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RSRS A new journey from the twelfth year

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2014

Founded

Launched by RSA as a fully gold open-access journal — the first in its portfolio

2015–16

ESCI Indexed

Rapidly indexed in Clarivate's Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI)

2017–19

Growth Phase

Submission volume and geographical diversity expand; Scopus indexing confirmed

2020–25

JIF Assigned

Receives Journal Impact Factor following Clarivate's 2023 ESCI reform; JIF reaches 2.4

2025–26

New EIC Regional Futures

New invited section launched; advisory board activated for strategic contributions



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Y2025

Q2
2025 Impact Factor Best Quartile

2.3
Five year IF

35%
Acceptance Rate

297,000
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2026 Acceptance Rate (%)



2026 Median Days Sub. to 1st Decision



2025 Days to Final Decision

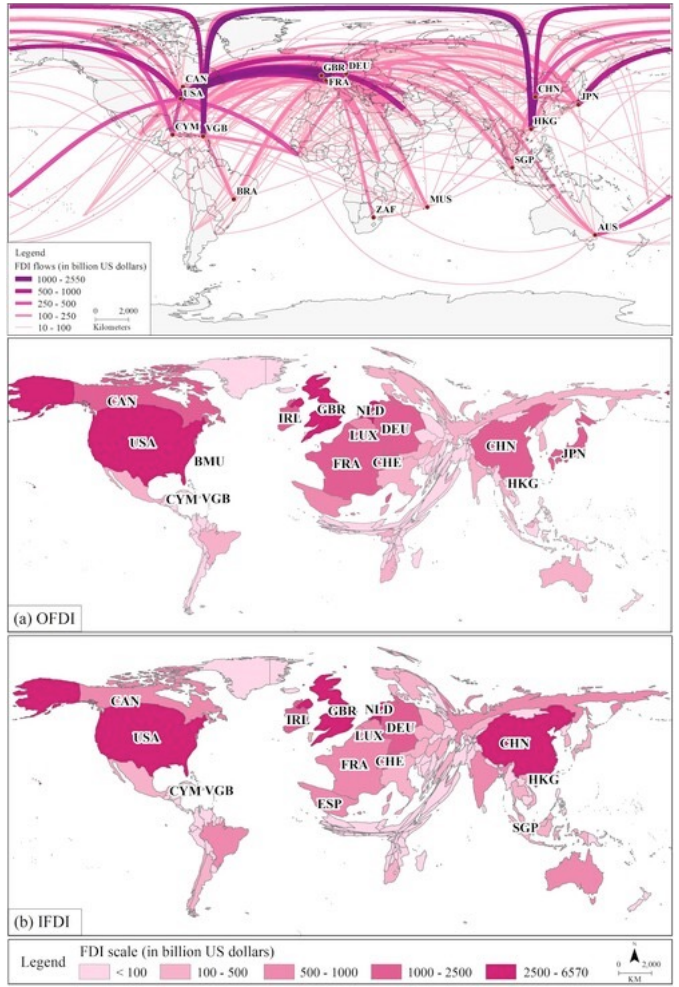
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Scopes:

An open access journal about regional and urban issues in geography, economics, regional science, environmental studies, planning and governance

- Standard-length Research Articles (8000 words)
- Review papers (6000 words)
- Short papers (5000 words)
- Early Career papers
- Regional Graphics
- Data notes
- Methods
- Regional Futures



Special Collections

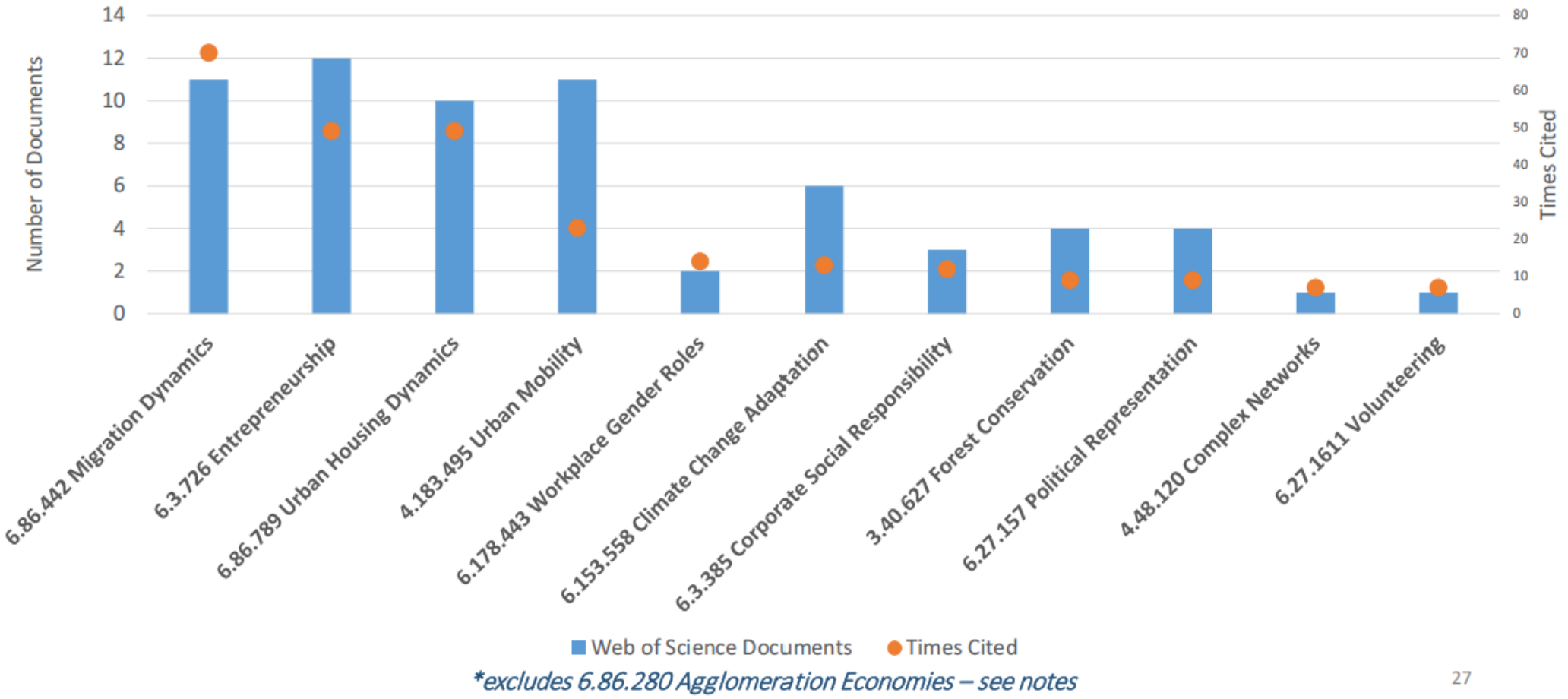
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Astrid Krisch, Sarah Ware	Special issue	Spaces of Contestation: Transgressing Policies and Practices of Eco-Social Transformation	Submissions due Dec 26	-

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Web of Science Research Areas - Documents & Citations by Area (2022-2025)*



*excludes 6.86.280 Agglomeration Economies – see notes

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