

Minutes

RSAI COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 2023

Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter, San Diego (CA), Friday Nov. 17, 2023 | 8:00 am-10:00 am (GMT-7) | Room Pacifica

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AND

RSAI LRPC MEETING NOVEMBER 2023

Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter, San Diego (CA), Thursday Nov. 16, 2023 | 1:30 pm-3:30 pm (GMT-7) | Room Pacifica

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1. Apologies (Annex 1)

The meeting is attended on site by Hans Westlund (RSAI president), Hidehiko Kanegae (PRSCO representative), Sandy Dell'erba (NARSC representative), Liz Mack (NARSC representative), Andrea Caragliu (RSAI Executive Director), Rosella Nicolini (councilor at large), Tomaz Dentinho (councilor at large), Carlos Azzoni (LARSA representative), In Kwon Park (Incoming PRSCO President), Brian Kim (PRSCO representative). Moreover, the Council meeting is also participated online by Jouke Van Dijk (councilor at large), André Chagas (LARSA representative), Daniela Constantin (councilor at large), Eveline van Leeuwen (ERSA representative), and Isabelle Thomas (councilor at large). Prof. Bourdeau-Lepage apologizes for not being to join online, due overlapping work schedules.

At 8.04 am, Prof. Westlund opens the meeting.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Alicante meeting (Aug. 31, 2023; Annex 2)

With no comment from the Council, the minutes of the Alicante meeting are unanimously approved.

3. Election of the 2025-2026 RSAI President (Hans Westlund; Annex 3)

Candidates are invited to present their programme. Abdusl Shaban (online) and Hiroyuki Shibusawa (in presence) are invited.

Prof. Shaban begins with his presentation. His programme revolves around the expansion and deepening of the association, by means of creating regional associations and new supranationals.

Prof. Shibusawa follows second. His presentation starts with an introduction to his academic background, followed by an illustration of his motivations for proposing his candidature, revolving around the will to provide service to the RSAI.

Prof. Dell'erba asks both candidates about their strategies to attract young scholars. Both candidates reply with a more detailed plan. Prof. Van Leeuwen asks about the plans of both candidates for dealing with gender balance, with particular reference to PRSCO sections. Tomaz Dentinho stresses that the sections of the two candidates are in different stages of their development. Therefore, he asks the candidates how their respective sections can contribute to the development of the discipline, particularly with reference to the multidisciplinary nature of regional science. Both candidates provide a detailed reply about their strategies.

After the Q&A session, Prof. Westlund summarizes the recommendations from the Presidential Search Committee. He reads the notes from Prof. Kingsley Haines, stressing that both candidates are potentially viable; eliciting more diversity; considering whether providing funds for travelling may help candidates apply; and, lastly, keep the presidential search committee working for a few more months to suggest guidelines for future candidates. He opens the floor for comments.

Prof. Dell'erba praises Prof. Shibusawa's institutional attitude, and Prof. Shaban's energy. Prof. Van Leeuwen appreciated the first candidate's energy, and the second candidate's CV. Prof. Dentinho highlights the differences between the two candidates' strategies – one being more leaning towards the expansion of the association, the other hinging on its deepening.

Prof. Westlund suggests to include the candidate not being chosen to be involved as ex officio invited member. Rosella Nicolini agrees, especially because either candidate is possibly missing a general picture of the global association. However, she suggests to be careful in avoiding cherry-picking countries. Prof. Westlund concludes that when the by far most populous countries in the world, India and China, lacks representatives in the council, this might be a good justification for including them as ex officio invited members. Prof. Mack adds that internal restructuring within large sections may add another rationale. She also asks who on the Council is working with African countries. Prof. Westlund suggests to follow up with an online meeting in December '23 to focus on the strategy for expanding the activities.

The Executive Director proceeds with the vote. Altogether, Prof. Shibusawa receives 9 preferences, while Prof. Shaban receives 4. One voter abstains: Prof. Hiroyuki Shibusawa is elected as Incoming President of the RSAI for the term 2025-2026.

The two candidates are invited in the room. Prof. Westlund congratulates Prof. Shibusawa on his election. At the same time, he tells Prof. Shaban that the Council will consider inviting India as observer on the council.

At 9 am Prof. Kanegae and Prof. Dell'erba leave the meeting.

4. 2024 Budget proposal (Andrea Caragliu; Annex 4)

Andrea Caragliu explains the budget proposal.

Two major issues are to be noted:

1. Wiley's revenues are ending in 2024 due to the beginning of the new contract with Elsevier. This contract does not include advance payments, so the revenues (50% of our profit share) will be postponed to 2025. The exact amount will depend on APCs paid to Elsevier based on papers accepted on RSAI journals.

2. Also, not all budget dedicated to nurturing talent initiatives will be spent.

So the apparent unbalance will likely turn into a profit once these two voices are settled down.

Carlos Azzoni stresses that some budget may be deviated from prizes to travel budgets.

Hans Westlund suggests to approve the budget. Rosella Nicolini seconds. The budget proposal for 2024 is unanimously approved.

5. Selection of 2024 Nurturing Talent initiative proposals (Hans Westlund; Annex 5)

Hans Westlund summarizes the events. Andrea Caragliu explains that four good proposals were received, scattered through the globe, one in an area (Uzbekistan) where the RSAI is attempting to create a new section (covering the Caucasus area; tentative name: Central Asian Regional Science Association). Other proposals came from Spain, Chile, and Mozambique, the latter representing a follow-up to 2023's Zimbabwe conference, and, therefore, covered by the profits of the 2021 RSAI World Congress. The committee provided the recommendations available in Annex 5.

Hans Westlund suggests to approve the allocation. Rosella Nicolini seconds. The proposed allocation is unanimously approved.

6. Results of the elections of new Councillors at large entering their positions from Jan. 1, 2024 (Andrea Caragliu)

Andrea Caragliu explains the outcomes, and the issue of LARSA electing André Chagas as President, while he was also elected as at large, along with Camilla Lenzi and Katarzyna Kopczewska. Hans Westlund proposed to task LARSA to nominate a third representative, keeping André Chagas onboard as at large. The council unanimously approved.

As a follow-up: with email communication (Feb. 28, 2024), Prof. André Chagas, LARSA President, proposes to include Prof. Fernando Perobelli (Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora, Brazil) as third LARSA representative on the RSAI Council. His name will be included to all communications starting Jan. 1, 2024.

7. Approval of the RSAI Council official guidelines for APC waivers (Hans Westlund, Annex 6)

Hans Westlund reports about the activities of the council in dealing with Elsevier's new contract.

Liz Mack suggests to avoid the reference to age, because many in the US now start their academic path later. The Council agrees to modify the guidelines accordingly.

Hans Westlund suggests to approve the waivers guidelines, including the two suggestions received from the LRPC. The Council unanimously agrees.

8. Updates on the World Congress 2024 (Andrea Caragliu)

Andrea Caragliu summarizes the state of the art, mentioning the excellent keynote speakers, the great commitment of the LOC, and the world-class premises at John Von Neumann university in Kecskemét, Hungary, which he and Pro. Westlund visited in October 2024. Council members are cordially invited to join, and to disseminate the news of the conference.

9. AOB

No additional items are suggested by the Council.

10. Next meeting

The next meeting is set for the World Congress of the RSAI in Kecskemét, Hungary, in a date between Apr. 8 and 11, i.e. during the duration of the conference. Council members will be invited as soon as possible, once a final date is set.

With nothing else to discuss, the council is adjourned at 9.48 am.

RSAI Council Members

2023 RSAI Council Members

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Agenda

RSAI COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 2023 ALICANTE, 2023 ERSA CONGRESS

Thursday 31st August, 14:30-16:15 CET, room 1-B11 (First floor in Aulario II)

Zoom link:

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1. Apologies (Annex 1)

Attending the meeting in presence: Hans Westlund (RSAI President); Andrea Caragliu (RSAI Executive Director); Daniela Constantin (At large councillor); Tomaz Dentinho (at large councillor); Rosella Nicolini (at large councillor); Soushi Suzuki (PRSCO Executive Director); Sumona Banjeree (IRSA President); Paul Snow (RSAC Vice-President); Eveline Van Leeuwen (ERSA representative); André Torre (ERSA President); Mina Akhavan (RSAI Newsletter editor); Isabelle Thomas (at-large).

Attending the meeting online: Lily Kiminami (PRSCO representative); Lise Bourdeau (ERSA representative).

At 2.35 pm CET, Prof. Westlund opens the meeting. 10 voting members are attending. Prof. Kanegae and Prof. Dell'erba is missing the meeting due to other engagements.

2. Approval of the minutes of the June 13, 2023 meeting (Annex 2)

Prof. Westlund requests whether there are any suggestions for amendments to the minutes of the latest RSAI council meeting held during the last PRSCO summer institute. With no requests for changes proposed, he proposes to approve the minutes, and Rosella Nicolini seconds. Minutes of the previous meeting are officially approved.

3. Call for candidatures for the future RSAI president

By By-Law 4 of the RSAI Constitution, *“the Council establishes a “Nomination Committee” comprising the RSAI President, the RSAI Immediate Past-President, three members RSAI Council (one each from among the council members who are appointees of the three superregional organizations), and two members of the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) recommended by the LRPC itself”*.

The committee will therefore comprise Prof. Hans Westlund (RSAI President), Prof. Eduardo Haddad (Immediate Past President of the RSAI), and Prof. Kingsley Haines and Prof. Yoshiro Higano (LRPC; Prof. Geoffrey Hewings is mentioned as a possible replacement in case the first two members may not participate; these two members were as dictated by rules appointed by the LRPC in their Aug. 30, 2023 meeting). The Council also elects Eveline Van Leeuwen from ERSA, Lily Kiminami from PRSCO, Carlos Azzoni from LARSA, and Elizabeth Mack (NARSC). The Council agrees with this proposition. Rosella seconds. As a follow up to this

decision, Prof. Mack declined due to her sabbatical period, and prof. Sandy Dell'erba was elected on the committee instead.

4. Opening for council representatives from supranationals (end of term for Lily Kiminami, PRSCO; Elizabeth Mack, NARSC; André Torre, ERSA)

The terms for the above mentioned council representatives are ending and Andrea Caragliu explains that an open call will be released early in September for new candidatures.

5. Opening for three at-large councilors (end of term for Isabelle Thomas, Jouke Van Dijk and Rosella Nicolini)

Andrea explains the end of these terms, with Prof. Nicolini's being not renewable. Candidatures for these three positions are going to be opened for the month of September, while voting procedure will be carried out in October with an online ballot.

6. Opening for nurturing talent proposals

As usual, this is the time of the year when an opening for Nurturing Talent proposals is being released. The Council agrees to include the following members in the committee in charge of selecting the proposals received: Prof. Hans Westlund (RSAI president), prof. Andrea Caragliu (RSAI Executive Director); Prof. André Torre (ERSA president); Prof. Hidehiko Kanegae (PRSCO president); Prof. Dusan Peredes (LARSA president); and prof. Sandy dell'Erba (NARSC delegate). Hans Westlund moves to approve this composition; Rosella Nicolini seconds the proposal. The committee is officially approved.

7. Report on RSAI workshops

Andrea Caragliu summarizes events taking place in Paraguay (March), Tunisia (April); Kazakhstan (May), on which Prof. Dentinho summarizes the quality of scientific production and the breadth and depth of networks, Cambodia (June), and Zimbabwe (July), all in 2023. In that last macro-area, the idea would be to create a Southern African section. André Torre mentions a potential initiative from Ivory Coast, University of Abidjan, for the future period. The Council acknowledges receipt of this information.

8. Report by the 3 newly established committees:

- a. **Honors committee: Alan Murray, Romeo Ionescu, Hiro Shibusawa, Pedro Amaral)**
- b. **Diversity and Inclusion committee: Sutee Anantsuksomsri John Carruthers, Cristina Pantelica, Milena Sorzano (to be replaced/stepping down)**
- c. **Communications committee: Adrianus Amheka, Leïla Kebir, Fernando Perobelli, John Spring)**

Hans Westlund reports of the miscommunication with these committees. Tomaz Dentinho suggests to take their mandates back. Hans Westlund suggests not to make decisions now, but rather to let the Council get back to Council members to check their activities. Andrea Caragliu says that on the one hand, the Council should consider taking some of these mandates back, while on the other hand thinking about criteria to selected members. Eveline Van Leeuwen says that it would be nice to have people who know each other on the committee, to enhance their activities. André Torre adds that committees should help the Council, rather than acting like a wall.

9. 2022 Report and Accounts (Andrea Caragliu) (Annex 3)

Andrea Caragliu reports on the balance sheet, saying that salaries should be enough for roughly twenty years of the administrative staff. Tomaz Dentinho congratulates the ED for the state of the art. He adds that the staff can also not be renewed. He further stresses that a nice way to invest some extra money could be by offering technical training to young scholars. André Torre congratulates the presidency for the good financial results. With no further comments, Hans Westlund proposes to move to the next item of the agenda.

10. 2023 Report of PiRS (Rosella Nicolini) (Annex 4)

Rosella Nicolini summarizes the results of the journal. The IF held w.r.t. the main competitors; submissions will likely reach 500; and the geographical composition of contributions. She also is very happy about the collaboration with the new publisher. She also reports that PiRS and RSPP are the first two journals moving to gold open access in the field, among the main competitors. She adds that three PiRS-sponsored sessions will be organized at the forthcoming NARSC conference.

11. 2023 Report of RSPP (Tomaz Dentinho) (Annex 5)

Tomaz Dentinho reports to the Council about the state of the art of the journal. He tells that the journal got its first Impact Factor (1.7). He reports that he would like new editors to the journal in order to enhance geographical and disciplinary coverage (Laura Atuesta, Esteban Fernández Vázquez, and Alfredo Cartone). He would also like to organize RSPP-RSAI sponsored technical trainings back to back with supranational events – one possibility being in Terceira, where the 2024 ERSA congress will happen.

12. World congress: presentation, dates, venue, and mobilization of ERSA networks (Andrea Caragliu)

Andrea Caragliu reports on the state of the art, the dates, the keynotes, and the institutional support. Daniela Constantin suggests to include the president of the Hungarian section of the RSAI. She adds that the Bulgarian section may also be mobilized, with their new management. Tomaz Dentinho suggests to charge a price lower than what ERSA does. Isabelle Thomas offers to get in touch with Jacques Thisse to verify Prof. Fujita's willingness to join as keynote speaker.

13. Recommendations from the waivers committee

Andrea Caragliu summarizes the recommendations. Tomaz Dentinho suggests to have a way on the Elsevier platform to let the EiCs know whether there is a request for financial support. Andrea Caragliu and Rosella Nicolini reply that this should be doable.

14. Discuss missing payments of some sections

Argentina, Armenia, Bulgaria have been passive and not paying over the past years. The Council suggests to get in touch with their most prominent members, to verify what the problem is. André Torre suggests to identify possible mentors for these sections to be helped.

15. Mentorship of new founded sections/sections that have problems (LRPC members: Budy Resosudarmo, Peter Nijkamp, Eduardo Haddad, Peter Batey, Kingsley Haynes)

Hans Westlund illustrates the idea to elect LRPC members to mentor troubled sections or newly created ones. Rather, they suggest to elaborate on the idea, perhaps looking for Council-appointed members.

16. AOB

None.

17. Next meeting

The next meeting of the RSI Council will be held in San Diego, California, at the forthcoming meeting of NARSC, November '23.

With no more items to discuss, Prof. Westlund adjourns the meeting at 4.18 pm local time.

Statement on the Motives

[for president of RSAI 2025]

Dr. Abdul Shaban

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Founded in 1954, the membership of RSAI has grown significantly over the years. The events organized by RSAI, congress, workshops, meets, and the regional chapter conferences draw large gatherings not only from the regions they are held in but also from across the countries of the Global North and the South. Currently, the RSAI functions as an umbrella body at the global level of 4 supra-regional science associations - ERSA, LARSA, NARSC, and PRSCO. However, RSAI has also been exploring possibilities of creating more regional associations and/or integrating the existing ones in various regions/countries in its umbrella fold. The two important journals of RSAI, Papers in Regional Science and Regional Science, Policy and Practice have also made considerable space in the academic research circle. Where there has been considerable progress made by RSAI, there are still areas where it needs to work to further expand and deepen its presence. As an applicant for the post of **President of RSAI 2025**, I want to emphasize the following areas which shall be taken up in case I am given an opportunity as a president of the Association by its esteemed members.

1. Expansion and deepening the regional presence of RSAI

The maximum deepening and expansion of RSAI have taken place in Europe, followed by NARSC, PRSCO (mainly in Japan), and LARSA. In other words, Asia and Africa, where about 59.73% and 17.92% of the world population currently live have not found similar growth as in Europe (9.37% of the world population), North America (4.70% of the world population), and Latin America (8.28%). In Africa, RSAI has a very sparse presence, like in Morocco (The Moroccan Regional Science Association). Though the number of Regional Science Associations in Asia is relatively higher, they are not commensurate to the number of countries and size of population in the continent.

This shows that there is considerable opportunity to further expand and deepen the membership by inviting and mobilizing students, teachers, researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to join the existing country or supra-regional science associations, and also creating new regional science association chapters in countries where there are none – for instance, in Central Asian countries, Middle East, and African Countries. Current membership of RSAI from Asia is low: India has very low enrolment, and Middle East and Central Asia are missing with the exception of Israel and very tiny numbers from Armenia. *I propose to work to increase the membership using my existing networks and support from other colleagues from RSAI. I propose that membership in Asia could be raised to about 10,000 in the next two years' time through deepening and expanding the RSA chapters.*

Table 1: Asia Chapters/Section of RSAI

S.No.	Regional Chapters	Formed in year	Became a member of RSAI	Sub Committees
1.	China	1991	2019	14 professional committees
2.	India	1967	2017	
3.	Indonesia	1997	member	Several sub-committees
4.	Israel	~1979	member	Several sub-committees
5.	Japan	1962	> 40 years	Several sub-committees
6.	Korea	1983	member	Several sub-committees
7.	Chinese Regional Science Association-Taiwan	--	--	---

8.	Bangladesh	2006	member	--
9.	Sri Lanka	2020	--	--
10.	Thailand (TH-RSAI)	2018	member	--

2. Creation of supra and sub-supra bodies in Asia and Africa

ERSA, NARSC, PRSCO, and LARSA are supra-regional/continental bodies that represent the country chapters of regional science associations within their respective regions. However, the biggest and the most populated continent Asia has no such supra-continental body. *I propose to work towards forming the Asian Regional Science Association (ARSA) by creating a federation of countries and sub-regional chapters.* I shall attempt to create a good cooperation between ARSA and PRSCO, as has happened in the case of LARSA which to its success had a close interaction with PRSCO.

Given that Asia is a vast continent with so many cultural or regional diversities, varied regional aspirations, and developments, *I also propose to work not only for deepening and expanding the regional science memberships but also create sub-supra-associations like the Middle East Regional Science Association, South Asian Regional Science Association, Central Asian Regional Science Association.* Similarly, *an attempt will be made to create the African Regional Science Association.* In South Asia, already efforts are on to create country chapters of RSAI in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal, and Bhutan.

3. Providing intellectual support to the associations for their growth

It is not an exaggeration to say that the North has been the core of academic knowledge production led by its financial spending strength. The Global South countries are marked by low priorities for higher education and research. Given this, there is a need for handholding, training, and exposure to many in the field of regional sciences in the countries of the Global South. I propose that teams of academics from both the Global North and South can be created which can help the countries and associations requiring support. Frequent organization of conferences and workshops, especially for early career academics and students, can go a long way in both strengthening the regional science associations in several of the countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America and also increasing the membership of the RSAI, making it a movement. I propose to work towards realizing these ideas.

4. Strengthening the capacity of the regional science associations

Examination of the structure, compositions, and activities of the regional science associations across the countries show that they need new energies and infusion of new blood in many regions and countries, which can make them more functional. *In this regard, I propose that a consultative meeting be held with the key office bearers of the associations to support them in creating various committees and include members who can drive the association's missions from the front. This involves strengthening the local association publications.*

I will discuss with the current president of RSAI, Prof. Hans Westlund, the Council, and other members of the RSAI these proposed measures by me to further strengthen the same.

Note: (a) I shall have support from my institute to travel, and meet expenses towards the same from grants from my current Institute, other organizations like ICSSR, New Delhi (by application), and personal savings; (b) Tata Institute of Social Sciences (where I am employed currently) is very flexible in terms of creating spaces for its employees and encourages excellence in academic leadership, (c) I have been a member of RSAI and Regional Editor of Regional Science Policy and Practice since 2018. I have organized several meetings, workshops, and the annual Congress of India Chapter of the Regional Science Association India at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. In association and with support from RSAI (RSPP).

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Chairperson, International Relations Office (TISS)	Jun 2012 - May 2018
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- B.A. (Honours) in Geography, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India - 1992

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- English – Professional level; Hindi - Professional level; Urdu – Professional level; Persian – reading and preliminary understanding; Arabic – reading and preliminary understanding.

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2019	Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP) 2019 by the Ministry of Human Resources Development (now, Ministry of Education), Government of India; Trained for University Administration and Leadership at TISS and at University of Pennsylvania GSE, USA, September 16 -20, 2019
2011 - 2012	Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship, Cities Programme, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London.
1996	UGC-Junior Research Fellowship

SELECT VISITING FELLOWSHIP

- 1) Visiting Fellow at Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 1 June – 10 June 2023
- 2) Visiting Fellowship by Institute de Recherche pour le Development (IRD), Government of France, under South-North mobility to visit Centre d'études en Sciences Sociales sur les Mondes Africains, Américains et Asiatiques (CESSMA), University of Paris Diderot, Paris, France, for four months (1 September 2021 to 29 November 2021).
- 3) Visiting Fellowship at Institute of Ethnology, University of Munster, Germany (1st Apr 2019 - 30th Jun 2019) for teaching (Financial Decision Making and Religion and Politics in India') in Summer Semester, 2019

SELECT BOOKS

- 1) Abdul Shaban - *Digital Geographies* – Springer (Forthcoming)
- 2) **Shaban**, A, Vermeylen, F., Handke, C, eds. 2022. *Creative Industries in India*. New York: Routledge
- 3) Datta, A and **Shaban**, A eds. 2017. *Mega-urbanization in the Global South: Fast cities and new urban utopias of the postcolonial state*. London: Routledge
- 4) **Shaban**, A. 2010. *Mumbai: Political Economy of Crime and Space. Hyderabad*: Orient Blackswan
- 5) **Shaban**, A ed. 2018 (second edition). *Lives of Muslims in India: Politics, Exclusion and Violence*. London: Routledge

SELECT EDITOR OF SPECIAL ISSUE OF JOURNALS

- **Guest editor** - Special Issues of 'Regional Science Policy & Practice, Vol 15, No.5 (2023)' on "Regional economic growth and development in the Global South", <https://rsaiconnect.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/17577802/15/5>
- **Guest editor** - Special Issues of 'Journal of Development Policy & Practice, Vol 8, Issue 1 (2022)' on "Diversity and Development". <https://journals.sagepub.com/loi/JDP>
- **Guest editor** - Special Issues of 'Regional Science Policy & Practice, Vol 14, No.2 (2023)' on "Spatial Development and Inequalities in the Global South". <https://rsaiconnect.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/17577802/2022/14/2>

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- 1) Shaban, A., Datta, A, and Fatima, S. (2023). Overlapping Marginalities: Digital Education and Muslim Female Students in Bhiwandi. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 58(29): 52-58.
- 2) **Shaban, A.**, and Sattar, S. 2023. Mobility and transport infrastructure in Mumbai Metropolitan Region: growth, exclusion and modal choices. *Urban, Planning and Transport Research*, 11(1).
- 3) **Shaban A.**, and Cadene, P. 2023. Causality Between Cultural Diversity and Economic Growth in India: Cross-State Study, 1990–1991 through 2017–2018. *Society*:1–14. doi: 10.1007/s12115-023-00833-0.
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- 5) **Shaban, A. and Khan, S.** 2022. Cultural diversity, human capital, and regional economic growth in India. *Regional Science Policy & Practice*, 1–19. DOI: 10.1111/rsp3.12528
- 6) **Shaban, A.**, Karima Kourtit, and Peter Nijkamp. 2020. India's Urban System: Sustainability and Imbalanced Growth of Cities. *Sustainability*, 12 (2941):1-20. doi:10.3390/su12072941
- 7) **Shaban, A.** and Ayona Datta. 2019. Towards 'Slow' and 'Moderated' Urbanism. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 54(48):36-42
- 8) **Shaban, A.** 2017. Geographical Epistemology and Question of Space. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 52(48): 85-89
- 9) Sanga, P. and **Shaban, A.** 2017. Regional Divergence and Inequalities in India. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 52(1): 102-10
- 10) **Shaban, A.** and Filip Vermeulen. 2015. Trade in the Creative Sector: Comparing India with China, Brazil and UK. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 50(20):68-75

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- 1) **Shaban, A.** (2023). Albert O. Hirschman (1915–2012): An Unorthodox Regional Scientist. In Batey, P., Plane, D. (eds) *Great Minds in Regional Science*, Vol. 2. *Footprints of Regional Science*, pp.143–164. Springer, Cham.
- 2) Banerjee, S and **Shaban, A.** (2021). Unpacking Epistemic Diversities in Grassroots Social Innovation and Enterprises in India: A critical agenda for Re-centering People”, In Jürgen Howaldt, Christoph Kaletka, Antonius Schröder (eds), *A Research Agenda for Social Innovation*, pp. 133–148. Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd. DOI:<https://doi.org/10.4337/9781789909357.00016>
- 3) **Shaban, A.** and Sanjukta Sattar (2021). “Industrial and Commercial Geography of India: A Study of Changes in the Post-Reform Period”, in Mahabir S Jaglan and Rajeshwari Rajeshwari (eds), *Advances in 21st Century Human Settlements*, pp.189-217. Singapore: Springer Nature.
- 4) **Shaban, A.** 2021. Growth and Determinants of the Middle Class in Rural and Urban India in the Post-Liberalisation Period. In Amitrajeet A. Batabyal, Yoshiro Higano, Peter Nijkamp (eds), *Rural–Urban Dichotomies and Spatial Development in Asia*, pp.249-274. Singapore: Springer.
- 5) **Shaban, A.** and Prashant B Narnaware. 2019. Innovations in Multistakeholder Partnerships for Sustainable Development: Fostering State-University-Community Nexus. In Swati Banerjee, Stephen Carney and Lars Hulgard (eds), *People-Centred Social Innovation: Global Perspectives on the Emerging Paradigm*, pp.179-194. London: Routledge

SELECT INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2022 – 2025/27 European Research Council (ERC) award to carry out research on “Regional Futures: The territorial politics of digitalization-as-urbanization in the global south” as Co-PI (PI Professor Ayona Datta, Department of Geography, University College London) and other partnering Institutions University of Guadalajara, Mexico, British Institute of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, National Taipei University, Taipei
- 2020 - 2022 British Academy (BA) award to carry out research on “Digitising the periphery: Co-producing a toolkit for digital democracy and inclusive urbanization” as Co-PI (PI Professor Ayona Datta, Department of Geography, University College London)
- 2014 - 2015 The ICSSR (India) - NWO (The Netherlands) funded research on “Creative Industries in India in an International Context: Learning from the Netherlands” (with Professor Flip Vermeulen, Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands)
- 2011 - 2013 The UK India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) funded - Lead Institutions University of Edinburgh and Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai: Marginal Populations, Social Mobilisation and Development
- 2009 - 2010 ESRC (UK)-ICSSR (India) Bilateral Collaboration Programme (with Dr. Ayona Datta, Cities Programme, LSE): Politics of Sustainable development: Mobility and development along the Mumbai-Pune expressway

Editorial Board Membership

2020 - Present **Regional Editor, *Regional Science, Policy and Practice* (also peer reviewer since 2018)**

2021-Present American Association of Geographers.

2019 - Till Date Member editorial board, *Urban India*, National Institute of Urban Affairs, Government of India.

Hiroyuki Shibusawa's Application for the RSAI President Nomination

Dear Prof. Hans Westlund and Prof. Andrea Caragliu,

Activities in support of my candidacy

I am writing this letter to propose my candidacy for the position of Regional Science Association International (RSAI) president for the 2025–2026 period. My main motivation for submitting myself for this candidacy came naturally through my activities in regional science. I studied the basics of urban economics and regional science in former RSAI president Professor Yoshiro Higano's laboratory at Toyohashi University of Technology, where I earned my degree.

The Western Regional Science Association conference held in San Diego in 1995 was the first overseas conference that I attended. In 2003, I was a visiting researcher under former RSAI presidents Professor Peter Batey of the University of Liverpool and Professor Kingsley E. H. Haynes of George Mason University.

Based on these experiences, I served as the executive secretary for the Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization (PRSCO) for 11 years from 2011 to 2021 and supported the holding of international conferences in the Asia–Pacific region. Through these research activities, I have had the opportunity to participate in regional science conferences around the world and become acquainted with colleagues and peers in my field. This community has given me a lot of grace and support. Therefore, I naturally have the desire to serve the global community of regional science.

The RSAI's future strategy

First, I need to continue interacting with the people and organizations that comprise the RSAI. This means deepening our understanding of the RSAI's history and system as well as continuing our current activities and projects appropriately and advancing them effectively. In addition, we will continue to carry out regularly scheduled council and committee meetings continuously and efficiently. We must hold the RSAI World Conference in light of our future vision.

Since its founding in 1954, the RSAI has developed a network of scientific communities around the world. This was inevitable as an interdisciplinary science dealing with regions and many regional science colleagues work with this understanding. This process of expanding the world's scientific frontiers will continue into the future, and I believe that the RSAI's most significant role is to continue supporting this process. It is important to provide intensive support to undeveloped countries and regions such as Asia and Africa. Conversely, supporting the development of regions in which regional scientific organizations have just been established is also an essential activity.

Currently, the RSAI consists of four superregional organizations; namely, the European Regional Science Association (ERSA), North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), PRSCO, and Latin America Regional Science Association. The historical circumstances under which these organizations were established differ, and the network configurations of their local sections also differ. It is important that each organization presents a vision for its future development and that it is shared by each organization. To improve the organizational capabilities of the RSAI, the links between each local organization and the superregional organizations, as well as the links between the various superregional organizations, should

continually evolve. In particular, as scientific activity in the Asian region intensifies, additional effort will be required to transform organizations in the Asian region.

The RSAI carries out activities related to diversity and inclusion. We believe it is important to understand this more deeply and to continue to put this into practice within the RSAI network. Through this, we will be able to utilize the individuality of people within RSAI by respecting their differences in gender, age, nationality, culture, etc. We would support continuing the process of leveraging these diversities.

The RSAI's two journals, *Papers in Regional Science* and *Regional Science Policy & Practice*, are the RSAI's leading informational sources. They fulfill the RSAI's aim of continuously publishing appropriate journals and disseminating scientific knowledge to the world from a regional perspective. This an essential activity, and it is important to support it. Our aim is to provide people who are interested in regional scientific developments with improved access to information via these two journals.

Criteria of the nominee

a) Financial resources sufficient to cover travel costs to perform RSAI duties

I have participated in many international regional science conferences. I have participated in the RSAI World Congress seven times, the PRSCO conference 26 times, the ERSA conference 16 times, and the NARSC conference 17 times. The cost of participating in these conferences is raised from research projects being conducted either by me or my colleagues. This includes research grants from Toyohashi University of Technology, Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science), local governments, private companies, and others. We believe that it is possible to continue to obtain research projects in the future and that we will be able to raise travel funds to perform the work of the RSAI president.

b) Support from candidate's institute including relaxation of duties to enable the president to travel as needed to execute RSAI business

I have received approval from the dean of the Toyohashi University of Technology's department of architecture and civil engineering to allow me to ease my university duties to carry out the duties of the RSAI president. When I participated in past academic conferences, the system and process for handling university duties and adjusting schedules was flexible. The president of our university also has exhibited a very positive attitude, showing interest in international conference activities.

c) RSAI council experience and/or other services to the regional science community

I served as the PRSCO executive secretary for 11 years, supporting regional science activities in the Asia-Pacific region. I have supported the holding of over 20 PRSCO council meetings and have also participated in RSAI council meetings as PRSCO executive secretary. I have served as the director and secretary general of the Japan Section of the RSAI (JSRSAI) and have contributed to the development of regional science in Japan.

Toyohashi, Japan, October 12, 2023

Your sincerely



Hiroyuki Shibusawa

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Bachelor of Engineering, Toyohashi University of Technology, 1991

Master of Engineering, Toyohashi University of Technology, 1993

Doctor of Engineering, Toyohashi University of Technology, 1995

Work Experience

Research Assistant, Department of Humanities and Social Engineering, Toyohashi University of Technology, 1995

Lecturer, Department of Humanities and Social Engineering, Toyohashi University of Technology, 2002

Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Engineering, Toyohashi University of Technology, 2005

Associate Professor, Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering, Toyohashi University of Technology, 2010

Professor, Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering, Toyohashi University of Technology, 2019

Teaching Experience

Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Spatial Economics, Social Research Method, Land Planning (undergraduate and graduate), Economic Geography, Probability and Statistics (undergraduate), Econometrics, Industrial Policy, Spatial Economic System Analysis, Transportation System and Economics (graduate)

Other Academic Experience

Visiting Researcher, Faculty of Civic Design, University of Liverpool, 2003

Visiting Researcher, School of Public Policy, George Mason University, 2003

Researcher, Chubu Regional Industrial Research Institute, Aichi University, 2010–2023

Special Researcher, Institute of Economic Research, Faculty of Economics, Chukyo University, 2015–2022

Researcher, San-en Nanshin Regional Collaborative Research Center, Aichi University, 2014–2013

Research Interests

Urban and Regional Economic Modeling, Input–Output Analysis, CGE Analysis, Econometric Analysis

Professional Services for Regional Science

Executive Secretary, Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization (PRSCO), 2011–2021

Regional Science Association International (RSAI) *Ex Officio* Member, RSAI Council, 2011–2021

Director, Japan Section of the Regional Science Association International (JSRSAI), 2007–2023

RSAI Honors Committee, RSAI, 2022–2023

Editorial Board, *Regional Science Polity & Practice*, RSAI, 2008–2012

Associate Editor, *Asia Pacific Journal of Regional Science*, Japan Section of the RSAI, 2017–2023

Editorial Member, *Studies in Regional Science*, Japan Section of the RSAI, 2007–2023

Academic Association Member

Japan Section of the Regional Science Association International, The Regional Science Association International, Japan Association for Applied Economics, Japan Association for Human and Environmental Symbiosis, Japan Association for Real Estate Sciences, Japan Association of Simulation and Gaming, Japan Association for Planning Administration, Japan Society of Civil Engineers

Selected Research Grands

Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS): Scientific Research B (2017–2020, 2012–2015, 2005–2008), Challenging Research (2021–2023, 2018–2020, 2014–2015, 2011–2012, 2007–2009, 2005–2006, 2000–2001)

Awards

Best Book Award, Japan Association for Real Estate Sciences, 2002
Best Paper Award, Japan Section of the RSAI, 2010
Best Paper Award, Japan Association for Human and Environmental Symbiosis, 2011
Best paper Award, Japan Association for Applied Economics, 2015
Higano Award for Outstanding Service to PRSCO, Pacific Conference of the RSAI, 2023

Selected Books

Environmental Economics and Computable General Equilibrium Analysis (with Madden JR, Higano Y), Springer Nature, Singapore, 2020.
Environmental and Natural Disaster Resilience of Indonesia (with Miyata Y, Permana I, Wahyuni A), Springer, Singapore, 2018.
Socioeconomic Environmental Policies and Evaluations in Regional Science: Essays in Honor of Prof. Yoshiro Higano (with Sakurai K, Mizunoya T, Uchida S), Springer, 2017.

Selected Papers

General Equilibrium vs. Optimum, and the Allocation of Land for Transportation in a Closed Information-oriented City with Traffic Congestion (with Higano Y), *Papers in Regional Science*, 76(3), 1997, 321–342.
Agglomeration Diseconomies of Traffic Congestion and Agglomeration Economies of Interaction in the Information-oriented City (with Higano Y), *Journal of Regional Science*, 39(1), 1999, 21–49.
Cyberspace and Physical Space in an Urban Economy, *Papers in Regional Science*, 79(3), 2000, 253–270.
Evaluating the Dynamic and Spatial Economic Impacts of an Earthquake: A CGE Application to Japan (with Miyata Y), *Regional Science Inquiry*, 3(2), 2011, 13–25.
A Study of Shanghai's Development Strategy to 2020 (with Wang Y, Lemarn E, Higano Y, Mao G), *Regional Science Policy & Practice*, 5(2), 2013, 183–200.
Evaluating Production Effects of Economic Activity in Zones Surrounding the Nuclear Power Station in Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan (with Miyata Y), *Asia-Pacific Journal of Regional Science*, 1, 2017, 291–306.
Evaluating the regional economy and industrial structure using IRIO and MRIO tables for municipalities in Aichi and Okinawa prefectures (with Shimabukuro I, Uchida I), *Asia-Pacific Journal of Regional Science*, 3(1), 2019, 219–245.
Impacts of Disaster on the Inbound Tourism Economy in Kyushu, Japan: A Demand Side Analysis (with Patandianan MV), *Asia-Pacific Journal of Regional Science*, 4(3), 2020, 759–793.
The Economic Impact of the Inland Water Fisheries/Aquaculture Industry: The Case of the Eel Industry in Japan (with Sakurai K), *Regional Science Policy & Practice*, 13(6), 2021, 1729–1749.

Bank account in Euros

1	Balance brought forward from 2021 (01-01-2022)	546 201,37 €
2	Closing Balance carried forward (until 08/11/2023)	579 175,88 €
3=(2-1)	Margin of 2023	32 974,51 €

ACCOUNTS FROM 2023

Description	Revenues	Costs	NET PROFIT
General	- €	7 921,25 €	- 7 921,25 €
ACCOUNTING	- €	1 593,33 €	- 1 593,33 €
WEBSERVER	- €	- €	- €
MAILING SYSTEM ANUAL FEE	- €	295,20 €	- 295,20 €
RSAI SECRETARIATE	- €	6 000,00 €	- 6 000,00 €
OTHERS (credit card system charges and other bank charges)	- €	32,72 €	- 32,72 €
Others	- €	- €	- €
Return transfer	- €	- €	- €
Executive Directorate	- €	17 912,77 €	- 17 912,77 €
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EXPENDITURES 2023	- €	6 625,02 €	- 6 625,02 €
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EXPENDITURES 2021	- €	6 770,14 €	- 6 770,14 €
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EXPENDITURES 2020	- €	4 517,61 €	- 4 517,61 €
Editorial Activity	- €	26 116,24 €	- 26 116,24 €
RSAI NEWSLETTER PAYMENT 2023	- €	1 641,89 €	- 1 641,89 €
RSAI NEWLETTER PRINTING	- €	- €	- €
PIRS EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	- €	8 500,00 €	- 8 500,00 €
PIRS EDITORIAL FOR EDITORS 2023	- €	1 773,13 €	- 1 773,13 €
PIRS EDITORIAL FOR EDITORS 2022	- €	1 618,00 €	- 1 618,00 €
RSPP EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	- €	6 000,00 €	- 6 000,00 €
RSPP EDITORIAL FOR EDITORS	- €	5 000,00 €	- 5 000,00 €
RSPP SPECIAL ISSUE UCKRAINE PRINTING	- €	864,63 €	- 864,63 €
Lawyer - Consulenza legale. Review of journal publishing agreement be	- €	718,59 €	- 718,59 €
ARQUIVIST	- €	- €	- €
REGIONAL SCIENCE RESEARCH	- €	- €	- €
Wiley - Blackwell	86 174,43 €	- €	86 174,43 €
PIRS AND RSPP 2022 PROFIT SHARE	21 184,05 €	- €	21 184,05 €
2023	64 990,38 €	- €	64 990,38 €
RSai Awards	565,00 €	2 921,17 €	- 2 356,17 €
MARTIN BECKMANN AWARD (500€) - CASH 2023	565,00 €	1 213,09 €	- 648,09 €
RSai YOUNG PRIZE 2021 - 1º Prize - CASH	- €	- €	- €
RSai YOUNG PRIZE 2021 - 2º Prize - CASH	- €	- €	- €
DISSERTATION AWARD - CASH 2023	- €	750,99 €	- 750,99 €
PETER NIJKAMP AWARD - CASH 20223	- €	- €	- €
RSPP ANNUAL PAPER AWARD - CASH 2023	- €	785,30 €	- 785,30 €
PLAQUES	- €	171,79 €	- 171,79 €
RSai Supports	- €	29 556,16 €	- 29 556,16 €
NURTURING NEW TALENT 2020	- €	2 402,30 €	- 2 402,30 €
NURTURING NEW TALENT 2023	- €	18 475,48 €	- 18 475,48 €
NURTURING NEW TALENT 2023 - from the 2021 congress profit	- €	7 246,28 €	- 7 246,28 €
BULDING BRIDGES 2023	- €	1 432,10 €	- 1 432,10 €
Memberships	31 367,02 €	- €	31 367,02 €
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS	1 006,85 €	- €	1 006,85 €
MEMBERSHIP ARGENTINA SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP ARMENIA SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP ARSC SECTION	1 450,00 €	- €	1 450,00 €
MEMBERSHIP AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP BALTIC SECTION	200,00 €	- €	200,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BANGLADESH SECTION	88,81 €	- €	88,81 €
MEMBERSHIP BRAZIL SECTION (2022)	720,00 €	- €	720,00 €

MEMBERSHIP BRITISH AND IRISH SECTION	740,00 €	- €	740,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BULGARIAN SECTION (2021, 2022 and 2023)	585,00 €	- €	585,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CHILEAN SECTION (2022 and 2023)	866,89 €	- €	866,89 €
MEMBERSHIP CHINA SECTION	785,00 €	- €	785,00 €
MEMBERSHIP COLOMBIAN SECTION	147,07 €	- €	147,07 €
MEMBERSHIP CROATIA SECTION	320,00 €	- €	320,00 €
MEMBERSHIP DUTCH SECTION	1 190,00 €	- €	1 190,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ECUADORIAN SECTION	175,60 €	- €	175,60 €
MEMBERSHIP FRENCH SECTION	2 920,00 €	- €	2 920,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GERMAN SECTION	2 190,00 €	- €	2 190,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GREEK SECTION	710,00 €	- €	710,00 €
MEMBERSHIP HUNGARIAN SECTION	1 330,00 €	- €	1 330,00 €
MEMBERSHIP INDIA SECTION (2022)	123,62 €	- €	123,62 €
MEMBERSHIP INDONESIAN SECTION	676,83 €	- €	676,83 €
MEMBERSHIP ISRAEL SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP ITALIAN SECTION	3 660,00 €	- €	3 660,00 €
MEMBERSHIP JAPANESE SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP KOREAN SECTION	210,00 €	- €	210,00 €
MEMBERSHIP MEXICAN SECTION (2023 the rest was paid in 2022)	20,00 €	- €	20,00 €
MEMBERSHIP MOROCCAN SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP NARSC SECTION (2022)	4 907,92 €	- €	4 907,92 €
MEMBERSHIP NORDIC SECTION	370,00 €	- €	370,00 €
MEMBERSHIP POLISH SECTION	- €	- €	- €
MEMBERSHIP PORTUGUESE SECTION	1 410,00 €	- €	1 410,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ROMANIAN SECTION	385,00 €	- €	385,00 €
MEMBERSHIP RUSSIAN SECTION	50,00 €	- €	50,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SLOVAKIA SECTION	340,00 €	- €	340,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SPANISH SECTION	3 350,00 €	- €	3 350,00 €
MEMBERSHIP THAILAND SECTION	23,43 €	- €	23,43 €
MEMBERSHIP TURKISH SECTION	415,00 €	- €	415,00 €
2024 RSAI World Congress	- €	704,35 €	- 704,35 €
Oxford abstract system	- €	704,35 €	- 704,35 €
TOTAL	118 106,45 €	85 131,94 €	32 974,51 €

Budget Proposal 2024

Description	Revenues	Costs	Revenues-costs
General	0,00 €	10 695,20 €	-10 695,20 €
ACCOUNTING	0,00 €	3 700,00 €	-3 700,00 €
WEBSERVER	0,00 €	500,00 €	-500,00 €
MAILING SYSTEM ANUAL FEEE	0,00 €	295,20 €	-295,20 €
RSAI SECRETARIAT	0,00 €	6 000,00 €	-6 000,00 €
OTHERS	0,00 €	200,00 €	-200,00 €
Executive Directorate	0,00 €	7 500,00 €	-7 500,00 €
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EXPENDITURES	0,00 €	7 500,00 €	-7 500,00 €
Editorial Activity	0,00 €	29 000,00 €	-29 000,00 €
RSAI NEWSLETTER PAYMENT	0,00 €	2 000,00 €	-2 000,00 €
RSAI NEWLETTER PRINTING	0,00 €	1 000,00 €	-1 000,00 €
PIRS EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	0,00 €	8 500,00 €	-8 500,00 €
PIRS EDITORIAL FOR EDITORS	0,00 €	5 000,00 €	-5 000,00 €
RSPP EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	0,00 €	6 000,00 €	-6 000,00 €
RSPP EDITORIAL FOR EDITORS	0,00 €	5 000,00 €	-5 000,00 €
ARCHIVIST	0,00 €	500,00 €	-500,00 €
REGIONAL SCIENCE RESEARCH	0,00 €	1 000,00 €	-1 000,00 €
RSAI Awards	0,00 €	4 710,00 €	-4 710,00 €
MARTIN BECKMANN AWARD (500€)	0,00 €	560,00 €	-560,00 €
DISSERTATION AWARD	0,00 €	750,00 €	-750,00 €
PETER NIJKAMP AWARD	0,00 €	750,00 €	-750,00 €
RSAI YOUNG RESEARCHERS PRIZE - 1ST PRIZE - CASH	0,00 €	600,00 €	-600,00 €
RSAI YOUNG RESEARCHERS PRIZE - 2ND PRIZE - CASH	0,00 €	300,00 €	-300,00 €
RSPP ANNUAL PAPER AWARD	0,00 €	750,00 €	-750,00 €
PLAQUES	0,00 €	1 000,00 €	-1 000,00 €
RSAI Supports	0,00 €	48 216,24 €	-48 216,24 €
NURTURING NEW TALENT 2024	0,00 €	28 216,24 €	-28 216,24 €
BUILDING BRIDGES	0,00 €	20 000,00 €	-20 000,00 €
Wiley	25 000,00 €	0,00 €	25 000,00 €
PIRS and RSPP 2023 Profit Share	25 000,00 €	0,00 €	25 000,00 €
Elsevier	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Revenues (PIRS and RSPP)	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
2024 RSAI World Congress	15 000,00 €	0,00 €	15 000,00 €
2024 RSAI World Congress	15 000,00 €	0,00 €	15 000,00 €
Others	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Deposit cash money from 2024	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Refund VAT 2024 from State	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Return transfer	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Memberships	37 400,17 €	0,00 €	37 400,17 €
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS	1 000,00 €	0,00 €	1 000,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ARGENTINA SECTION	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ARMENIA SECTION	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ARSC SECTION	1 450,00 €	0,00 €	1 450,00 €
MEMBERSHIP AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SECTION	350,00 €	0,00 €	350,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BALTIC SECTION	200,00 €	0,00 €	200,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BANGLADESH SECTION	88,81 €	0,00 €	88,81 €
MEMBERSHIP BRAZIL SECTION	720,00 €	0,00 €	720,00 €
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MEMBERSHIP CROATIA SECTION	320,00 €	0,00 €	320,00 €
MEMBERSHIP DUTCH SECTION	1 190,00 €	0,00 €	1 190,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ECUADORIAN SECTION	175,60 €	0,00 €	175,60 €
MEMBERSHIP FRENCH SECTION	2 920,00 €	0,00 €	2 920,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GERMAN SECTION	2 190,00 €	0,00 €	2 190,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GREEK SECTION	710,00 €	0,00 €	710,00 €
MEMBERSHIP HUNGARIAN SECTION	1 330,00 €	0,00 €	1 330,00 €
MEMBERSHIP INDIA SECTION	123,62 €	0,00 €	123,62 €
MEMBERSHIP INDONESIAN SECTION	676,83 €	0,00 €	676,83 €
MEMBERSHIP ISRAEL SECTION	300,00 €	0,00 €	300,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ITALIAN SECTION	3 660,00 €	0,00 €	3 660,00 €
MEMBERSHIP JAPANESE SECTION	4 500,00 €	0,00 €	4 500,00 €
MEMBERSHIP KOREAN SECTION	210,00 €	0,00 €	210,00 €
MEMBERSHIP MEXICAN SECTION	20,00 €	0,00 €	20,00 €

MEMBERSHIP MOROCCAN SECTION	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP NARSC SECTION	4 907,92 €	0,00 €	4 907,92 €
MEMBERSHIP NORDIC SECTION	370,00 €	0,00 €	370,00 €
MEMBERSHIP POLISH SECTION	890,00 €	0,00 €	890,00 €
MEMBERSHIP PORTUGUESE SECTION	1 410,00 €	0,00 €	1 410,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ROMANIAN SECTION	385,00 €	0,00 €	385,00 €
MEMBERSHIP RUSSIA SECTION	50,00 €	0,00 €	50,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SLOVAKIA SECTION	340,00 €	0,00 €	340,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SPANISH SECTION	3 350,00 €	0,00 €	3 350,00 €
MEMBERSHIP THAILAND SECTION	23,43 €	0,00 €	23,43 €
MEMBERSHIP TURKISH SECTION	415,00 €	0,00 €	415,00 €
TOTAL	77 400,17 €	100 121,44 €	-22 721,27 €

Comments to the 2024 budget proposal

Two major issues to be noted:

1. Wiley's revenues are ending in 2024 due to the beginning of the new contract with Elsevier. This contract does not include advance payments, so the revenues (50% of our profit share) will be postponed to 2025. The exact amount will depend on APCs paid to Elsevier based on papers accepted on RSAI journals
2. Also, not all budget dedicated to nurturing talent initiatives will be spent.

So the apparent unbalance will likely turn into a profit once these two voices are settled down.

Membership Budget 2024

Memberships	Supra	Budget 2024	N. of members
		37 741,40 €	4531
MEMBERSHIP BALTIC SECTION	ERSA	200,00 €	20
MEMBERSHIP BRITISH AND IRISH SECTION	ERSA	740,00 €	74
MEMBERSHIP BULGARIAN SECTION	ERSA	195,00 €	39
MEMBERSHIP CROATIA SECTION	ERSA	420,00 €	35
MEMBERSHIP DUTCH SECTION	ERSA	1 220,00 €	122
MEMBERSHIP FRENCH SECTION	ERSA	2 920,00 €	292
MEMBERSHIP GERMAN SECTION	ERSA	2 190,00 €	220
MEMBERSHIP GREEK SECTION	ERSA	710,00 €	71
MEMBERSHIP HUNGARIAN SECTION	ERSA	1 330,00 €	133
MEMBERSHIP ISRAEL SECTION	ERSA	230,00 €	23
MEMBERSHIP ITALIAN SECTION	ERSA	3 660,00 €	366
MEMBERSHIP MOROCCAN SECTION	ERSA	100,00 €	23
MEMBERSHIP NORDIC SECTION	ERSA	370,00 €	37
MEMBERSHIP POLISH SECTION	ERSA	890,00 €	89
MEMBERSHIP PORTUGUESE SECTION	ERSA	1 410,00 €	141
MEMBERSHIP ROMANIAN SECTION	ERSA	385,00 €	77
MEMBERSHIP RUSSIA SECTION	ERSA	50,00 €	10
MEMBERSHIP SLOVAKIA SECTION	ERSA	320,00 €	34
MEMBERSHIP SPANISH SECTION	ERSA	3 350,00 €	335
MEMBERSHIP TURKISH SECTION	ERSA	415,00 €	83
MEMBERSHIP ARGENTINA SECTION	LARSA	220,00 €	22
MEMBERSHIP BRAZIL SECTION	LARSA	720,00 €	144
MEMBERSHIP CHILEAN SECTION	LARSA	636,89 €	67
MEMBERSHIP COLOMBIAN SECTION	LARSA	147,07 €	31
MEMBERSHIP ECUADORIAN SECTION	LARSA	175,60 €	37
MEMBERSHIP MEXICAN SECTION	LARSA	435,00 €	87
MEMBERSHIP NARSC SECTION	NARSC	4 907,92 €	507
MEMBERSHIP ARMENIA SECTION	PRSCO	75,00 €	40
MEMBERSHIP ARSC SECTION	PRSCO	1 450,00 €	145
MEMBERSHIP AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SECTION	PRSCO	350,00 €	35
MEMBERSHIP BANGLADESH SECTION	PRSCO	88,81 €	45
MEMBERSHIP CHINA SECTION	PRSCO	785,00 €	157
MEMBERSHIP INDIA SECTION	PRSCO	128,00 €	64
MEMBERSHIP INDONESIAN SECTION	PRSCO	676,83 €	356
MEMBERSHIP JAPANESE SECTION	PRSCO	4 600,00 €	523
MEMBERSHIP KOREAN SECTION	PRSCO	210,00 €	21
MEMBERSHIP THAILAND SECTION	PRSCO	23,43 €	5
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS		1 006,85 €	21

75% = 28 306,05 €

supranational	members	%	Money allocated
Individual members	21	0%	131,19 €
ERSA	2224	49%	13 893,77 €
LARSA	388	9%	2 423,91 €
NARSC	507	11%	3 167,33 €
PRSCO	1391	31%	8 689,85 €
Total	4531	100%	28 306,05 €

Legend

REAL RECEIVED - SEND LIST AND PAYMENT IN 2023
ESTIMATION, SINCE WE DO NOT RECEIVE THE LISTS OR PAYMENT FOR 2023
2023 LIST OF MEMBERS RECEIVED, WE ARE AWAITING THE PAYMENT

Nurturing New Talent Program 2024

Event	Supranational	Requested	Granted	Remaining budget for future events
2nd workshop on Sustainable regional development in Central Asia	PRSCO	€ 3 500,00	€ 3 500,00	€ 10 710,71
1st SOCHER Summer school: “Measuring Regional disparities: spatial methods and applications.”	LARSA	€ 5 000,00	€ 1 000,00	€ 205,18
The 2nd International Workshop on Rethinking the Regional Development Opportunities and Challenges in Southern Africa	Future African section	€ 3 500,00	€ 3 500,00	€ 7 437,95
ERSA Summer School 2024 - Quantitative methods addressing geographical imbalances: new techniques, frameworks and applications	ERSA	€ 4 500,00	€ 4 500,00	€ 2 442,24

Eligibility for APC waivers

RSAI has identified four categories that can benefit from APC waivers. They include:

- Junior faculty (assistant professors) and graduate students (both under 35), irrespective of the number of authors, without senior co-authors (over 35), and whose institutions have no transformative agreement with Elsevier.
- Retired faculty without research funds (as stated by signing a code of honor), without regular staff coauthors, and whose institutions have no transformative agreement with Elsevier.
- Authors located in low- and lower-middle income countries (as defined by the World Bank) not covered by Elsevier's Research4Life programme, and whose institutions have no transformative agreement with Elsevier.
- Authors from upper middle-high income countries without research funds (as stated by signing a code of honor), and whose institutions have no transformative agreement with Elsevier.

In all cases, waivers are only granted to members of the RSAI in good standing.