

RGS-IBG Economic Geography Research Group

2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes

4 September 2025, 1400-1500 BST

Location: Online meeting

Attendees: Allan Watson (EGRG Chair), Jessa Loomis (EGRG Treasurer), Liam Keenan (EGRG Secretary), Diana Morales, Julie MacLeavy, Luke Green, Yuhong Lei, Patrick Collins

Meeting called to order at 14:00

1. **Apologies:** Franziska Paul, Aditya Ray, Nihan Akyelken, Jack Harris, Lotte Thomsen, Carlo Inverardi-Ferri, Nina Willment,
2. **Confirmation of minutes** of 2024 AGM were tabled at the meeting and approved.

New Committee Members Updates: Allan Watson thanked outgoing Events Officer, Carlo Inverardi-Ferri, Early Career Rep, Nina Willment, Web and Social Media Officer, Wenjing Zhang, and International Officer, Lotte Thomsen for all their contributions during their terms. Allan Watson then welcomed the new incoming members, Franziska Paul as Secretary, Diana Morales as Early Career Rep, Luke Green as Events Officer, Aditya Ray as Web and Social Media Officer, Yuhong Lei as Postgraduate Rep, and Nihan Akyelken, Patrick Collins and Jack Laurie Harris as International Officers. Liam Keenan will be moving from the Secretary role to the Chair.

Liam Keenan welcomed incoming committee members and thanked outgoing committee members for all their efforts and contributions.

Incoming members introduced themselves to the committee.

3. **Treasurer's report:** Jessa Loomis provided an overview of the EGRG's financial position: the EGRG remains in a good and stable financial position with a current balance of £1,722.95. On the basis of the successful application to the RGS to provide financial support for a student bursary to cover travels costs to the Global Conference on Economic Geography, Jessa encouraged new committee members to consider activities for the upcoming academic year.

No further issues pertaining to the budget were raised.

4. **Report on last year's activities:**

Annual conference, EGRG sessions: Allan Watson reported to the meeting that the EGRG was able to sponsor all sessions at the RGS-IBG Annual Conference. The meeting agreed to continue supporting this initiative.

Allan also reported on the successful session convened by the EGRG committee titled 'Thinking creatively about futures for geographical research on the economy'. The committee agreed to considering organising another session at the 2026 RGS-IBG annual conference.

Prizes awarded: Liam Keenan updated the meeting on the dissertation prize winners. Susan (Prizes Officer) successfully ran the prizes process for AY 24/25, awarding a winner for the PhD thesis award (Cheng Fang) and the undergraduate dissertation award (Florence Brighton). Submission numbers were very healthy for both awards, with 3 for the PhD prize and 10 for the undergraduate prize.

5. **Forthcoming events:** Liam Keenan informed the meeting that he would arrange a committee meeting for the coming weeks to discuss ideas and plans for the upcoming academic year. He invited the meeting to consider ideas in relation to a seminar or webinar series, as well as another session at the 2026 RGS-IBG annual conference.
6. **Date of the next meeting** The next meeting will be held in September 2026 online; a specific date will be announced in the summer of 2025.
7. **Any other business:** Allan Watson thanked all outgoing and incoming committee members for supporting and maintaining the success of the EGRG.