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### **Professor Philip McCann (The University of Sheffield) is awarded the ERSA European Prize in Regional Science 2019**

**July 2019, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium** – The ERSA European Prize in Regional Science 2019 has been awarded to [Philip McCann](#), Professor of Urban and Regional Economics in the Management School of the University of Sheffield, UK.

Professor McCann's great skills and commitment to the development of RSAI in the realms of theory, applied theory and practice made him the undisputable winner of this year's prize.

Philip McCann belongs to the absolute top in regional science. He is unique in that he has not only made path-breaking contributions to research in regional science and urban economics, but is also an expert in elucidating the implications of new research to scholars, policy analysts, educators and the general public. He has given more than 200 keynote invited talks around the world. His extensive output of books, influential reports and journal articles is highly cited by all measures. He belongs to the top 2% of all economists based on publications recorded in RePEc over the last ten years. He has also been a Special Advisor to two European Commissioners for regional and urban policy.

Philip McCann is the consummate regional scientist – a teacher, editor, colleague, contributor to policy, and a researcher of both outstanding quality and prodigious quantity! His textbook on regional and urban economics is arguably the best in the world by having been written in a way that emphasizes general principals rather than time-and location dependent specific examples. This makes the book an effective teaching tool for universities in many countries, as is clear from the book's translation into Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Greek. His work with young regional scientists – both students and junior faculty – is exemplary, and at the same time he relates to people in the corridors of power so that insights from the research community are translated into policy. In this latter respect, his work spans countries and continents.

Finally, Philip also serves the scientific community in outstanding ways, for example as co-editor of journals such as Spatial Economic Analysis and Papers in Regional Science; as a book series editor; and on the boards of the British & Irish Section, the European Organizing Committee of ERSA and the Council of RSAI. He is always keen to contribute to conferences, summer schools and seminars to share his insights and constructive comments to policymakers, to young and old(er) researchers. And because of his great friendliness and modest personality, his contribution to science, policy and planning and the ERSA community is truly priceless.

**The award ceremony will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August** during the Closing Ceremony of this year's [59<sup>th</sup> ERSA congress](#) "Cities, Regions and Digital Transformations: Opportunities, Risks and Challenges" which will be held from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019 in Lyon, France.

For more information About the ERSA European Prize in Regional Science, visit our website at <http://ersa.org/awards-prizes/ersa-prize>

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