

HS2 or What?: Transport Choices and West Midlands Regeneration



Date:

Friday 8th November, 16:00-17:30 (followed by a drinks reception)

Location:

Barber Concert Hall, **The Barber Institute of Fine Arts** (https://www.facebook.com/barberinstitute?directed_target_id=0)

HS2 has been presented purely as a transport proposal, resulting in a discourse that is polarised between NIMBYism and boosterism. This debate aims to shift the focus away from transport and city development to regional regeneration which is now the declared purpose of the HS2 project.

The distinguished geographer and planner, **Professor Sir Peter Hall** (<https://iris.ucl.ac.uk/research/personal/?upi=PGHAL68>), will deliver a keynote address drawing on his long engagement with transport in urban development. Sir Peter will set some specific challenges for the West Midlands for a regional panel of interests and experts, chaired by **Gisela Stuart** (<http://www.giselastuartmp.co.uk/>) MP Birmingham Edgbaston, to respond before a wider discussion with the audience. The debate will begin promptly at 16:00 and run until 17:30, followed by a drinks reception.

Organisers

- **Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Birmingham** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/ias/index.aspx>)
- **Centre for Urban and Regional Studies (CURS), University of Birmingham** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/gees/departments/curs/index.aspx>)
- **The Lunar Society** (<http://www.lunarsociety.org.uk/>)
- Futures Network West Midlands

Professor Sir Peter Hall's Presentation

Please follow this link to view Professor Sir Peter Hall's presentation from the HS2 debate: [HS2-ppt \(/Documents/research/ias/HS2-ppt.pdf\)](#)