

The 6:th NoRSA Conference

Regions in Transition

9 – 10 March 2017
Karlstad, Sweden

Call for Papers
Extended deadline 2 January 2017

+ **PhD-course 7-8 March**
More info on the conference website



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Regions appear as more or less stable entities located at fluctuating spatial levels or intersections of time and space in material, digital and immaterial terms. In general regions are identified, constructed and legitimized through for instance accessibility, administration, culture, heritage, economy, management, nature and natural resources, physical geography and politics. Regions are of special interest to research as a space where top-down and bottom-up practices and processes meet, and different synergies and conflicts are played out. A regionalized approach for studying societal and scientific challenges is thus of importance for the staging of competing systems of governance and a transition to sustainable development.

The conference invites papers under two overarching topics. **Topic A - Governance** look at forms of governing in relation to politicisation, de-politicisation, people-driven processes and local knowledge, especially in the context of regional governance. **Topic B - Sustainable transition** explore how economic, social and environmental transition processes are, or may be, played out in different regions in the past and present. The conference encourages transdisciplinary approaches.

Wednesday 8th March

18.00 Get together

Thursday 9th March

08.30 Opening of conference

09.00 Keynote: *The importance of knowledge and skills for regional development*. **Frank Neffke**, Center for International Development, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, USA

10.00 Walking coffee

10.15 Parallel paper sessions 1

12.15 Lunch

13.15 Parallel paper sessions 2

15.15 Research speed date and coffee

16.30 Nordregio Round table: Nordic regions, innovation and resilience

19.30 Dinner at Terrassen

Friday 10th March

08.30 Parallel paper sessions 3

10.00 Coffee

10.30 Parallel paper sessions 4

12.00 Lunch

13.00 Keynote: *State-Society Synergies and Governance in the Global South: Deepening democracy through people driven development*. **Sharon Penderis**, Institute of Social Development, University of the Western Cape, South Africa

14.00 Farewell coffee

For registration and the most up to date information see the conference website: www.kau.se/crs/konferenser/regions-transition

General questions via e-mail: norsa2017@kau.se

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