

SPATIAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

Call for Expression of Interest
Early Career Editor

FURTHER INFORMATION

July 2014

The **Regional Studies Association (RSA)** seeks to appoint an **Early Career Editor** for the international journal *Spatial Economic Analysis (SEA)* published by Routledge.

This journal has a significant circulation footprint and far reaching impact and is distributed and promoted with its RSA sister journals *Regional Studies* and *Territory, Politics, Governance* and the new gold open access journal *Regional Studies, Regional Science*.

A spatial perspective has become increasingly relevant to our understanding of economic phenomena, both on the global scale and at the scale of cities and regions. The growth in international trade, the opening up of emerging markets, the restructuring of the world economy along regional lines, and overall strategic and political significance of globalization, have re-emphasised the importance of geographical analysis. Spatial variations in economic development within cities and regions are also highly topical subjects for intellectual enquiry and have long been the focus of policy initiatives by national, regional and local governments.

The awakening emphasis on space among economists has been stimulated by the emergence of a new breed of theory, namely 'new economic geography' or 'geographical economics'. This new theory adds a significant new dimension to the already existing theoretical tools of spatial economics, which broadly aim to analyse the role of geography and location in economic phenomena. Additionally, spatial economic analysis is increasingly being supported by the emergence of new analytical methods, with an explosion of interest in new models and techniques of spatial data analysis and data visualisation (GIS). Spatial econometrics is becoming increasingly recognised as a valuable sub-discipline among mainstream econometricians.

Impact Factor The 2012 Impact Factor is 1.375 ranking 90/332 (Economics).

The journal was launched in 2006 and publishes 4 annual issues. The journal uses a fully supported online submission programme (Scholar One Manuscripts) and is subject to double blind peer review.

The Regional Studies Association has called for expressions of interest from individuals interested in playing a role as an Early Career Editor of *Spatial Economic Analysis*. Interested applicants with questions about the journal are invited to contact:

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Closing Date:

5pm (UK time) Friday, 5th September 2014

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General Issues

The journal *Spatial Economic Analysis* is wholly owned by the Regional Studies Association.

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

It is published by Taylor & Francis with the Routledge imprint.

The journal is sold both as part of a package with *Regional Studies* and *Territory, Politics, Governance* (the Association's existing hybrid journals) and is also made available for purchase as an individual or corporate subscription from the publishers. This arrangement is covered by a contract between the Association and the Publishers.

Early Career Editor this appointment will be open to candidates within five years of the date on their PhD certificate on 31st December 2014. The appointment will be a mentored role and has a fixed term of three years. Re-application on condition of the term of 3 years is not permitted as this position is designed to offer capacity building and training within the academy.

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

Contractual Terms

All members of the Editorial Team have a formal contractual relationship with the Regional Studies Association. This contract sets out the role and responsibilities of the editors, the Association and the Publishers.

Spatial Economic Analysis uses Scholar One Manuscripts as its manuscript management system and is of considerable assistance to the editorial team. This function is administered from the publisher's offices in Abingdon, UK and is fully web-enabled.

Spatial Economic Analysis is subject to the highest standards of peer review.

Management

The Association has experience of managing four journals and a magazine. 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 has a place on the Regional Studies Association Publication Committee and on the Board of the Association.

The Editorial team reports to the Publication Committee 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 Publication Committee also takes a lead on any legal or similar issues that are raised such as unattributed copying and redundant publishing.

The Publication Committee does not interfere with editorial decisions.

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. All editors are 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.

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Financial Management of the Journal

The editors are not expected to be involved in the financial management of the journal. This function is managed by the Regional Studies Association office and the Publisher.

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

Responding to the Call for Expressions of Interest

1. 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:
 - Ideas about article type (review, commissioned etc)
 - Special issue ideas
 - Ideas for sections within the journal
 - Views on the inclusion of editorials
 - Article length and other general instructions to authors
 - How the journal can have impact and be made more relevant to policy makers
2. Setting out any existing editorial experience and in particular any experience of managing peer review processes. Any knowledge of legal and ethical issues in scholarly publishing should be outlined.
3. 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.
4. The manifesto should outline any institutional support available including any time allowance to undertake the editorial role.

Application should be send by **5pm (UK time)**

Friday, 5th September 2014 by email to

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Further information is available from:

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