



### **Appointment of *Spatial Economic Analysis* Editor in Chief**

The aim of *Spatial Economic Analysis* is the publication of leading research for an international audience covering analysis, theory, modelling and empirical testing in regional economics. The journal includes both theoretical and applied approaches which contribute to the development of regional and inter-regional analysis.

The journal takes regional economics as its focus, is targeted at international audiences and has achieved an SSCI listing with an impact factor of 1.282 (2013). It is a leading outlet for high quality research from international contributors in the field of regional economic analysis.

*See the full aims and scope for further elaboration on the new journal its niche, competitors, aims and objectives.*

Thank you for your expression of interest in the post of Editor in Chief of *Spatial Economic Analysis*. The following information is intended to provide you with some detail about the post and the organisational and managerial arrangements for the journal. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with me ([sally.hardy@regionalstudies.org](mailto:sally.hardy@regionalstudies.org)) or any of the contacts given overleaf. The closing date for applications is Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, May 2015, 4pm GMT.

The Regional Studies Association owns *Spatial Economic Analysis* and holds its copyright but it produces the journal in conjunction with the Regional Science Association International, British and Irish Section. The journal is published by Taylor & Francis under the Routledge imprint and available both in print and online versions and is hybrid in relation to open access policy.

*Spatial Economic Analysis* is still a relatively young journal and as such it requires careful stewardship. Part of the role will be to continue the development of the journal and in particular to commission papers from leading writers in the field.

The journal publishes quarterly. Each issue is expected to include 5/6 research articles and may include review papers (reviewing the literature on economic analysis of a particular topic or theme). The journal may from time to time include comments but this is not a regular or major feature of the publication.

Articles will have a typical length of 6/8000 words with tables and charts being word equivalent.

Each issue includes an Editorial and this is normally written by the Editor in Chief (not in the case of special issues). Other members of the editorial team will contribute to the Editorial. Book reviews, notes, research fora and short research reports etc are not published in the journal.

The editor/editorial team will have the use of Manuscript Central, Scholar One's web-based online manuscript tracking system to assist in the editorial process. The peer review process will be double blind on all submitted manuscripts.

Under the current arrangements the Regional Studies Association pays the Editor in Chief's Institution sufficient to cover the cost of the employment of an Editorial Assistant. Other arrangements are possible. The total resource envelope is c£9,500 p.a. gross. The publisher handles production. It also markets to the Regional Studies Association membership, the Regional Science Association British and Irish Section

membership and to the journal subscriber base. *Spatial Economic Analysis* is available as part of a bundle with the RSA journals *Regional Studies* and *Territory, Politics, Governance* and also for separate subscription. The host institution provides a room and appropriate storage facilities, computing and other office facilities and some secretarial support.

The intention of both Associations is to continue to produce an outstanding academic journal.

Candidates are invited to prepare:

- A brief editorial manifesto outlining their intentions for the safeguarding and further development of the academic excellence, policy relevance and scope of *Spatial Economic Analysis*;
- An indication of host institution support; and,
- Their CV.

The selection of the editor in chief will be made by the Board of the Regional Studies Association in the light of recommendations from the Regional Studies Association's Publications Committee. We aim to make an announcement of the appointment in early Summer 2015 for an Autumn commencement of the post.

Further information, putting some detail on the editorial process is given in the attached pages. In addition to this you may wish to speak to any of those listed below in assessing the time and commitment necessary for the task.

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Please send your manifesto and supporting documentation by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 4pm GMT** to Sally Hardy ([sally.hardy@regionalstudies.org](mailto:sally.hardy@regionalstudies.org)) at the Regional Studies Association office. We look forward to receiving it.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Hardy  
Chief Executive

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