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Call for Expressions of Interest

Editors and Members of the Editorial Advisory Board

Further Information

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The **Regional Studies Association** seeks to appoint a team of **Editors** including an Early Career Editor and members of the **Editorial Advisory Board** for a new start international journal titled *Territory, Politics, Governance* to be published by Routledge.

This journal will be launched in 2013, and will have a significant circulation footprint and has the potential for far reaching impact, as it will be distributed from Volume 1, Issue 1 with its sister journals, *Regional Studies* and *Spatial Economic Analysis*.

Territory, Politics, Governance will engage with topics at the interface between the analysis and practice of territorial development, including:

- Theories of socio-spatial relations, such as territories, places, scales and networks;
- Analyses of territorial governance, politics and policies;
- Globalisation, borderless worlds and geopolitical imaginations;
- States, political economy and territorial interventions;
- Social and political constructions and mobilisations of territorial identities;
- Methodological perspectives on territorial politics and policy.

This new journal devoted specifically to *Territory, Politics, Governance* presents a single platform for a growing, international and increasingly vibrant academic field. *Territory, Politics, Governance* will become the place to publish theoretically and empirically leading international scholarship, and at the same time deliver policy and political relevance.

The journal will launch in 2013 with two issues, moving to three issues in 2014 and is expected to move to quarterly publication. The journal will use a fully supported online submission programme (Scholar One Manuscripts) and will be subject to double blind peer review.

The Regional Studies Association has called for expressions of interest from individuals and teams interested in playing a role either as a member of the Editorial Team, or as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the new journal. This document provides some further information about how we anticipate the journal being managed. Interested applicants with questions about the journal are invited to contact:

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General Issues

The journal (*Territory, Politics, Governance*) will be wholly owned by the Regional Studies Association.

The journal will be subject to the aims and objects of the Regional Studies Association and the editorial team will be expected to have knowledge of the Association's activities.

It will be published by Taylor & Francis with the Routledge imprint under contract from the Regional Studies Association.

The journal will be sold both as part of a package with *Regional Studies* and *Spatial Economic Analysis* (the Association's existing journals) and will also be made available for purchase as an individual or corporate subscription from the publishers. This arrangement would be covered by a contract between the Association and the Publishers.

The journal will also be made available in print and online format to all members of the Regional Studies Association. **The result of this package selling ("bundling") of the journal is to give the new start journal a potential readership footprint the size of *Regional Studies* which is a mature journal and the leader in its field. This exposure will be invaluable to the editors in raising the profile of the new journal and attracting high quality authors and contributors.**

The Regional Studies Association will accept applications from both teams and from individuals for the role of Editor/s of the journal.

The Regional Studies Association is seeking applications in four areas – to the roles of:

o **Editor in chief**

o **Editor**

o **Early Career Editor** (this appointment will be open to candidates within five years of the date on their PhD certificate on 31st December 2011). The appointment will be a mentored role and will normally have a fixed term of three years but the first appointment will be made for four years to

allow for the set up phase after which it will be re-advertised. Re-application as the Early Career Editor is not permitted as this position is designed to offer capacity building and training within the academy.

o **Member of the editorial advisory board**

The Journal will be international in scope. The Editorial Team and Editorial Advisory Board will reflect this international reach.

Contractual Terms

The editorial team for *Territory, Politics, Governance* will have a formal contractual relationship with the Regional Studies Association (in the same way that our existing editorial teams do). This contract will set out the role and responsibilities of the editors, the Association and the Publishers. It will also set out the terms of the contract and the financial arrangements.

The Association will expect the key players in the editorial team to be in place for between three and five years to play a role in establishing the journal and these terms (which may be staggered across team members) may be renewable by negotiation.

The editorial team will receive editorial expenses to cover their costs in editing the journal. These are likely to be in the order of £1,500 per issue and how this is divided between the editors would be a question for discussion and may depend upon where any journal office was to be established.

The launch would be expected to run at two issues in the first annual volume (payment of editorial expenses therefore of £3,000 from the publisher). In the second year we would expect an increase in frequency to three issues (£4,500). We would expect a move to quarterly publication when flow and quality merits it. This is because quarterly publication is helpful in achieving an SSCI listing and associated impact factor.

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The Association has, in the past, chosen to supplement the editorial fee. This has been done to facilitate conference and other travel by editors for the promotion of the journal. The further sum would be negotiated between the editorial team and the Association and will be influenced by the ambition of the editors.

We expect *Territory, Politics, Governance* to use Scholar One Manuscripts as its manuscript management system which will be of considerable assistance to the editorial team. This function will probably be administered from the publisher's offices in Abingdon, UK and it is fully web-enabled.

Territory, Politics, Governance will be subject to the highest standards of peer review.

Management

The Association has experience of managing two journals and two magazines. Its structures and methods have worked well to support and protect editorial teams while providing freedom of editorial decision making.

The Editor in Chief of the journal (or equivalent) will probably have a place on both the Board of the Regional Studies Association and its Journals Management Committee.

The Editorial team report to the Journals Management Committee (JMC) which oversees the day to day management of the Association's journals including such matters as the negotiation of contracts, decisions on changes to the major format of the journals such as increases in frequency or change in layout or design. Decisions are taken in close collaboration with the editors of the publications. The JMC also takes a lead on any legal or similar issues that are raised such as unattributed copying and redundant publishing.

The JMC does not interfere with editorial decision making.

Within the RSA office the Chief Executive takes responsibility for the journals publishing programme assisted by other colleagues.

Promotion of the Journal

This is primarily delivered by the publishers but all parties participate in terms of strategy and approach. The editors will be expected to play a role in building the reputation of the journal through participating in "Meet the Editors" sessions at major conferences, writing calls for papers etc. Editors would not be expected to draw up detailed marketing plans nor to deliver them.

Financial Management of the Journal

The editors are not expected to be involved in the financial management of the journal other than in the transparent management of editorial expenses allocated to them. This function is managed by the Regional Studies Association office and the Publishers.

The editors do not carry the financial risk of the journal.

Responding to the Call for Expressions of Interest

- In making expressions of interest candidates are invited to submit a manifesto (maximum 2000 words) setting out their ideas for the journal including but not limited to:

- o Ideas about article type (review, commissioned etc)
- o Special issue ideas
- o Ideas for sections within the journal
- o Views on the inclusion of editorials
- o Article length and other general instructions to authors
- o How the journal can have impact and be made more relevant to policy makers

- Setting out any existing editorial experience and in particular any experience of managing peer review processes. Any knowledge of legal and ethical

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issues in scholarly publishing should be outlined.

- Full CVs should be attached – these may be in summary form but should give enough information to demonstrate embeddedness in the field and its networks e.g. information about networks, conferences attended as well as relevant publications, professional memberships etc.
- The manifesto should outline any institutional support available including any time allowance to undertake the editorial role.

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