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

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE: Thursday, 16 July

9:00-9:30	Delegate Registration - Coffee & Tea
9:30 -9:45	Welcome and Introduction to the 2026 CJRES Conference Professor Ron Martin, University of Cambridge
9:45-10:30	<u>Session 1: Keynote Speaker</u> 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> <i>Professor Graham Haughton, University of Manchester</i>
10:30-11:30	<u>Session 2 - "The Agglomeration case for London"</u>
	Chair: Professor Pete Tyler Inequality and the Future of London Graeme Atherton "A Glass Half-Full: Reflections on Agglomeration, Economic Productivity and Prosperity in London" Adam Yousef
11:30-11:45	Tea & Coffee

11:45-13:15	Session 3: PARALLEL SESSIONS Please choose one of these sessions below to attend	
	Session 3A (McGrath Centre) Chair: Emil Evenhuis <i>Digital Territorial Innovation Models: Adapting Agglomeration-Based Concepts to the New Realities in the Platform Economy Era</i> <i>Han Chu & Robert Hassink</i> <i>Measuring the strength of urban agglomeration with outward intercity flows</i> <i>Jianfa Shen</i> <i>Urban Regeneration, Rent Gaps and the Politics of Density: A Governance Framework from Shimla, India</i> <i>Amisha Thakur</i> <i>Who Gains from Urban Agglomeration? Accessibility and the Unequal Distribution of Economic Opportunities</i> <i>Álvaro de Juanes Rodríguez</i>	Session 3B (Ramsden Room) Chair: Raffaele Lagravinese <i>The Shadow Side of Urban Agglomeration: Growth without Inclusive Regional Development? Evidence from London, the Randstad and Chinese Metropolitan Agglomerations</i> <i>Xintong Li</i> <i>Distributional effects of infrastructure strategies in polycentric agglomerations</i> <i>Frank van Oort</i> <i>Redistributive Preferences in Latin America: A Center-Periphery Approach</i> <i>Sébastien Carrère</i> <i>When Economic Complexity Meets Agglomeration: Unequal Gains across Italian Provinces</i> <i>Eustachio Ferrulli</i>
13:15-14:15	Group Photo pre-lunch – on the steps outside the Ramsden Room Lunch	
14:15 -15:45	Session 4: PARALLEL SESSIONS Please choose one of these sessions below to attend	
	Session 4A (McGrath Centre) Chair: Harry Garretsen <i>Who gains from density? Rural-urban R&D gaps and distributional effects in EU regions</i> <i>Tryfonas Christou</i> <i>The Never Changing Narratives Of Density? Urban Identity, Inequality And Wellbeing Diseconomies In Rotterdam And London</i> <i>Teodora Dogaru & Frank van Oort</i> <i>Working from home and learning in big cities – implications for spatial inequality</i> <i>Annekatrien Niebuhr</i>	Session 4B (Ramsden Room) Chair: Stefania Fiorentino <i>The role of economic trends, institutional changes and macroeconomic policies in agglomeration and disparities</i> <i>Ugo Fratesi</i> <i>Conceptualising and Evidencing the Role of Institutional Capital within the Six-Capitals Framework to Support Place-based Approaches to Development.</i> <i>Kate Penney & Michael Francis</i> <i>Marshall's blind spots: how inclusive innovation reveals the limits of agglomeration</i> <i>Katherine Parsons</i>

15:45-16:00	Tea & Coffee		
16:00-17:30	<u>Session 5</u> PARALLEL SESSIONS Please choose one of these sessions below to attend <table border="1"> <tr> <td> Session 5A (McGrath Centre) Chair: Judith Clifton <i>For whom the bell tolls: Distributional rent effects of an increase in the CBD density</i> Andrea Caragliu <i>Icing on the Cake or Charcoal in the Snow? The Uneven Role of Coworking Spaces in Urban and Rural Entrepreneurship</i> Fangchen (Melanie) Zhang <i>Urban Gravity and Platform Work</i> Camilla Lenzi </td><td> Session 5B (Ramsden Room) Chair: James Wood <i>The Role of Big Cities in Burnham's Economic Agenda: Evidence from Big Cities Outlook 2026</i> Xuanru Lin <i>Agglomeration and Urban Growth Shadows: Transport Infrastructure in a System-of-Cities</i> Nicholas Sweeney <i>How firm location choices shape the uneven geography of innovation: micro-foundations of innovation clustering across industry life cycles</i> Mihyun Seong </td></tr> </table>	Session 5A (McGrath Centre) Chair: Judith Clifton <i>For whom the bell tolls: Distributional rent effects of an increase in the CBD density</i> Andrea Caragliu <i>Icing on the Cake or Charcoal in the Snow? The Uneven Role of Coworking Spaces in Urban and Rural Entrepreneurship</i> Fangchen (Melanie) Zhang <i>Urban Gravity and Platform Work</i> Camilla Lenzi	Session 5B (Ramsden Room) Chair: James Wood <i>The Role of Big Cities in Burnham's Economic Agenda: Evidence from Big Cities Outlook 2026</i> Xuanru Lin <i>Agglomeration and Urban Growth Shadows: Transport Infrastructure in a System-of-Cities</i> Nicholas Sweeney <i>How firm location choices shape the uneven geography of innovation: micro-foundations of innovation clustering across industry life cycles</i> Mihyun Seong
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CONFERENCE DINNER

19:00 Pre-dinner drinks (in McGrath Foyer)

19:30 Dinner (In the main St Catharine's College hall)

DAY TWO: Friday, 17 July

9:15-9:30	Morning Coffee & Tea	
9:30-9:45	Welcome and Introduction to the second day of 2026 CJRES Conference Professor Robert Hassink, University of Kiel	
9:45-10:30	<u>Session 6: Keynote speaker</u> Chair: Professor Robert Hassink "The restructuring of the international arms industry" <i>Emeritus Professor J Paul Dunne, University of Cape Town & UWE, Bristol</i>	
10:30 – 11:45	<u>Session 7</u> Chair: Professor Robert Hassink <i>Amplifying the Right Things? Federal Place-Based Industrial Policy and Regional Industrial Development</i> <i>Jingchuan Hou</i> Clusters and Technology Spillovers in the UK Defence Sector <i>Adam Brown</i> <i>The character and prospects of the AUKUS national security partnership as international industrial policy</i> <i>Chris Wallace</i>	
11:45-12:00	Tea & Coffee	
12:00-13:30	Session 8: PARALLEL SESSIONS Please choose one of these sessions below to attend	
	Session 8A (McGrath Centre) Chair: Amy Glasmeier <i>The Defence Industry and its Economic Geographies: A Literature Review</i> <i>Robert Hassink</i> The Rise of the Northern Gunbelt: Mapping Canada's Turn to Defence	Session 8B (Ramsden Room) Chair: Betsy Donald <i>Socio-spatial implications of urban touristification</i> <i>Angeliki Vatikioti & Petros Kosmas</i>

	Karen Chapple From Importer to Integrator: Financialisation and Saudi Defence Industrialisation Geographies in the Post-Oil Era Ahmed Alqarout	Possibility, institutions, and the price of equality in urban economies Anita De Franco Do disadvantaged workers benefit from density externalities of urban agglomeration? Darja Reuschke
13:30-14:30	Lunch	
14:30-15:15	Session 9 <i>Chair: Michael Kitson</i> Productivity Pioneers and the Distributional Effects of Urban Agglomeration in Central and Eastern European Regions Pawel Dobrzanski The Participatory Paradox in a Densifying Hill City: Who Gains and Who Loses from Urban Governance in Shimla, India Amisha Thakur Bringing Back (Advanced) Manufacturing: Will Reshoring of Advanced Manufacturing Drive Regional Competitiveness in Australia? Sharif Rasel	
15:15-16:00	<u>Session 10</u> <i>Chair: Michael Kitson</i> <i>Conference round-up roundtable discussion</i>	
16:00	Conference Ends	