

**RGS mid-term conference, 18-20 April 2018, Royal Holloway, University of London**



Founders Building at Royal Holloway, University of London

This year's [RGS mid-term conference](#) kicked off on a surprisingly warm and sunny April evening in Egham. Against the backdrop of the beautiful Founders Building, Prof Katie Wills, Head of the Geography Department, opened the conference on Wednesday evening with a warm welcome. She was followed by two key note speakers, [Prof Katherine Brickell](#) and journalist [Jamie Bartlett](#), who both did a superb job of engaging the audience of geography PhD candidates. The following morning, the first day of conferencing started with a further key note by [Prof David Gilbert](#), after which individual sessions commenced and were held over two days.

Economic Geography was strongly present at the conference with presentations focussing on the UK and beyond. Economic Geography presentations in the UK investigated the nation's current economic climate from different angles by researching job polarisation, austerity, the gig-economy, and the digital. Presentations that presented research from more global perspectives included explorations of the Green Economy and Global Production Networks.



Relaxed networking in the sun at the EGRG sponsored reception for PhD Candidates interested in Economic Geography.



A highlight of the RGS mid-term was the [EGRG](#) sponsored reception after the first day of conference, organised by EGRG PGR Reps [Nora Lanari](#) and [Dominic Obeng](#). With temperatures nearing 28°C in Egham, the reception was held on a lovely terrace on campus, which made for relaxed networking among PhD students interested in Economic Geography.



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