

# The Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society 2026 Conference

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McGrath Centre, St Catharine's College, Cambridge, UK

## PROGRAMME

### DAY ONE: Thursday, 16 July

9:00-9:30	<b>Delegate Registration - Coffee &amp; Tea</b>
9:30 -9:45	<b>Welcome and Introduction to the 2026 CJRES Conference</b> Professor Ron Martin, University of Cambridge
9:45-10:30	<b>Session 1: Keynote Speaker</b> Chair: Professor Pete Tyler  <i>"The Power and Politics of Agglomerationism: what should we learn from Manchester's pursuit of the agglomeration model in pursuit of political devolution, economic growth and densification?"</i> Professor Graham Haughton, University of Manchester
10:30-11:30	<b>Session 2</b>  <i>Lightning/ Quick Fire sessions</i>  <b><i>The Shadow Side of Urban Agglomeration: Siphoning and Multi-Scalar Inequality in the UK, Europe and China</i></b> Xintong Li & Weimin Li  <b><i>Distributional effects of infrastructure strategies in polycentric agglomerations</i></b> Frank van Oort  <b><i>Redistributive Preferences in Latin America: A Center-Periphery Approach</i></b> Sébastien Carrère  <b><i>When Economic Complexity Meets Agglomeration: Unequal Gains across Italian Provinces</i></b> Valeria Cirillo, Marialuisa Divella, Eustachio Ferrulli, Giuseppe Simone  <b><i>How firm location choices shape the uneven geography of innovation: micro-foundations of innovation clustering across industry life cycles</i></b> Mihyun Seong

11:30-11:45	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	
11:45-13:15	<b>Session 3: PARALLEL SESSIONS</b> Please choose one of these sessions below to attend	
	<b>Session 3A            (McGrath Centre)</b>  <i>Who gains from density? Rural-urban R&amp;D gaps and distributional effects in EU regions</i> <i>Tryfonas Christou</i>  <i>Measuring the strength of urban agglomeration with outward intercity flows</i> <i>Jianfa Shen &amp; Junwei Zhang</i>  <i>Who Gains from Urban Agglomeration? Accessibility and the Unequal Distribution of Economic Opportunities</i> <i>Álvaro de Juanes</i>	<b>Session 3B:            (Ramsden Room)</b>  <i>Presenters &amp; Speakers to be confirmed</i>
13:15-14:15	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:14 -15:45	<b>Session 4: PARALLEL SESSIONS</b> Please choose one of these sessions below to attend	
	<b>Session 4A            (McGrath Centre)</b>  <i>Urban Regeneration, Rent Gaps and the Politics of Density: A Governance Framework from Shimla, India</i> <i>Amisha Thakur</i>  <b>The Never Changing Narratives Of Density? Urban Identity, Inequality And Wellbeing Diseconomies In Rotterdam And London</b> <i>Teodora Dogaru &amp; Frank van Oort</i>  <i>Working from home and learning in big cities – implications for spatial inequality</i> <i>Annekatriin Niebuhr</i>	<b>Session 4B            (Ramsden Room)</b>  <i>The role of economic trends, institutional changes and macroeconomic policies in agglomeration and disparities</i> <i>Ugo Fratesi &amp; Hasan Engin</i>  <b>Conceptualising and Evidencing the Role of Institutional Capital within the Six-Capitals Framework to Support Place-based Approaches to Development.</b> <i>Kate Penney &amp; Michael Francis</i>  <b>Marshall's blind spots: how inclusive innovation reveals the limits of agglomeration</b> <i>Katherine Parsons</i>
15:45-16:00	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	

16:00-17:00	<b><u>Session 5</u></b>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 5A (McGrath Centre)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>The Defence Industry and its Economic Geographies: A Literature Review</b></i>  <i>Robert Hassink</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>The character and prospects of the AUKUS national security partnership as international industrial policy</b></i>  <i>Chris Wallace</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 5B (Ramsden Room)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>Agglomeration and Job Quality in the US Tech Economy, 2001-23</b></i>  <i>Teresa Lynch</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>Presentation &amp; Speaker to be confirmed</b></i></p>
17:00-17:30	<b><u>Session 6</u></b>	
	<i><b>Roundtable Panel Discussion</b></i>	
17:30	<b>Conference Programme ends for the day</b>	

**DAY TWO: Friday, 17 July**

	<b>Morning Coffee &amp; Tea</b>	
9:15-9:30		
9:30-10:15	<p><b>Session 7: Keynote speaker</b></p> <p>Chair: Professor Robert Hassink</p> <p><b>"The restructuring of the international arms industry"</b> <i>Emeritus Professor J Paul Dunne, University of Cape Town &amp; UWE, Bristol</i></p>	
10:15 – 11:15	<p><b>Session 8</b></p> <p><i>Lightning/ Quick Fire sessions</i></p> <p><b>Digital Territorial Innovation Models: Adapting Agglomeration-Based Concepts to the New Realities in the Platform Economy Era</b> <i>Han Chu &amp; Robert Hassink</i></p> <p><b>Urban Gravity and Platform Work</b> <i>Simona Ciappei &amp; Camilla Lenzi</i></p> <p><b>For whom the bell tolls: Distributional rent effects of an increase in the CBD density</b> <i>Roberta Capello and Andrea Caragliu</i></p> <p><b>Presentation &amp; Speaker to be confirmed</b></p>	
11:15-11:30	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	
11:30-13:00	<b>Session 9: PARALLEL SESSIONS</b>	
	<p><b>Session 9A</b> <b>(McGrath Centre)</b></p> <p><b>Clusters and Technology Spillovers in the UK Defence Sector</b> <i>Adam Brown &amp; Jen Nelles</i></p> <p><b>From Importer to Integrator: Financialisation and Saudi Defence Industrialisation Geographies in the Post-Oil Era</b> <i>Ahmed Alqarout</i></p>	<p><b>Session 9B</b> <b>(Ramsden Room)</b></p> <p><b>Socio-spatial implications of urban touristification</b> <i>Angeliki Vatikioti &amp; Petros Kosmas</i></p> <p><b>Possibility, institutions, and the price of equality in urban economies</b> <i>Anita De Franco</i></p> <p><b>Presentation &amp; Speaker to be confirmed</b></p>

	<p><b>The Rise of the Northern Gunbelt: Mapping Canada's Turn to Defence</b>          Karen Chapple</p>
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00-15:00	<p><b>Session 10:</b>  <i>Lightning/ Quick Fire sessions</i></p> <p><b>Regional urbanisation levels: population distribution and regional economic growth</b>          Emili Tortosa-Ausina</p> <p><b>Distributional Effects of Functional Urban Areas in the European Union</b>          Lela Tijanić</p> <p><b>Productivity Pioneers and the Distributional Effects of Urban Agglomeration in Central and Eastern European Regions</b>          Pawel Dobrzanski</p> <p><b>The Participatory Paradox in a Densifying Hill City: Who Gains and Who Loses from Urban Governance in Shimla, India</b>          Amisha Thakur</p> <p><b>Bringing Back (Advanced) Manufacturing: Will Reshoring of Advanced Manufacturing Drive Regional Competitiveness in Australia?</b>          Sharif Rasel</p>
15:00-16:00	<p><b><u>Session 11:</u></b></p> <p><i>Roundtable Discussion and round-up</i></p>
16:00	<b>Conference Ends</b>