regular You-Tube channel for Regional Science Policy and Practice within the institution scope of Regional Science Organization, International.

The idea comes from Pritam Ghosh mr.ghosh.pritam@gmail.com, from the Indian Regional Science Association, specified by the Editor in Chief of RSPP, circulated by the RSAI Presidency, by the RSPP Editorial Team and by the RSAI Editorial Board.

The proposal is to launch an experimental project for one year, with the support of 1000 euros, coming from RSAI/RSPP funds, to the first editor of the RSAI/RSPP You Tube Channel.

Context

Several International research organizations and publishers have already launched their YouTube channels during this pandemic period. The Regional Science organizations (international and different countries) are organizing conferences, lecture series, workshops, and seminars throughout the whole year in different countries.

Pritam Ghosh says, “We can upload and share the important lectures and special issues through this YouTube channel. We can also share lectures / special sessions among students and scholars through the **YouTube live stream** (same date and time). Subscribers of the channel also can access or listen to the lectures or special sessions. In this way, we can reach thousands of research scholars and students worldwide and motivate them.

Q&A

a) Who will be the owner/manager?

RSAI/RSPP YouTube Channel belongs to RSAI and is managed by RSPP editors. Pritam Ghosh will be, in the first experimental period of one year, the guest editor of the RSPP / RSAI Youtube channel, coordinated by the RSPP editorial team and with the official support of Elisabete Martins.

b) What will be the regularity?

The regularity of the RSAI/RSPP YouTube Channel can be each two months, which coincides with the regularity of RSPP.

c) What will be the structure?

The Structure of the RSAI/RSPP YouTube Channel fits the design of a webpage with:

- 2 minutes presentations of RSPP published papers done by the authors that can be included in the papers themselves by Wiley;

- 5 minutes Lessons on methods like Katarzyna Kopczewska has done regarding clusters http://regionalscience.org/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=370

- 1 minute Call for papers;
- RSPP keynote presentations in Congresses (and others if allowed);
- Debates and brainstorms on emerging issues;
- Selected presentations from other Youtube files;

d) Who is editing and with what quality?

RSPP should edit its own material and a minimum quality should be required (even if we ask contributors to ameliorate their input).

e) What about revenues from eventual publicity and other sources?

Revenues from eventual publicity and other sources will be collected by RSAI and, with the approval of the RSAI Council, allocated to RSPP account which movement is presented annually in the RSPP Report to the RSAI Council.

Dear Tomás and all,

The proposal looks very interesting. At first, I didn't understand well the advantages and possible fruits of it. But, after reading more carefully the short note annexed, I support the idea of launching such 'experience'.

(It will demand a rather high personal work by Dr. Pritam Ghosh, of course, and possibly one year shouldn't be sufficient to know the effects)

Best regards,

Juan

Juan R. Cuadrado-Roura

Dear Tomás,

From a general point of view, the proposal looks interesting, of course. I personally don't understand well how it will work. In my opinion, some more details on the mechanics of such 'Regular You-Tube Chanel' for RSAI could be needed.

Best regards,

Juan

Juan R. Cuadrado-Roura

Sounds like an intriguing idea, I am a little sceptical but willing to learn. Regards
Kingsley

This is a brilliant idea. Will help to popularize the journal among early career academics and students.

Regards

Shaban

Dear Tomas, dear all

I found it a very good idea in order to diffuse our ideas and our productions

I deeply support this idea

Best regards

André

André Torre

Tomaz and colleagues

I like the idea especially if it is pitched as an enhancement to RSPP and RSAI in general. My recommendation would be to go ahead and experiment – see what is effective (and how that can be measured) and report back to Council next year.

Geoff

Geoffrey J.D. Hewings

I have got the email I have shared on the YouTube Channel. I am so proud of Pritam. He is representing the Indian Section with valuable work.

Sumana Banerjee (in whatsapp)

Dear Tomaz,

This is a good attempt to further promote the journal impacts with proliferation of social media. I find many journals ask authors whether agree to spread their research results in the Twitter after accept. Look forward to further news on our efforts.

Best

Jian Wang

Fantastic idea Tomaz.

Neil Reid

Thank you Tomaz for keeping me posted!!

No comment at all: just keeping the finger crossed for the success of the very promising initiative.

Best

Rosella Nicolini

Dear Tomas

I think it is an excellent idea. Just consider the Data Protection law, Property Rights, confidentiality issues involved in all these activities

Very best

Jordi Suriñach