
RSAI COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 2022

Montreal (Canada), Friday Nov. 11, 2022 | 8:00 am-10:00 am (EST) | Room Ovation

At 8.08 EST the president, Prof. Eduardo Haddad, welcomes participants in the meeting. In the meeting room, the meeting is attended by Eduardo Haddad (RSAI President); Hans Westlund (Incoming RSAI president); Rosella Nicolini (Councillor at large, PiRS EiC); Tomaz Dentinho (Councillor at large, RSPP EiC); and Andrea Caragliu, RSAI Executive Director. On Zoom, the following members also join: André Torre (ERSA president and representative); Daniela Constantin (ERSA representative); Hidehiko Kanegae (PRSCO president and representative); Lily Kiminami (PRSCO representative); Soushi Suzuki (PRSCO representative); and Mina Akharvan (RSAI newsletter editor)

1. Apologies (Annex 1)

Apologies received from Patricio Aroca, Carlos Azzoni, Eveline Van Leeuwen, Serena Erendira, Martijn Smit, Jouke Van Dijk, and Sandy dall'Erba.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Pécs meeting (Aug. 25, 2022; Annex 2)

Minutes of the previous meeting have been circulated ahead of the meeting. The Executive Director reports no suggestion to amend the copy circulated. Tomaz Dentinho proposes to approve the minutes; Rosella Nicolini seconds. Minutes are unanimously approved.

3. 2023 Budget proposal (Andrea Caragliu; Annex 3)

Andrea Caragliu explains to the Council the budget proposal for 2023; in particular, he pledges the council to considering raising Ms Martins' 's yearly wage to a grand total of 20,500 (combining payments for her services to the RSAI, PiRS, and RSPP). No suggestion or remark against the proposal is made; Rosella Nicolini proposes to approve the motion and Tomaz Dentinho seconds. The Council unanimously approves the motion, and the wage increase will be effective as of Jan. 1, 2023.

4. Item muted due to confidentiality

5. Selection of 2023 Nurturing Talent initiative proposals (Andrea Caragliu; Annex 4)

Andrea Caragliu explains the way the budget for nurturing talent proposals was allocated. In particular, he explains that the dedicated committee made a recommendation to the Council about funds allocation, taking into account the possibility to finance some of the events – those hosted in areas where no RSAI section is to date present – with the profits of the 2021 World Congress. Prof. Haddad explains that for the Paraguay event, sections and members of the Argentinian, Brazilian, and Chilean sections are being involved in the organization. No proposal were instead received from the NARSC area. Tomaz Dentinho proposes to approve the allocation discussed in Annex 4, Prof. Nicolini seconds. The motion to approve the budget for Nurturing Talent initiatives is unanimously approved.

6. Results of the elections of a new Councillor at large entering her/his position from Jan. 1, 2023

Two very good candidatures for the position of at-large were received; a substantial majority voted for Prof. Daniela Constantin, who has thus been reelected as councillor-at-large. The Council congratulates her on her re-election.

7. Election of new RSPP EiC (Annex 5)

Tomaz Dentinho leaves the room. Andrea Caragliu reports that only one candidature was received - Tomaz Dentinho's. Andrea Caragliu reports Prof. Dentinho did a great job with Regional Science Policy & Practice, during his first two terms as EiC. The journal will obtain an Impact Factor from June 2023, because it was previously indexed as WoS ESCI. Moreover, there is no competitor. André Torre remarks he did a good job in reviving the journal, and recommends to reappoint him. André Torre proposes to approve the motion, Hidehiko Kanegae seconds. Tomaz Dentinho is therefore re-elected and congratulated by the Council. Tomaz Dentinho says that during his third term the journal will have a larger set of editors. Each will have one /two special issues to guest-edit within the next three years.

8. World Congress 2023

Eduardo Haddad summarizes the state of the art of the world congress. One proposal to the public call-for-applications was received from RSAC, one from Hungary. Neither appeared flawless, and both were fine-tuned with some back and forth emailing. Not being fully sure about the two proposals' feasibility, the President and the Executive Director propose to postpone the organization of the world congress to 2024. Prof. Kanegae notifies the Council that PRSCO will host their biannual congress in South Korea. He suggests to have a calendar of future supranational events, not to have overlappings. André Torre stresses that the Hungarian candidature has two issues: 1. ERSA is lukewarm about having congresses on the European soil, and 2. He suggests to involve the local section in the organization. Rosella Nicolini reminds that some countries could be problematic for political reasons. Tomaz Dentinho says that RSAC's congress could be still an option even in case the RSAI opts for a mixed system, with few people in presence, given possible limitations to international travel, and with several more online. Eduardo Haddad tells the Council that in yesterday's LRPC meeting Prof. Peter Nijkamp offered to get in touch with the Croatian section to also verify whether the local section would be interested in organizing the congress.

The Council unanimously agrees to postpone the organization of the world congress to 2024.

9. Some words from the upcoming President

Hans Westlund thanks Eduardo Haddad for his role of president over the past two years. He discusses his plan for the next presidency. He believes three issues should be highlighted. 1. Expansion of the RSAI remains on the agenda, but the lectures from the past should be taken into account. The LRPC could be involved in this process, and he calls for council members for ideas. This should be done by the end of next year. 2. Role of the RSAI. He stresses the relevance of clarifying, first of all to the association itself, what the mandate and purpose of the association is. 3. Diversity. This has been on the agenda for years and now the association is lagging w.r.t., for instance, some sections such as NARSC. He concludes that he wishes to have the diversity and inclusion committee up and running within the next three months.

10. AOB

Prof. Caragliu reminds the Council that this is the last meeting under Prof. Haddad's presidency. He thanks Eduardo Haddad for the excellent cooperation, and the Council warmly joins in congratulating Prof. Haddad on his efforts and leadership.

11. Next meeting

Andrea Caragliu suggests to organize an online congress around Spring 2023, to decide about the publishers' proposal.

With no more items to decide, at 9.30 am EST the council meeting is adjourned.

ANNEX 3

2023 Budget proposal

Description	Revenues	Costs	Revenues-costs
General	0,00 €	9 400,00 €	-9 400,00 €
ACCOUNTING	0,00 €	3 700,00 €	-3 700,00 €
WEBSERVER	0,00 €	500,00 €	-500,00 €
RSAI SECRETARIAT	0,00 €	5 000,00 €	-5 000,00 €
OTHERS	0,00 €	200,00 €	-200,00 €
Executive Directorate	0,00 €	7 500,00 €	-7 500,00 €
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EXPENDITURES	0,00 €	7 500,00 €	-7 500,00 €
Editorial Activity	0,00 €	27 500,00 €	-27 500,00 €
RSAI NEWSLETTER PAYMENT	0,00 €	2 000,00 €	-2 000,00 €
RSAI NEWLETTER PRINTING	0,00 €	1 500,00 €	-1 500,00 €
PIRS EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	0,00 €	7 500,00 €	-7 500,00 €
PIRS EDITORIAL FOR EDITORS	0,00 €	5 000,00 €	-5 000,00 €
RSPP EDITORIAL OFFICE ANUAL EXPENSES	0,00 €	5 000,00 €	-5 000,00 €
RSPP EDITORIAL FOR EDITORS	0,00 €	5 000,00 €	-5 000,00 €
ARCHIVIST	0,00 €	500,00 €	-500,00 €
REGIONAL SCIENCE RESEARCH	0,00 €	1 000,00 €	-1 000,00 €
RSAI Awards	0,00 €	4 010,00 €	-4 010,00 €
MARTIN BECKMANN AWARD (500€)	0,00 €	560,00 €	-560,00 €
DISSERTATION AWARD	0,00 €	750,00 €	-750,00 €
PETER NIJKAMP AWARD	0,00 €	750,00 €	-750,00 €
RSAI YOUNG RESEARCHERS PRIZE - 1ST PRIZE - CASH	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
RSAI YOUNG RESEARCHERS PRIZE - 2ND PRIZE - CASH	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
RSPP ANNUAL PAPER AWARD	0,00 €	750,00 €	-750,00 €
PLAQUES	0,00 €	1 200,00 €	-1 200,00 €
RSAI Supports	0,00 €	36 538,71 €	-36 538,71 €
NURTURING NEW TALENT 2023	0,00 €	26 538,71 €	-26 538,71 €
BULDING BRIDGES	0,00 €	10 000,00 €	-10 000,00 €
Wiley	82 322,85 €	0,00 €	82 322,85 €
Revenues from Wiley (ADVANCE ON EDITORIAL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES 20	55 753,91 €	0,00 €	55 753,91 €
PIRS and RSPP 2022 Profit Share	26 568,94 €	0,00 €	26 568,94 €
Others	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Deposit cash money from 2021	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Refund VAT 2021 from State	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Return transfer	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Memberships	37 135,51 €	0,00 €	37 135,51 €
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS	800,00 €	0,00 €	800,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ARGENTINA SECTION	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ARMENIA SECTION	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ARSC SECTION	1 450,00 €	0,00 €	1 450,00 €
MEMBERSHIP AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND SECTION	350,00 €	0,00 €	350,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BALTIC SECTION	230,00 €	0,00 €	230,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BANGLADESH SECTION	80,00 €	0,00 €	80,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BRAZIL SECTION	817,51 €	0,00 €	817,51 €
MEMBERSHIP BRITISH AND IRISH SECTION	350,00 €	0,00 €	350,00 €
MEMBERSHIP BULGARIAN SECTION	150,00 €	0,00 €	150,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CHILEAN SECTION	1 140,00 €	0,00 €	1 140,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CHINA SECTION	1 050,00 €	0,00 €	1 050,00 €
MEMBERSHIP COLOMBIAN SECTION	175,00 €	0,00 €	175,00 €
MEMBERSHIP CROATIA SECTION	420,00 €	0,00 €	420,00 €
MEMBERSHIP DUTCH SECTION	1 180,00 €	0,00 €	1 180,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ECUADORIAN SECTION	70,00 €	0,00 €	70,00 €
MEMBERSHIP FRENCH SECTION	2 100,00 €	0,00 €	2 100,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GERMAN SECTION	2 230,00 €	0,00 €	2 230,00 €
MEMBERSHIP GREEK SECTION	550,00 €	0,00 €	550,00 €

MEMBERSHIP HUNGARIAN SECTION	1 420,00 €	0,00 €	1 420,00 €
MEMBERSHIP INDIA SECTION	270,00 €	0,00 €	270,00 €
MEMBERSHIP INDONESIAN SECTION	905,00 €	0,00 €	905,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ISRAEL SECTION	333,00 €	0,00 €	333,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ITALIAN SECTION	3 550,00 €	0,00 €	3 550,00 €
MEMBERSHIP JAPANESE SECTION	4 680,00 €	0,00 €	4 680,00 €
MEMBERSHIP KOREAN SECTION	200,00 €	0,00 €	200,00 €
MEMBERSHIP MEXICAN SECTION	432,00 €	0,00 €	432,00 €
MEMBERSHIP MOROCCAN SECTION	0,00 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
MEMBERSHIP NARSC SECTION	5 000,00 €	0,00 €	5 000,00 €
MEMBERSHIP NORDIC SECTION	110,00 €	0,00 €	110,00 €
MEMBERSHIP POLISH SECTION	890,00 €	0,00 €	890,00 €
MEMBERSHIP PORTUGUESE SECTION	1 440,00 €	0,00 €	1 440,00 €
MEMBERSHIP ROMANIAN SECTION	375,00 €	0,00 €	375,00 €
MEMBERSHIP RUSSIA SECTION	50,00 €	0,00 €	50,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SLOVAKIA SECTION	330,00 €	0,00 €	330,00 €
MEMBERSHIP SPANISH SECTION	3 450,00 €	0,00 €	3 450,00 €
MEMBERSHIP THAILAND SECTION	23,00 €	0,00 €	23,00 €
MEMBERSHIP TURKISH SECTION	535,00 €	0,00 €	535,00 €
TOTAL	119 458,36 €	84 948,71 €	34 509,65 €

ANNEX 4

Contact	Email	Title	Dates and venue	Money requested	Supranational	Supranational proposal	Committee proposal	Final funding	Frozen budget
Lise Bourdeau-Lepage	lblepage@gmail.com	Doctorales ASRDLF 2023 (PhD Winter School of French speaking section of European	26th and 27th of January, 2023 Polytechnic school of the university of Tours (France)	1 300,00 €	ERSA	744,00 €	556,00 €	1 300,00 €	
Fernando Rubiera Morollón	f.rubiera.morollon@gmail.com	SNAR'23 – VI Seminar for New Academic Researchers 2023	September 14-15th, 2023, Barcelona (Spain) Can Jaumandreu Building, Open University of Catalonia.	2 500,00 €	ERSA	744,00 €	556,00 €	1 300,00 €	
Sierdjan Koster	sierdjan.koster@rug.nl	Workshop: Geo-Text Data Analysis in Regional Science: recent advances and best practices	April/May 2023 (the date will be finalized based on the availability of invited keynote speakers), Tentative Venue: Academy Building, University of Groningen	8 250,00 €	ERSA	744,00 €	556,00 €	1 300,00 €	€ 3 008,00
Gabriela Carmen Pascariu	gcpas@uaic.ro	WINTER COURSE FOR UKRANIAN ACADEMICS	February/March 2023 (length of the event: 3 days) Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania	5 000,00 €	ERSA	- €	556,00 €	556,00 €	
Muzayin Nazaruddin	063310702@uii.ac.id	2nd Southeast Asian Frontiers (SEAF) Workshop: Writing Highlands: Imperialism, Development, and	23th – 25th August 2023 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The host institution will be Universitas Islam Indonesia.	\$ 8 000,00	PRSCO	2 500,00 €		2 500,00 €	
Bogdan-Constantin IBANESCU	ibanescu.bogdan@uaic.ro	ERSA Summer School 2023: The digital future of smart regions	Date of the summer school: End of June/Beginning of July (the exact date will be established at a later date, for a good coordination with other regional science events). Venue: Centre for European Studies, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania	5 000,00 €	ERSA	4 000,00 €	1 000,00 €	5 000,00 €	
Haydee Jacklyn Malubay	haydee_jacklyn.malubay@upd.edu.ph	“Designing and Programming for Resilience and Sustainability for Cities in the Asia-Pacific Region.”	APRIL 14 & 15, 2023 (Friday and Saturday); MAPUA UNIVERSITY (Main Campus, Intramuros, City of Manila, Philippines)	\$ 7 118,64	PRSCO	- €		- €	€ 12 374,76
Plinio Alvarez	esteban250781@gmail.com	“Regional Analysis of Input-output: Applications for Paraguay”	Place: National University of Asunción, University Campus of San Lorenzo, Paraguay. Tentative date: March 2023	2 000,00 €	LARSA	1 174,85 €	€ 825,15	2 000,00 €	
Yan Sophorn	sophorn83@gmail.com	Pacific Regional Science and Research Training	Hosting Agency: Asian Vision Institute (AVI) Date and Time: 12-14 June, 2023 Venue: Siem Reap Province, Cambodia	\$ 54 694,00	PRSCO	5 000,00 €		5 000,00 €	

**APPLICATION TO EDITOR-
IN-CHIEF OF REGIONAL
SCIENCE POLICY &
PRACTICE (RSPP)**

Tomaz Ponce Dentinho

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1. Introduction

This is the Application to Editor-in-Chief of Regional Science Policy & Practice (RSPP) for the period 2023-2025 that responds to the Call published in RSAI web page <https://regionalscience.org/index.php/news/journals/item/3072-call-for-applications-editor-in-chief,-regional-science-policy-practice-rspp.html> .

The strategy selected in 2017 was to increase the submissions of good quality articles, to promote special journal issues focusing on on-going territorial problems felt in various parts of the world, to create the RSPP award for the best paper published in the previous year, and to use editorial and referee reports to build an interactive learning process to generate sound and effective evidence. The implementation of the strategy allowed the increase from 11 to 110 published papers per year and an increase of the citation score from 1 to 2,7.

The idea is to move to 12 issues and 240 papers per year while achieving an impact factor similar to the best journals of the scientific field (above 2,5). The approach is that each person in charge of a special issue should select papers that on average secure an impact factor above 3.0. The idea is to manage in the best way the suitability and timing of the special issue and to monitor adequately the evolution of each interesting and citable paper before and after being published. We learned about suitability and timing of the special issue with the issues on Covid-19. We understood the importance of opening the journal to issues on China, Indonesia, Russia, India, Africa and Latin America where young good scholars respond wisely to reviewers and editors, thus generating very citable papers.

In the following part of the document, we present the editorial team, suggest the adjustment of the Editorial Board to include those who cite and review papers for RSPP (point 2). In Point 3 we highlight the editorial statistics that show the evolution of RSPP. Point 4 presents the Objectives, Targets and Actions for the next three years of Editorship. Finally, Point 5 lists the planned Special Issues from 2023 until 2025 with the indicative persons in charge.

2. Proposed Editorial Team and Editorial Board

2.1 Editor-in-Chief

1) Tomaz Ponce Dentinho

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Short Bio



Tomás Ponce Dentinho has a Degree in economics from Universidade Católica Portuguesa (1975-1980); Three years of the Agronomy course and two years of the Course in Landscape Architecture at the Technical University of Lisbon (1976-1979); Master in economics, specializing in regional economics, from the Higher Institute of Economics and Management of the Technical University of Lisbon (1985-1987). PhD from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne (1990-1994). Postgraduate studies in Environmental Economics from the Harvard Institute for International Development (1999). Professor at the University of the Azores since 1987. In addition to being a professor at the University of the Azores, he was Director of the *Jornal Diário a União* (2000-2007); Vice-President of the Nature Conservation Institute (1996-1998); worked to support local authorities at the Regional Secretariat for Public Administration of the Azores (1985-1987); collaborated on the Porto Master Plan at the Urban Planning Office of the Porto City Council (1983-1985); participated in the process of negotiating Portugal's accession to Europe in the Office of the Minister of State and Quality of Life (1982-1983); he was an aspirant at the Practical Infantry School of Mafra (1981-1982), worked at the Foreign Investment Institute (1980-1981) and was a monitor at the Faculty of Law of Lisbon (1979-1981). He was President of the Portuguese Association for Regional Development (2008-2015), Member of the Council of the Regional Science Association International and Executive Director of the Regional Science Association International (2011-2018) having brought the headquarters of this association to Portugal in July 2011. He is Chief Editor of the International Scientific Journal *Regional Science Policy and Practice* since 2017. He has been Director of the Regional Cooperation Research Program at SADF's since 2016. In themes of regional economics, urbanism, operational research, environment and agriculture, it has several scientific articles published in national and international journals with arbitration; several communications at national and international scientific congresses; over two hundred articles published in newspapers.

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2.2 Associated Editors

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Short Bio



A doctor in economics and accredited to supervise research, I am currently 1st class research professor at the INRA (National Institute for Agronomic Research), involved in Agro Paris Tech and guest lecturer in several French Universities. My research was for a long time at the cross roads of spatial and industrial economics; It has in recent years become more multi-disciplinary and focused increasingly on questions related to land use planning and territorial development processes. I have published many articles and a few books, mostly on issues related to space and coordination between people or groups of people. My research currently focuses on the analysis of proximity relations and on their importance in processes of coordination between people. It centres on two main areas: Local interactions between innovative firms and, more particularly, the role played by geographical proximity in the transfer of knowledge; Land use and neighbourhood conflicts. This multidisciplinary approach aims to identify and define conflicts, as well as the different ways of managing and solving them. My involvement in research administration has led me to take on the roles of vice-President of ERSA (the European Regional Science Association), of Director of the PSDR (For and About Regional development) research programs and of

managing editor of the Revue d'Economie Régionale et Urbaine (Journal of Regional and Urban Economics). I am also past President of the ASRDLF (French Speaking Regional Science Association)
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Short Bio



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Short Bio



Ana Viñuela, associate professor in the Department of Applied Economics (University of Oviedo) and member of the Regional Economics Laboratory (REGIOlab). In 2011 she defended her PhD dissertation "Surpassing the administrative limits on Regional Analysis", directed by Fernando Rubiera and Geoffrey Hewings. Her present research interests are related to Regional and Urban Economics and Demographics, more specifically, on the selection of the appropriate spatial unit of analysis and the necessity to work with local data in order to deliver a la carte diagnosis, analysis and evaluation of many relevant socioeconomic issues. She is the principal investigator of the European research project IMAJINE about territorial inequalities and spatial justice, and is principal investigator of an European Project called EXIT on lagging regions. Ana Vinuela has published in journals such as Growth and Change, Annals of Regional Science or Population, Space and Place.

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Short Bio



Budy P. Resosudarmo is a developmental and environmental economist working on interlinks between natural shocks and environmental condition and local economies, household incomes, human development and the environment, and investigating the political economy of environmental policies and resource utilization. Since mid-1990s, he has been publishing series of articles on the impacts of energy, air pollution and climate change policies on local economy as well as human welfare and health condition. He has also been working on policies supporting the development and resilience of small-scale fishing communities in small islands and on improving our understanding toward the consequences of natural shocks during childhood on adulthood development outcomes. Budy has been mostly working on development and environmental issues in Southeast Asia, particularly Indonesia. More recently, the focus of his research has been on energy transformation and integration, disaster management and insurances, and development in lagging regions. In conducting his research, he implements, among others, impact evaluation, spatial and inter-regional modelling techniques. He has been active and contribution on development of academic association in the field of regional science and environmental economics in Southeast Asia. He was the 1997-1998 president of the Regional Science Association

International, the 2013-2015 president of the Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization, the 2012-2015 vice president of the East Asia Association of Environmental and Resource Economics, and the 2009-2017 vice president of the Indonesian Regional Science Association. Budy is currently the president of the Asian Association of Environmental and Resource Economics, a Fellow of the Regional Science Association International, a member of the Advisory Committee of the Economy and Environment Institute-Indonesia and a member of the Advisory Board of the Indonesian Regional Science Indonesia.

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Short Bio



B. S., M.S. and Ph. D. in Economics (University of São Paulo - USP). Full Professor of Economics at USP (since 1973). Former Chairman of the Department of Economics, Associate-Dean and Dean of the School of Economics, Administration and Accounting of USP. Visiting Professor at Cornell University, USA (1979), Ohio State University, USA (1984/85) and University of Illinois, USA (2002 and 2012). Area of research is economic inequality in general, with focus on regional inequality. Worked for 7 years at the State of Sao Paulo Secretary of Planning, chairing the regional planning division of that agency. Publications include the Oxford Handbook of the Brazilian Economy (2018), 7 books (Portuguese) and over 60 scientific papers, both in Brazilian and international refereed academic journals. Participation in over 100 international conferences in Economics. Consultant for many Brazilian and international organizations (World Bank, the Interamerican Development Bank, OCDE Organization for Cooperation and Development Economics). Founder and first president of the Brazilian Regional Science Association (ABER Associação Brasileira de Estudos Regionais). Member of the Council of the Regional Science Association International. Member of editorial board of five international and six Brazilian academic journals.

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Short Bio



Emmanouil Tranos is a Professor in Quantitative Human Geography at the University of Bristol and a Fellow at the Alan Turing Institute. His research has been exposing the spatial dimensions of digital technologies and the digital economy from their early stages until today. He published on issues related to the geography of the internet infrastructure, the economic impacts that such digital infrastructure can generate on cities and regions and the position of cities within spatial, complex networks. He has a strong interest and expertise on the use of new sources of big data, such as data from mobile phone operators, to better understand the complexities of smart cities and urban systems. Using such data and relevant computational methods, his research has explored the interplay between geography, spatial structure and social networks and how these support knowledge transfer and creation. Together with his team, he explored how access to digital tools can intervene with some key dimensions of spatial structure including commuting and the role of distance. Recently, he has been exploring the geography and the evolution of the creation of online content and its interrelation with cities and spatial structure using web data and digital archives. His research framework enables to access how early engagement with digital technologies may intervene with future regional productivity pathways. His Editor of the Regional Science Policy and Practice journal, the Conferences Officer of QMRG, a Board Member of the British and Irish Section of RSAI and the Director of the MRes in Advanced Quantitative Methods (AQM).

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Short Bio



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Short Bio



Isabelle Nilsson is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography and Earth Sciences and a faculty in the Public Policy Ph.D. program at UNC Charlotte. Her research interests are focused on transportation, housing, and firm location. In particular she is interested in the effects of public and private investments on firm and household location behavior and how these micro-level behaviors shape intra-urban sorting patterns. Some of her recent research projects include explorations into the effects of neighborhood amenities on residential sorting; rail transit investments on neighborhood change and residential mobility among low-income individuals; and economic impacts associated with the suburbanization of poverty. Her research is quantitative with theoretical grounding in economics as well as geography.

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Short Bio



Jian Wang is an associate professor in SILC Business School, Shanghai University. Wang teaches and carries out research on urban and environmental studies with a special focus on China and Japan, including environmental sustainability, climate change, and self-sustaining urban growth. Wang's early studies mainly center on explaining the industrial agglomeration with the paradigm of New Economic Geography. His recent topics lie in the intersection of environmental and spatial issues with micro-level data. He is conducting research, among other topics: cause of urban shrinkage, determinants of firm energy intensity (carbon emission), evaluating agglomeration impacts, and how spatial configuration affects urban and firm environmental behavior. He currently serves as a co-editor at Regional Science Policy & Practice (RSPP).

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2.3 Editorial Board

The proposal suggests that the Editorial Board of the journal should be composed by the members of the Council and the Long-Range Planning Committee plus five invited members that did had a strong contribution to the journal in the previous years. This facilitates the meetings of the Editorial Board and strengthens the role of RSAI in the Board of the journal.

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3. Editorial statistics

3.1 Pages, Papers and Citations

The number of articles and citations per year increased from 2017 - with 11 published articles, and 13 citations – to 2018 - with 17 articles and 10 citations –and to 2019 with 49 articles, and 43 citations. In 2020 there were 64 published article and 213 citations. In 2021 the number of published articles grew to 111 and the number of citations reached 489. For 2022 we expect around 120 articles and 750 citations.

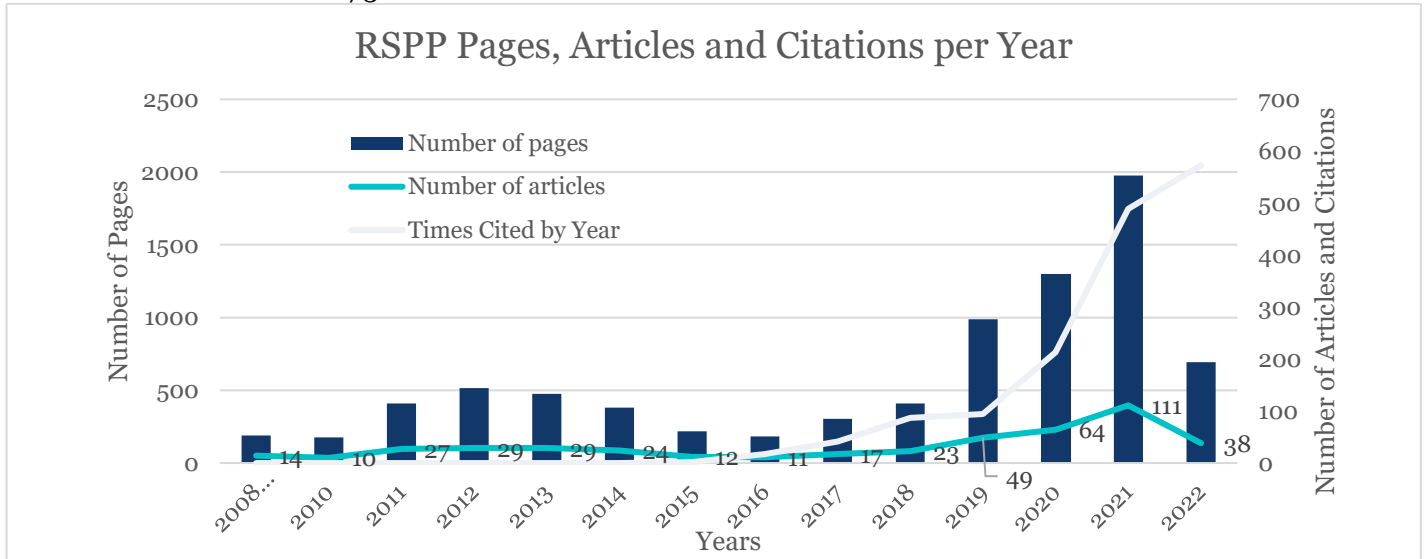


Figure 1: RSPP Pages, Articles and Citations per Year (RSPP Editorial Office, data until July 2022, only 3 issues published)

The geographical distribution of the authors, counted by the number of articles, indicate a good distribution of the authors from all over the world, with a minor presence in Africa and a major contribution from Russia, United States, Hungary, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Indonesia and India.



Figure 2: Geographical distribution of authors by articles in 2022 (Wiley Journal Insights, July 2022)

The disciplinary distribution of the authors’ affiliation measured by the number of pages is mainly concentrated in economics and geography, giving space to interdisciplinary perspectives.

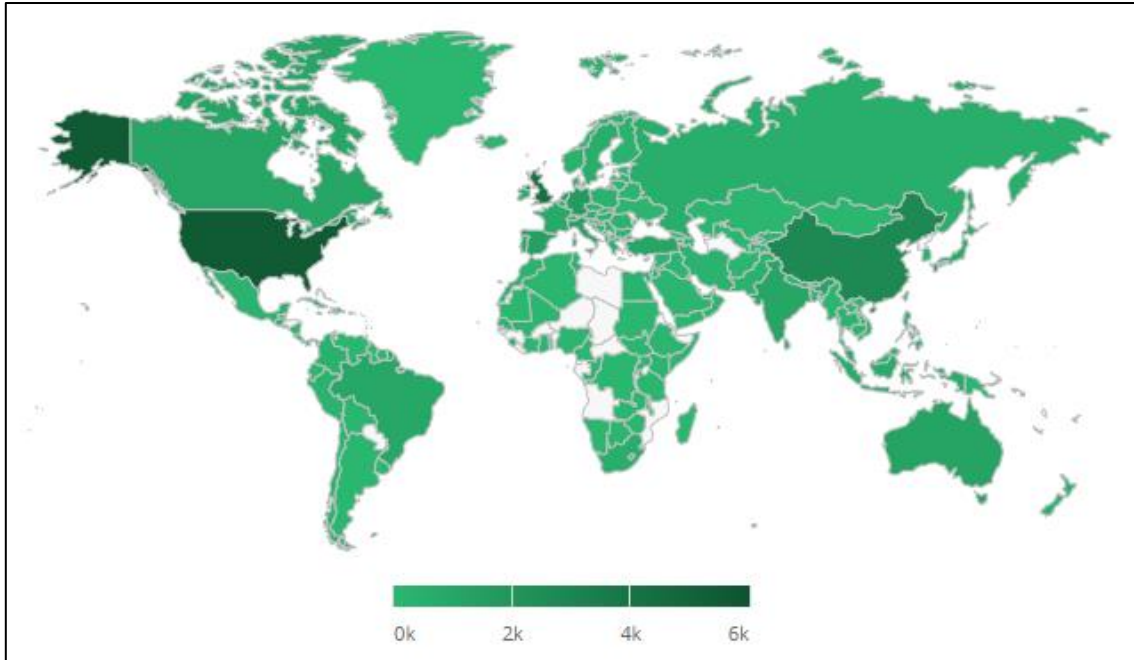


Figure 3: Downloads by Country in 2022 (Wiley Journal Insights, July 2022)

On the other hand, the number of downloads is quite spread around the world although more intense in the United States of America, the United Kingdom and China.

3.2 Decision making process and reviewers

The number of submissions stabilized in 2021, slightly above 200 per year with the rejection rate above 70% (Table 1).

Table 1. Number of submissions and rejection rates

Year	Submissions	Acceptance rate	Rejection rate	Pending manuscripts
2012	24	0,50	0,50	0
2013	27	0,63	0,37	0
2014	21	0,52	0,48	0
2015	16	0,31	0,69	0
2016	17	0,65	0,35	0
2017	87	0,53	0,47	0
2018	90	0,49	0,51	0
2019	166	0,34	0,66	0
2020	208	0,51	0,49	2
2021	217	0,37	0,63	24
2022 (July)	122	0,24	0,76	72

Reviewers balanced between America and Europe while Asia supplied around 20% of reviewers. (Table 2).

Table 2. Number of reviewers and proportion of reviewers by supra region

Year	Reviewers	Europe	Americas	Others
2012	34	0,41	0,35	0,24

2013	15	0,47	0,33	0,20
2014	22	0,36	0,36	0,28
2015	13	0,38	0,38	0,24
2016	9	0,33	0,67	0,00
2017	147	0,46	0,25	0,29
2018	197	0,59	0,21	0,20
2019	228	0,54	0,32	0,14
2020	363	0,50	0,26	0,24
2021	358	0,40	0,39	0,21

The number of submissions decreased slightly in 2021 and the rate of rejections increased.

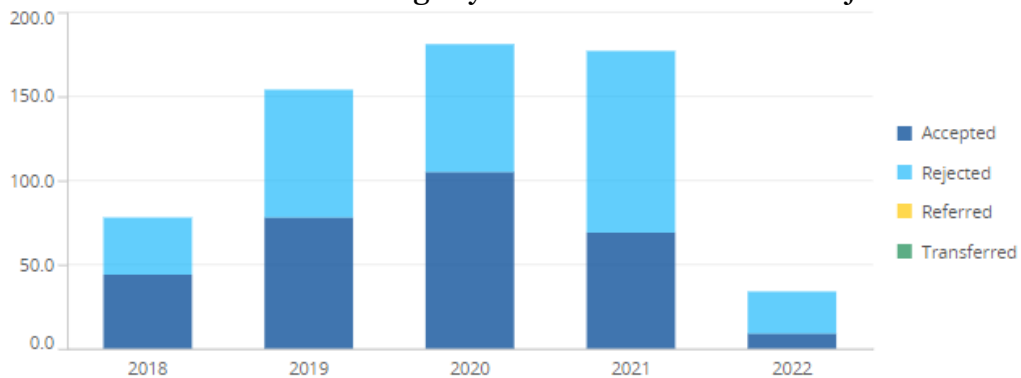


Figure 4: Decisions by Submission Year (Wiley Journal Insights, July 2022)

3.3 Performance Indicators

According to Google Scholar, citations on Regional Science Policy and Practice reached more than 1134 in 2021 and 722 until July 2022.

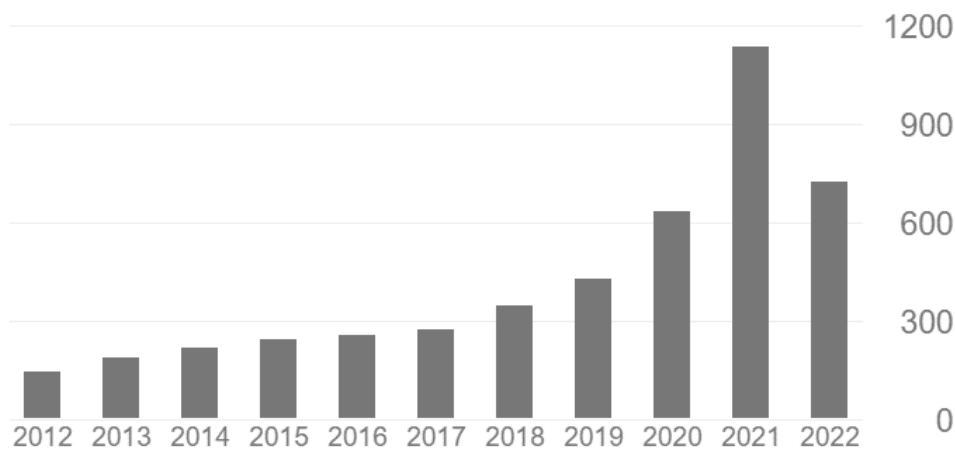


Figure 5: Google Scholar RSPP Citations (statistics from July 2022)

According to Scopus <https://www.scopus.com/sourceid/21100435556> the Cite Score was 0.2 in 2015, 0.7 in 2016, 1.0 in 2017, 1.4 in 2018, 0.9 in 2019, 1.4 in 2020 and 2.3 in 2021. The drop in 2019 was due to the strong increase in the number of papers from 2018 to 2019. The current CiteScoreTracker for 2022 is 2.7.

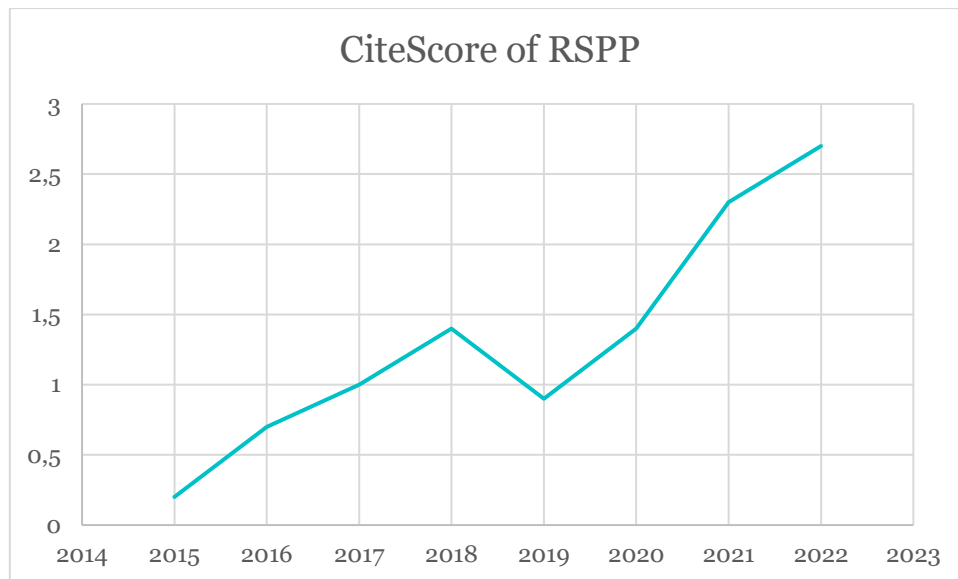


Figure 6: Scopus Cite score of RSPP (until August 2022)

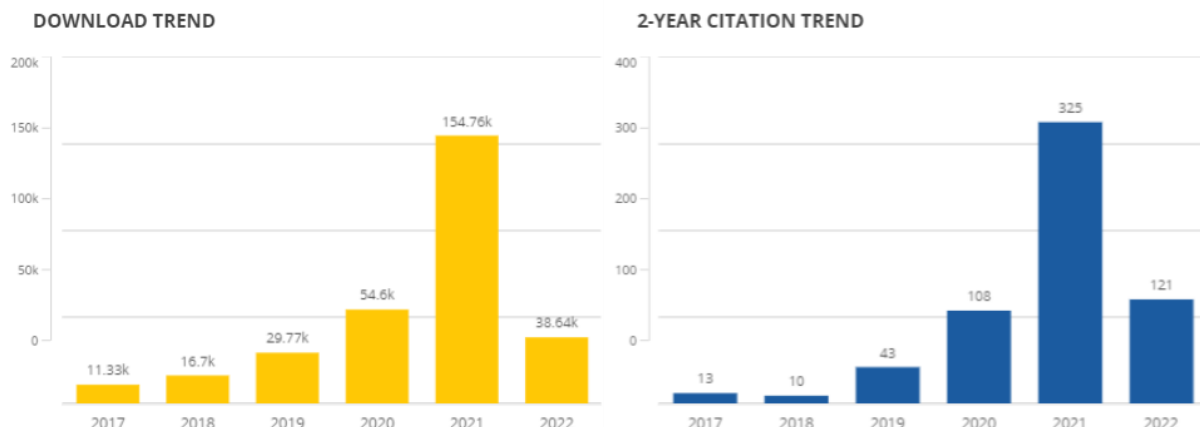


Figure 7: Downloads and Citations (Wiley Journal Insights, July 2022)

Indicators collected by Wiley are also interesting (Figure 7). Downloads registered a steady increase since 2017 and, with a time lag of two years citations also begin to grow steadily since 2019.

The year of 2021 was exceptional due the special issues on the impacts of COVID-19. We need to pick up on time emerging global issues so that regional science can provide on time evidence to informed improved policies.

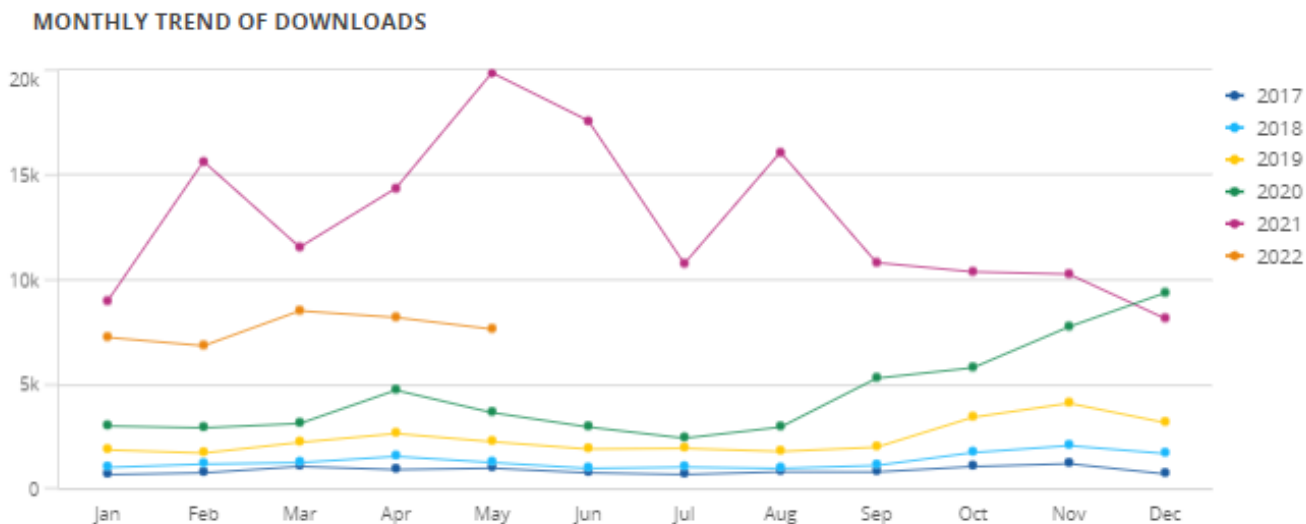


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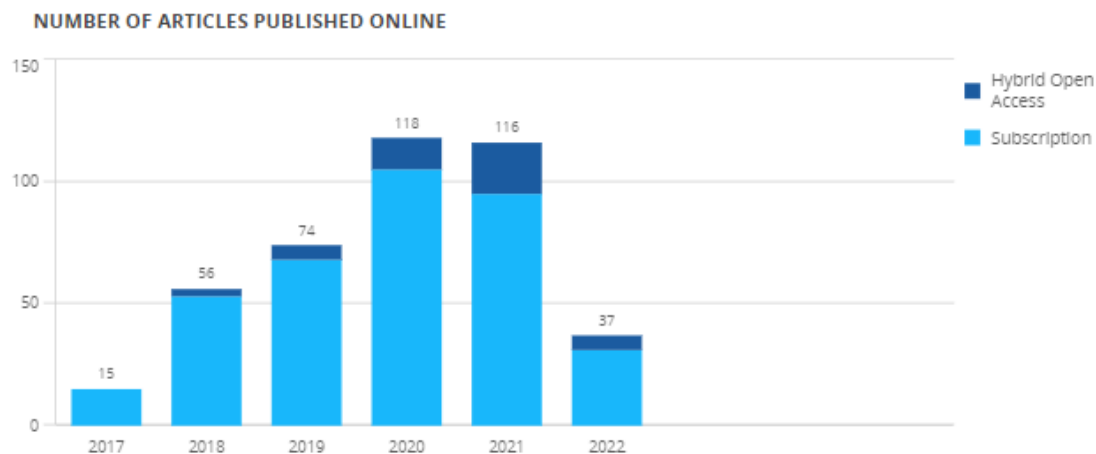


Figure 9: Number of articles published online (Wiley Journal Insights, July 2022)

4. Objectives, Targets and Actions

The objectives of the present proposal are:

- To promote Regional Science, assumed to be the school that looks at peoples' and places' interaction within space; with sound, replicable and advanced methods; that generate robust evidence suitable to inform effective policies for sustainable regional development.
- To support and complement the activity of Regional Science Association International, Regional Science Supranational Associations, Regional Science Sections and Regional Science Association International Members.
 - To focus on new areas in Africa, Central Asia and South America and on emerging topics all over the world related to territorial diseases (pandemics, poverty, conflicts, environmental degradation,), while trying to correct policy failures that arise from wrong disciplinary assumptions.

The Targets for 2025 are:

- To get a similar impact factor of the best journals in the field (above 2,5) and clarifying the disciplinary areas in Clarivate Classification on “Development Studies” and “Regional and Urban Planning”.
- The target is also to get 12 issues per year to respond consistently to the expansion of good young academics from around the world and to the urgent need provide on-time recommendations to respond to urgent and emerging territorial problems.

The strategy to have Special Issues has been good but we need to improve the quality and citability of all special issues with eventual guest editors but guarantying that RSPP Special Issues:

- Publish scientific work that looks at peoples' and places' interaction within space.
- Using sound, replicable and advanced scientific methods.
- Generating robust evidence to inform on-time effective policies for sustainable regional development.

The ongoing and proposed special issues in the next point clarify the Special Issues for the next three years that can be duplicated from 6+1 issues per year to 12 issues per year if Wiley aligns to the productive capacity of RSPP.

Each Special Issue can have an associated scientific meeting (plenary session, special session, workshop, summer or winter courses, ...) with the possible support of RSPP funds and applications for the RSAI Nurturing Talent and Building Bridges programs.

5. Special Issues

Table 3 presents the Issues programmed for 2023 and 2024 and many topic are being prepared for 2025 (Climate Economics, Sustainable Development of Amazonia, Regional Impacts of Energy Crises, Regional Impacts of Monetary Policies, Sustainable Urban Design, Migration and Integration,...).

Table 3: Special Issues

Special Issue	Editor chair	Accepted	In revision	Sub Total	CfP	Expected Year of Publication
Ukraine: Geopolitical Realities and Regional Development Perspectives	Gabriela Carmen Pascariu	0	11	11	https://www.regionalscience.org/index.php/news/journals/item/2968-call-for-special-issue-and-rssp-workshop-ukraine-geopolitical-realities-and-regional-development-perspectives.html	2022-5
Design, Implementation and Evaluation of Territorial Inequalities Policies	Ana Vinuela	10	0	10	https://www.regionalscience.org/index.php/news/journals/item/2760-rssp-call-for-papers-special-issue-on-urban-future-in-the-global-south.html	2022-6
Pandemics, Location and Mobility	Louafi Bouzouina	15	0	15	https://regionalscience.org/index.php/news/journals/item/2883-rssp-call-for-papers-special-issue-on-pandemics-location-and-mobility.html	2022-7e
Regional Development in China	Jian Wang	9	6	15	https://www.regionalscience.org/index.php/news/journals/item/2430-rssp-call-for-paper-special-issue-on-regional-development-in-china.html	2022-8e
Urban Future in the Global South	Abdul Shaban	4	11	15	https://www.regionalscience.org/index.php/news/journals/item/2702-rssp-call-for-papers-special-issue-on-design-implementation-and-evaluation-of-territorial-inequalities-policies.html	2023-1
Pandemics, Location and Mobility	Louafi Bouzouina	5	6	11	https://regionalscience.org/index.php/news/journals/item/2883-rssp-call-for-papers-special-issue-on-pandemics-location-and-mobility.html	2023-2
Regional Development in Latin-America	Carlos Azzoni	7	4	11	https://www.regionalscience.org/index.php/news/journals/item/2625-rssp-call-for-paper-special-issue-on-regional-development-in-latin-america.html	2023-3
Population imbalances in Europe	Juan Cuadrado Roura	0	15	15	https://www.regionalscience.org/index.php/news/journals/item/2955-rssp-call-for-papers-special-issue-on-population-imbalances-in-europe.html	2023-4
Regional Development in Iran and Afghanistan	Abdul Shaban	2	4	6	https://www.regionalscience.org/index.php/news/journals/item/2872-rssp-call-for-papers-special-issue-on-sustainable-development-of-afghanistan.html	2023-5
Sustainable Regional Development in the North of Africa	Louafi Bouzouina	3	0	3	https://www.regionalscience.org/index.php/news/journals/item/3060-rssp-call-for-papers-special-issue-on-sustainable-regional-development-in-ghana.html	2023-6
EU REAL Issues	Bartek Rokicki	0	0	0		2023-7
Sustainable Regional Development in Ghana	Samuel Odei Amponsah	0	3	3	https://www.regionalscience.org/index.php/news/journals/item/3060-rssp-call-for-papers-special-issue-on-sustainable-regional-development-in-ghana.html	2023-8
Chinese migration, diaspora, and mobility	Maria Abreu	0	3	3	https://www.regionalscience.org/index.php/news/upcoming-events/item/2967-workshop-on-%E2%80%9CChinese-migration-diaspora-and-mobility%E2%80%9D-pembroke-college.-cambridge.-20-april-2022.html	2023-9

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Special Issue	Editor chair	Accepted	In revision	Sub Total	CfP	Expected Year of Publication
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Civic Universities, Ecosystems and Regional Development in Low-Industrial-Density Regions	João Leitão	1	5	6	http://www.regionalscience.org/index.php/news/journals/item/2860-rspp-call-for-papers-special-issue-on-civic-universities-ecosystems-and-regional-development-in-low-industrial-density-regions.html	2024-2
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