

Economic Geography Research Group (EGRG) Chair's Annual Report, January 2014

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Activities in 2013

The EGRG continues to be a thriving and active research group of the RGS/IBG and has enjoyed a successful year during 2013.

The RGS-IBG Annual Conference, London, 27th-30th August 2013

The EGRG received a large number of requests for sponsorship. We were able to sponsor the following sessions, many of them jointly with other research groups:

- The Economic Resilience of Regions: Concept and causes
- Investment Patterns in Post Recession Cities
- Economic Geographies of Low Carbon Transitions: Interrogating the notion of Inclusive Green Growth
- Advancing the understanding of regional economic adaptability
- Integrating finance into Global Production Networks
- The political geography of private-sector recruitment and employment in conflict settings
- Designing Mobility: Mobilising design
- Competing space-times of decision-making and uneven spatial development: the geography of finance and real estate
- Austerity and urban governance: Living through welfare change
- Economic Change and Children, Youth and Families: Current Experiences and Future Frontiers

Future Activities

EGRG has a Research Groups grant of £500 from the RGS-IBG to organise a participatory workshop with PolGRG, DARG and SCGRG on 'Generating Research Impact: Ethics, Politics and Practices' to be held at the RGS (or Imperial) on Tuesday 26th August 2014 (the day before the start of the annual conference).

Finally

I would like to record my thanks to the outgoing Treasurer, Jennifer Johns, who has done an excellent job in the last 3 years. Once again, the Committee would also like to reiterate their ongoing thanks to Graham Bowden at the University of Manchester for all his unpaid assistance with the website and other EGRG activities.

Alex Hughes, EGRG Chair, January 2014