

Call for papers for a Conference Collection of *Regional Studies, Regional Science*

“Metropolises and Peripheries – Perspectives from Central and Eastern European Countries”

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Metropolises of Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries play an important role in the European economy. They are the driving force for national development, research specialisation, knowledge production, innovation and business services. They are among the fastest growing regions in the EU, attractive for foreign investors and becoming increasingly competitive in the global (European) marketplace.

As economic hubs they provide benefits due to economies of scale and scope for business and local society. They generate the possibility of economic, social, and cultural development, acting as growth poles – centres of concentration of activities and creation of innovations. However, contemporary metropolises in Central and Eastern European countries face many challenges and problems. They are islands of economic development surrounded by poorly developed peripheries. Less developed areas cumulate problems and challenges of a social, environmental, spatial, infrastructural and communication nature. All this requires new approaches in the development policy at the European, national, regional and local level.

The Special Issue of *Regional Studies, Regional Science* will be a result of **2019 RSA Central and Eastern Europe Conference, “Metropolises and Peripheries of CEE Countries: New Challenges for EU, National and Regional Policies”** held in Lublin, Poland. We welcome conceptual contributions as well as empirical papers that draw on qualitative case studies and on more quantitative empirical studies.

Papers should address the following topics in particular, but not exclusively:

- Development challenges of metropolises and peripheries in CEE countries;
- Relations between metropolitan areas and their regions;
- Urban functional areas and integrated territorial investments;
- Spatial inequalities in CEE Countries;
- Impact of the EU's Cohesion Policy on regional development in CEE Countries;
- Suburbanization, re-urbanization, and re-vitalization;
- Smart specialization, industrial strategy, innovation and competitiveness in CEE Countries.

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