

Urban Research & Practice Call for Papers

Urban Research & Practice has recently successfully completed its first year of publication (see below list of the first year's contents list) and the Editors of the journal wish to issue a call for papers and invite submissions from people working in the field of urban studies and associated disciplines and practice.

Whilst the journal has a focus on urban policies the Editorial Board has adopted a wide definition of this term and we seek to address the following areas:

- i. A focus on 'urban' issues (e.g. race/ethnicity, immigration, employment/unemployment, poverty/social exclusion, quality of life; segregation and social polarisation, urban democracy and community involvement, spatial planning, the urban environment, uneven economic development at all levels from the Global to the local that impacts on urban areas);
- ii. Studies of the inter-dynamics between cities and their surroundings; the growth of metropolitan regions and their impacts in a wider political and economic context
- iii. Urban policy developments at European national, regional and local levels as well as outside Europe
- iv. Comparative studies of urban issues and urban policy in European countries (either across or within countries) and elsewhere.
- v. Analyses of urban governance and urban policy-making at Global, European, national, regional and local levels (to include issues of multilevel governance, multi-actor governance, networks of multiple local actors and different forms of urban and metropolitan governance).

While the journal publishes traditional academic papers of a theoretical and/or empirical nature of 8,000-9,000 words in length it also has a *Policy Section* that contains shorter policy papers of 2,000-4,000 words that focus on significant policy developments at European, National, Regional and Local levels and a *Practice Section* that publishes papers of 1,000-2,000 words that discuss examples of innovative local projects. The journal has also decided to include a *Research Report* section that will allow research projects to present their results in papers of 2,000-4,000 words. In addition to covering European issues the journal welcomes submissions from other countries.

Prospective contributors are invited to submit papers to the Editor - Professor Rob Atkinson (Rob.Atkinson@uwe.ac.uk), the *Policy Section* Editor – Dr Ivan Tosics (tosics@mri.hu) or the *Practice Section* Editor – Dr Jan Erling Klausen (jan.e.klausen@nibr.no). *Research Reports* should be sent to Rob Atkinson. Further information on the journal can be found on the journal's homepage: www.tandf.co.uk/journals/rurp

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