

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Editorial Board of *Tér és Társadalom* (Space and Society), Hungary's leading academic journal in regional studies, is set to open submissions for original research papers written in the English language, in the fields of regional studies, human geography, urban and rural development, and multi-disciplinary studies addressing the complex relationship of society and space. *Space and Society* has been published regularly on a quarterly basis since 1987, and has recently decided on accepting English-language contributions. Journal issues shall henceforth be mixed, with both Hungarian and English contributions, starting from issue 2021/4.

We invite paper submissions for forthcoming regular and special issues from academics and practitioners alike on academic and policy debates concerning (but not restricted to) regional development, urban development, regional policy, as well as social studies with a spatial focus. Please see our *principles and fields of interest*, below, for the kind of paper we would particularly like to publish.

About the Journal: Tér és Társadalom (“*Space and Society*”), founded in 1987, is a quarterly scientific journal of the Institute for Regional Studies of the Centre for Economic and Regional Studies. It has been published regularly since its launch date. As György Enyedi, head of the editorial board formulated in our first issue, *Tér és Társadalom* “does not publish the achievements of one single discipline, but scrutinizes the relationship between space and society from various perspectives of different disciplines in a specific way”. In the past more than 30 years, the journal has established itself as Hungary's leading theoretical journal for social sciences concerned with spatial issues, and the published issues have reflected its interdisciplinary focus, with regular contributions from experts in related disciplines. *Tér és Társadalom* is currently indexed in Web of Science, EBSCO, CrossRef, MTMT (Hungarian National Scientific Bibliography), and MATARKA (Hungarian Periodicals Table of Contents Database).

Our principles: Space and Society intends to publish original research papers of academic and social interest, with a multi-disciplinary focus, and an eye towards socio-economic relevance. It also adheres to its special interest.

- *Academic and social interest:* The journal takes a broad view of regional studies, and is written for a general audience interested in spatial issues. It is expected that all papers should be understandable for an educated audience with an interest in the social sciences. Heavy academic jargon, unreasonably niche topics, and self-serving methodological exercises are to be avoided. Papers submitted to the journal should have clear aims, a sound methodology, and their reasoning, findings, and broader conclusions should be possible to follow for the educated layman. Papers should look beyond narrow research niches, and engage with the “big-picture” implications of their findings.



- *Multi-disciplinary focus*: The journal has traditionally served as a meeting point of multiple disciplines, and does not take a stance on a specific branch or interpretation of regional studies. (Naturally, an explicit spatial focus is required of all submissions.) The journal is open to papers of a boundary or multi-disciplinary character, if they have an interesting message for regional studies.
- *Socio-economic relevance*: Papers in the journal are expected to engage with relevant socio-economic problems of contemporary interest from a spatial perspective. Theoretical papers, policy studies, and case studies of academic interest all fit the journal's mission. Authors are expected to provide justification for their work in terms which are understandable to professionals and laymen alike. In their conclusions, papers are expected to engage with their findings, drawing sound and relevant theoretical, empirical, and/or policy conclusions.
- *Special interest*: Owing to its historical focus, *Tér és Társadalom* is particularly interested in papers with a bridging role between the theoretical mainstream and Central and Eastern European realities. Contributions concerning development processes within the CEE macro-region (as a thematic or geographic focus), spatial differences, development studies, and comparative perspectives are of special interest to the editors. After the decades of post-socialism, papers on the current regional development issues and possible future trends of the *post-transition period* are welcome from all contributors.

Fields of interest:

- spatial analyses across multiple spatial scales (from micro- to meso-, national, supranational and global spaces) and types (urban, intermediate and rural spaces)
- theoretical advances in spatial issues
- regional development
- regional differences, spatial structures, and regional differentiation
- urban systems and development processes
- inequality, inclusion and social welfare in the spatial context
- centre-periphery relationships
- regional innovation systems and non-core innovation patterns
- spatial networks
- regional policy and spatial planning, from best practice to policy lessons
- rural development
- border studies and cross-border cooperation
- sustainability and environmental issues in the spatial context
- interdisciplinary papers or regional issues
- post-transition issues in Central and Eastern Europe.

Criteria for inclusion: Research papers submitted to *Space and Society* should satisfy the following criteria:

- *originality:* research work not published previously in a substantially similar form by either the author or anyone else, or currently being considered for publication in any other publication format;
- *relevance:* papers which address relevant spatial issues of social development, and make clear contributions to the field with identifiable added value;
- *geographic scope:* the journal's main focus is Europe (with a particular interest in Central and Eastern Europe), but papers with a loose thematic connection to European regional development topics are also welcome;
- *sound theoretical foundations:* papers are expected to show a good understanding of theory in their field, and reflect on these theories in their introduction and conclusions;
- *sound methodology:* transparent and clearly presented methodology, with findings presented in a manner understandable for the educated layman;
- *good conclusions:* we place particular emphasis on the theoretical, empirical, or policy conclusions of published papers, and contributions are expected to engage with wider debates within the field of regional studies;
- *publication ethics:* full adherence to our ethical standards;
- *writing quality:* manuscripts should be well-structured, clearly written with an educated layman reader in mind. We offer language editing for accepted manuscripts, but papers should be written in good, understandable English.

Double-blind peer review: Submissions to *Space and Society* shall be subjected to editorial pre-screening to determine suitability for publication (concerning subject matter, length, general quality, and absence of plagiarism), followed by double-blind peer review by two accomplished scholars with international publication and peer review experience.

Submissions to the journal should be made through the OJS system, at <https://tet.rkk.hu/index.php/TeT/about/submissions>. The entire submission process is managed electronically. Manuscripts should generally not exceed 40,000 characters without references. Reviews and commentaries should be no longer than 10,000 characters. Please read our author guidelines for detailed instructions. Authors are kindly requested to respect our citation and reference formats.

If you are interested in publishing with us, but do not know if your paper suits our journal, please contact the editors at tet@krtk.hu with an abstract, and we will be happy to provide an opinion, or make suggestions for inclusion.

Once per year, the journal publishes a special issue around a selected topic, selected by the editors after an application and evaluation process. These issues shall henceforth be open to English and Hungarian contributions alike. If you would like to publish a special issue or smaller thematic block with us, please contact us.

Deadlines and turnaround: We accept contributions to the journal through the whole year. It is generally expected that a first-round decision concerning submissions shall be made within 60 days, and accepted manuscripts shall be published in print and electronically within one year of initial submission.

Open Access: The journal operates on a delayed Open Access basis. Issues become accessible for everyone three months after the date of publication. No submission or publication fees are required for publication.

What we offer:

- Regular publication schedule of 4 issues per year (including one special issue)
- Reasonably fast turnaround process, first-round reviews within 60 days, publication of accepted manuscripts within one year of initial submission
- Post-acceptance language editing
- Open Access publication with a delay of one issue (3 months)
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- Indexed in WoS, EBSCO, CrossRef, MTMT, and MATARKA.