

**RSA Research Network Seminar
DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**CAPITAL CITIES: EMBRACING THE CHANGE AND
TAPPING INTO OPPORTUNITIES**

13th December 2013 (Friday)

Venue

University of Latvia, Riga, Raina bulv.19 (Small Aula) OR The representation of EC in Latvia (tbc)

Participants

The seminar is open to researchers and practitioners from different countries who have specific interest in the various aspects of the development of capital cities around the world, and in the effects of global economic crisis on local and regional economies.

12th December

19:00 - 22:00 **Pre-conference dinner**

13th December

9:00 - 10:00 **Registration and welcome coffee**

10:00 - 10:30 **Opening session / Welcome words**

Prof., Dr.Tatyana Muravska, Director of the Centre for Economic and Transition Studies, Riga

Dr. Olga Mrinska, Representative of the RSA Research Network, Policy Consultant, EBRD, UK/Ukraine

10:30 - 12:00 **Keynote speeches** (gateways to the thematic sections)

10:30 - 10:50 **Best Development Conditions in European Metropolises: Paris, Berlin and Warsaw**
(insight into ESPON study)

Speaker tbc.

10:50 - 11:10 **Detecting Territorial Potentials and Challenges**

Speaker tbc.

11:10 - 11:30 **The Smart Cities and Communities European Innovation Partnership**

Speaker tbc.

11:30 - 11:50 **Networking and internalisation - waste of time or source of development?**

Speaker tbc.

11:50 - 12:00 **Discussion**

12:00 - 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 - 14:45 **Thematic Session 1:**

CITIES UNLOCKING NEW OPPORTUNITIES. NETWORKING AND INTERNATIONALIZATION

Chair *Dr. Olga Mrinska, EBRD, UK/Ukraine*

4-5 presentations

14:45 - 15:15 **Coffee break**

15:15 - 16:30 **Thematic Session 2:**

CITY AS A PASSIVE FOLLOWER OR PROACTIVE CREATOR? INNOVATION AS PART OF SUCCESS OF CAPITAL CITY

Chair *Dr. Maciej Smetkowski, EUROREG, University of Warsaw*

4-5 presentations

17:00 - 18:30 **Closing Session and Farewell reception**