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Keynote speakers biography

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Andrés Rodríguez-Pose is a Professor of Economic Geography at the London School of Economics, where he was previously Head of the *Department of Geography and Environment*. He is the current holder of a European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grant. He is President of the *Regional Science Association International*, where he served as Vice-President in 2014. He has also been Vice-President (2012-2013) and Secretary (2001-2005) of the *European Regional Science Association*. He is a regular advisor to numerous international organizations, including the *European Commission*, the *European Investment Bank*, the *World Bank*, the *Cities Alliance*, the *OECD*, the *International Labour Organization*, the *Food and Agriculture Organization*, the *Inter-American Development Bank*, and the *Development Bank of Latin America*. He is the joint managing editor of *Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy*, an editor of *Economic Geography*, and sits on the editorial board of 28 other scholarly journals, including many of the leading international journals in economic geography, human geography, regional science, and management.

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Joaquim Oliveira Martins is the Head of the OECD Regional Development Policy Division. Current projects cover regional growth, urban development, regional governance issues, and the determinants of health expenditures. He was former Head of the Structural Economic Statistics Division, focusing on Trade & Globalisation indicators, Productivity measurement and Business statistics. Previously, he was Senior Economist at the Economics Department heading projects on the Economics of Education, Ageing and Growth, and Health Systems. He was also Head of Desk for emerging markets, where he was in charge of the first Economic Surveys of Brazil, Chile and several transition countries. Other OECD monographs focused on *Competition, Regulation and Performance* and *Policy Response to the Threat of Global Warming*. He was also Research Fellow at the CEPPII (*Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales*, Paris). He is Associate Professor at the University of Paris-Dauphine. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Paris-I, Panthéon-Sorbonne.



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Alberto Amaral holds a doctorate from Cambridge and is a professor at the University of Porto and a researcher at CIPES – Centre for Research on Higher Education Policies. He was the rector of Porto University from 1985 to 1998, former member of the Executive Board of the Conference of European Rectors, former chair of the Consortium of Higher Education Researchers, former member of IMHE (OECD) and life member of the International Association of University Presidents. At present he is the chair of the administrative council of the Portuguese Agency for Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Education. Recent books include *European Integration and Governance of Higher Education and Research* (Springer), *Higher Education in Portugal 1974-2009. A Nation, a Generation.* (Springer), *Quality Assurance in Higher Education. Contemporary Debates* (Palgrave), *Cross-Border Higher Education and Quality Assurance: Commerce, The Service Directive and Governing Higher Education* (Palgrave) and *Analysing European Policy Implementation: The Bologna Process* (Palgrave).

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John Edwards works for the Smart Specialisation Platform at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre in Seville. He currently leads a project on the role of higher education in smart specialisation, in cooperation with DG Education and Culture. This project includes action research in selected European regions and monitoring of how the European Structural and Investment Funds are being spent on higher education. During the negotiations on the operational programmes of the EU's Cohesion Policy he assisted DG Regional Policy in the analysis of innovation strategies in the UK and Portugal.

John has an academic background in the governance of regional development, having completed his PhD at Newcastle University's Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies. He also holds degrees in Geography and International Relations from St Andrews University and in European Politics from the College of Europe in Bruges. At home he is kept busy by his four children and also enjoys hill walking and the outdoors.

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